

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ، وَسَلَّمْ تَسْلِيمًا.

In the Name of Allah^{-azwj} the Beneficent, the Merciful. The Praise is for Allah^{-azwj} Lord^{-azwj} of the Worlds, and Blessing be upon our Chief Muhammad^{-saww} and his^{-saww} Purified Progeny^{-asws}, and greetings with abundant greetings.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَهُمْ وَالْعَنِ أَعْدَاءَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ

Praying for Others Brings Rewards

Summary:

Praying for a believer has many benefits, i.e., angels supplicate for him the same when he prays for his brother who is absent from him, as well as it's the quickest way to get one's own prayers answered when he prays for an absent believer. See, for example, some Ahadith:

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ النَّوْفَلِيِّ عَنِ السَّكُونِيِّ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) قَالَ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ (صلى الله عليه وآله) لَيْسَ شَيْءٌ أَسْرَعَ إِجَابَةً مِنْ دَعْوَةِ غَائِبٍ لِعَائِبٍ

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father, from Al Nowfaly, from Sakuny, from:

Abu Abdullah^{-asws} has narrated that Rasool Allah^{-saww} said: 'There is nothing quicker to an Answer than a supplication of an absentee for an absentee'.¹

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَ أَسْرَعَ الدُّعَاءِ إِجَابَةً دُعَاءُ غَائِبٍ لِعَائِبٍ.

And the Prophet^{-saww} said: 'The supplication of swiftest Response is a supplication of an absentee for an absentee'.²

وَرَوَى الْفُضَيْلُ بْنُ يَسَارٍ عَنْ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ ع قَالَ: أَوْسَعُ دَعْوَةٍ وَأَسْرَعُ إِجَابَةٍ دَعْوَةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ لِأَخِيهِ بظَهْرِ الْغَيْبِ.

And it is reported by Al Fuzeyl Bin Yasaar,

'From Abu Ja'far^{-asws} having said: 'The vastest of supplication and swiftest in Response is a supplication of the Momin for his brother in the apparent absence.'³

وَرَوَى جَابِرٌ عَنْ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ ع فِي قَوْلِهِ تَعَالَى وَ يَسْتَجِيبُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَ يَزِيدُهُمْ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ قَالَ هُوَ الْمُؤْمِنُ يَدْعُو لِأَخِيهِ بظَهْرِ الْغَيْبِ فَيَقُولُ لَهُ الْمَلِكُ وَ لَكَ مِثْلُ مَا سَأَلْتَ وَ قَدْ أُعْطِيتَ لِجِبْتِكَ إِيَّاهُ.

And it is reported by Jabir,

¹ Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Supplication CH 31 H 7

² Bihar Al-Anwaar V 90 – The Book of Zikr (Chapters on supplication) – Ch 26 H 19 b

³ Bihar Al-Anwaar V 90 – The Book of Zikr (Chapters on supplication) – Ch 26 H 19 c

'From Abu Ja'far^{-asws} regarding Words of the Exalted: **And He Answers those who believe and do righteous deeds, and Increases them from His Grace; [42:26]**. He^{-asws} said: 'He is the Momin supplicating for his brother in the apparent absence, so the Angels says to him: 'And for you is similar to what you have asked for, and you have been Granted due to your love for him' (for the sake of Allah^{-azwj}).⁴

عُدَّةُ الدَّاعِي، رُوِيَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى قَالَ لِمُوسَى ادْعُنِي عَلَى لِسَانٍ لَمْ نَعْصِنِي بِهِ

(The book) 'Uddat Al Daie' –

'It is reported that Allah^{-azwj} the Exalted Said to Musa^{-as}: "Supplicate to Me^{-azwj} by a tongue which you^{-as} have not disobeyed Me^{-azwj} with it!

فَقَالَ يَا رَبِّ أَنَّى لِي بِذَلِكَ

He^{-saww} said: 'O Lord^{-azwj}! How can that be for me^{-as}?'

فَقَالَ ادْعُنِي عَلَى لِسَانٍ غَيْرِكَ.

He^{-azwj} Said: "Supplicate to Me^{-azwj} upon the tongue of others!"⁵

وَرَوَى جَابِرٌ عَنْ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ ع فِي قَوْلِهِ تَعَالَى وَ يَسْتَجِيبُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَ يَزِيدُهُمْ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ قَالَ هُوَ الْمُؤْمِنُ يَدْعُو لِأَخِيهِ بِنَهْرِ الْغَيْبِ فَيَقُولُ لَهُ الْمَلَكُ وَ لَكَ مِثْلُ مَا سَأَلْتَ وَ قَدْ أُعْطِيتَ لِحَبْلِكَ إِثَابَهُ.

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⁴ Bihar Al-Anwaar V 90 – The Book of Zikr (Chapters on supplication) – Ch 26 H 19 f

⁵ Bihar Al-Anwaar V 90 – The Book of Zikr (Chapters on supplication) – Ch 22 H 23

⁶ Bihar Al-Anwaar V 90 – The Book of Zikr (Chapters on supplication) – Ch 26 H 19