

## Prescribed (Masnūn) Method of Salutation (Salām)

- ‘Abdullah bin Mas‘ūd رضي الله عنه narrates that we used to say in the prayer: ‘Al-Salām be on Allah, Al-Salām be on so-and so.’ So one day the Prophet ﷺ said to us, ‘Allah Himself is Al-Salām; when anyone of you sits during his prayer, he should say:

التَّحِيَّاتُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَوَاتُ وَالطَّيِّبَاتُ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْنَا وَعَلَى عِبَادِ اللَّهِ الصَّالِحِينَ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

All compliments are for Allah and all the prayers and all the good things (are for Allah). Peace be on you, O Prophet ﷺ, and Allah's mercy and blessings (are on you). And peace be on us and on the pious worshippers of Allah. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and that Muhammad ﷺ is His slave and Messenger'. So, when you have said this, then you have surely sent the greetings to every good (pious) worshipper of Allah, whether he be in the heaven or on the earth. [Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī]

- Fatima رضي الله عنها says that whenever the Prophet of Allah ﷺ entered the mosque he recited:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي ذُنُوبِي وَافْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ

I enter the mosque in the name of Allah; Peace be upon the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. O Allah! Forgive my sins and open the gates of mercy for me.

And when he left the mosque, he recited these words:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي ذُنُوبِي وَافْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ فَضْلِكَ

I exit (from the mosque) in the name of Allah; Peace be upon the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. O Allah! Forgive my sins and open Your gates of bounties for me. [Sunan Ibn Majah]

- Whenever ‘Abdullah bin ‘Umar رضي الله عنه returned from a journey, he would visit the grave of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and make the following supplication:

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ

‘Peace be upon you, O Messenger of Allah ﷺ!’

[Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī]

## Conveying of Salutations & Response

- It was narrated by ‘Abdullah bin Mas‘ūd رضي الله عنه that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: ‘Some angels appointed by Allah go around on earth, and convey to me the salutations (salām) sent by my ummah.’ [Sunan al-Nasā’ī]

In the life of barzakh (stage of after life before Day of Judgment), the salutations (salām) are conveyed to the Prophet ﷺ through appointed angels. How is it made possible? Regarding this we have not been given any knowledge. We should be firm in our belief that Allah has supreme power and nothing is impossible for Him; and that we should accept without hesitation, regarding matters which have not been revealed to us.

## Prescribed Words of Blessings (Ṣalāh) for the Prophet ﷺ

1. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ، اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

O Allah! Send Your mercy on Muhammad ﷺ and on the family of Muhammad ﷺ, as You sent Your mercy on Ibrāhīm رضي الله عنه and on the family of Ibrāhīm رضي الله عنه, for You are the Most Praise-worthy, the Most Glorious. O Allah! Send Your blessings on Muhammad ﷺ and the family of Muhammad ﷺ, as You sent your blessings on Ibrāhīm رضي الله عنه and on the family of Ibrāhīm رضي الله عنه, for You are the Most Praise-Worthy, the Most Glorious. [Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī]

2. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّتِهِ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَبَارَكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّتِهِ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

O Allah! Send Your mercy on Muhammad ﷺ and on his wives and on his off spring, as You sent Your mercy on the family of Ibrāhīm رضي الله عنه; and send Your blessings on Muhammad ﷺ and on his wives and on his offspring, as You sent Your blessings on the family of Ibrāhīm رضي الله عنه, for You are the Most Praiseworthy, the Most Glorious. [Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī]

3. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

O Allah! Send Your mercy on Muhammad ﷺ the unlettered Messenger and on the family of Muhammad ﷺ, as You sent Your mercy on Ibrāhīm رضي الله عنه and on the family of Ibrāhīm رضي الله عنه. And send Your blessings on Muhammad ﷺ the unlettered Messenger and the family of Muhammad ﷺ, as You sent your Blessings on Ibrāhīm رضي الله عنه and on the family of Ibrāhīm رضي الله عنه. Verily, You are the Most Praise-Worthy, the Most Glorious. [Al-Mustadrak ‘ala al-Ṣaḥīḥain lil-Ḥākim]

4. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ

O Allah! Send Your mercy on your servant and messenger, Muhammad ﷺ, as You sent Your mercy on the family of Ibrāhīm رضي الله عنه and send Your blessings on Muhammad ﷺ and on the family of Muhammad ﷺ, as You sent Your blessings on Ibrāhīm رضي الله عنه. [Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī]

5. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

O Allah! Bestow Your mercy upon Muhammad ﷺ, the unlettered Messenger and the family of Muhammad ﷺ. [Sunan Abū Dawūd]

6. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

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# Peace & Blessings

Upon

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ



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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Muḥammad ﷺ, the Last Messenger of Allah, is the greatest benefactor of humanity and a source of guidance for all Muslims. Loving him is an essential part of faith.

Anas bin Mālik رضي الله عنه narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said, ‘None of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father, his children and all mankind.’ [Agreed Upon]

The best way to express love for the Prophet ﷺ is to ask Allah to send peace and blessings upon him. Regarding this, Allah سبحانه says in the Holy Qur’an:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا

صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

‘Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet ﷺ and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.’ [Al-Aḥzāb:56]

The Arabic word ‘Ṣalāh’ means blessings, mercy and supplications. When attributed to Allah سبحانه, the meaning of ‘Ṣalāh’ is that He sends His Grace and Blessings on the Prophet ﷺ. With regards to the angels and people, it means that they make supplication to Allah سبحانه to confer His blessings upon the Prophet ﷺ. Another commonly used word for ‘Ṣalāh’ is the Persian word ‘Durūd’, which has been adapted in other languages as well.

The words صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا further, make it clear that salutations of peace (*salām*) should also be invoked along with the supplication for blessings (Ṣalāh) for the Prophet ﷺ. Hence, reciting صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ (*ṣall Allahu alaihi wa sallam*) whenever the name of the Prophet ﷺ is heard, written or read is an act of great virtue and excellence.

### Virtues of Invoking Blessings and Peace for the Prophet ﷺ

#### Elevation of Status

Anas bin Mālik رضي الله عنه relates that the Prophet ﷺ said, ‘He who asks Allah to send blessings on me once Allah sends blessings on him ten times and removes from him ten sins and raises him by ten degrees.’ [Sunan al-Nasā’ī]

#### Acceptance of Supplications

‘Abdullah bin Mas‘ūd رضي الله عنه narrates: I was once praying and the Prophet ﷺ, Abū Bakr رضي الله عنه and ‘Umar رضي الله عنه (were all present). When I sat down (in the final *tashahud*), I praised Allah سبحانه, then sent *salām* on the Prophet ﷺ and started praying for myself. At this, the Prophet ﷺ said, ‘Ask (in this manner) and you shall be given! Ask and it shall be given to you!’ [Jami’ al-Tirmidhī]

#### Source of Blessings

‘Abdur Raḥmān bin ‘Auf رضي الله عنه relates that the Messenger of Allah سبحانه went out once and he followed him until he entered a grove of palm trees and prostrated. His prostration was so long that ‘Abdur Rahman رضي الله عنه feared that Allah had taken his soul. ‘Abdur Rahman رضي الله عنه came to look at him. The Prophet ﷺ raised his head and said: ‘What is wrong, Abdur Raḥman?’ Abdur Raḥman رضي الله عنه mentioned what had happened and the Prophet ﷺ said, ‘Gabriel came to me and said: ‘Shall I not give you glad tidings? Allah سبحانه says to you, ‘Whoever sends blessings upon you, I confer blessings upon him. Whoever sends salutations to you, I send peace on him.’ Therefore, I prostrated to Allah in gratitude.’ [Musnad Aḥmad and Al-Ḥākim]

#### Relief from Misery and Sorrow

Ubbay bin Ka‘b رضي الله عنه narrates: I said, ‘O Messenger of Allah سبحانه, I send much blessings on you. What proportion of my du‘ā should I devote to (sending blessings on) you?’ He said, ‘As much as you like.’ I said, ‘A quarter?’ He said, ‘As much as you like, and if you increase, it would only be better for you.’ I said, ‘Then half?’ He said, ‘As much as you like and if you increase, it would only be better for you.’ I said, ‘Then two thirds?’ He said, ‘As much as you like and if you increase, it would only be better for you.’ I said, ‘I’ll devote all my time of supplication to sending blessings on you.’ The Prophet ﷺ said, ‘In that case it will suffice you from your worries and your sins will be forgiven.’ [Jami’ al-Tirmidhī]

#### Disadvantages of Not Sending Peace & Blessings Upon the Prophet ﷺ

- ‘Alī رضي الله عنه reported: The Messenger of Allah سبحانه said, ‘The one in whose presence I am mentioned and does not send blessings on me is a miser.’ [Jami’ al-Tirmidhī]
- ‘Abdullāh bin ‘Abbās رضي الله عنه narrates that the Messenger of Allah سبحانه said: ‘Whosoever forgot to send peace and blessings on me strayed from the path of Jannah.’ [Sunan Ibn Ma’jah]
- Anas bin Mālik رضي الله عنه stated that the Messenger of Allah سبحانه said: ‘No supplication is responded to until blessings are sent upon me.’ [Sahih al-Jami’ al-Saghīr]

#### When to Invoking Blessings (Ṣalāh)?

There is no restriction of time and place, nor are any special arrangements required for sending peace and blessings on the Prophet ﷺ.

- Whenever or wherever a believer supplicates for blessings and peace on the Prophet ﷺ, it is conveyed to him. [Musnad Aḥmad]
- The Prophet ﷺ has taught us to send peace and blessings upon him in the last part (*tashahud*) of the Ṣalāh. [Jami’ Tirmidhī]
- It is prescribed (*masnūn*) to send peace and blessings upon the Messenger of Allah سبحانه after the second *takbīr* of the funeral prayers. [Musnad Shāfi’ī]
- Sending peace and blessings upon the Prophet ﷺ after hearing the call to prayer (*adhān*) and before making supplications is a means of receiving ten blessings from Allah. [Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim]
- The supplication for peace and blessings made at the grave of the blessed Prophet ﷺ is conveyed to him by the angels appointed for this purpose. [Ṣaḥīḥ al-Jami’ al-Saghīr]
- Supplications for the Prophet ﷺ made on Fridays are presented to him. [Ṣaḥīḥ al-Jāmi’ al-Saghīr]
- The etiquette of making supplications, which have a greater likelihood of acceptance, is to first praise Allah سبحانه, then confer peace and blessings upon the Prophet ﷺ and then supplicate. [Jami’ al-Tirmidhī]

➤ It is recommended (*masnūn*) to confer blessings upon the Prophet of Allah سبحانه in every gathering, lest they may become a means of tribulations from Allah سبحانه. [Jami’ al-Tirmidhī]

• Sending blessings on the Prophet ﷺ ten times in the morning and ten times in the evening will be a source of intercession on the Day of Judgment. [Ṣaḥīḥ al-Jami’ al-Saghīr]

• It is recommended to confer blessings on the Prophet ﷺ at the beginning of sermons and preaching, at educational gatherings (especially when aḥādīth of the Prophet ﷺ are being taught), at the time of engagements or marriages, when writing or composing something and hence at the beginning of every righteous deed. It will be a cause for attaining Allah’s mercy and facilitates the task at hand.

#### Unauthentic Practices

Regarding matters of religion, avoid unauthentic and innovative practices, which are a waste of time and energy, and a source of sheer loss on the Day of Judgment.

- The Messenger of Allah سبحانه stated ‘If somebody innovates something which is not in harmony with the principles of our religion, that thing is rejected.’ [Agreed Upon]
- Hāfiḍ bin Hajar says that it is preferable to use the words taught by the Messenger of Allah سبحانه himself.
- Imām Nawawī states that the prescribed (*masnūn*) way of sending blessings (*durūd*) upon the Prophet ﷺ is “اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ”. Thus we should only use those words which have been taught to us by the Prophet in authentic traditions. [Ṣaḥīḥ aḥādīth]
- Supplication for blessings upon the Prophet ﷺ that are not proven by the authentic traditions should be avoided, like Durūd Tāj, Durūd Muqaddas, Durūd Akbar, Durūd Lakhī, Durūd Mahī, Durūd Tanjīna and so on.
- Sending blessings on the Prophet ﷺ before the call to prayer (*adhān*), and aloud in congregation after obligatory prayers is not proven from any authentic tradition.