

The prayer of Abū Bakr al-Ṣiddīq

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The Emissary of God (may God bless him and grant him peace)
taught Abū Bakr al-Ṣiddīq to say:

O God, verily I ask You,
by Muḥammad, Your Prophet,
and Abraham, Your Friend,
and Moses, Your Interlocutor,
and Jesus, Your Word and Spirit;
and by the Torah of Moses,
the Gospel of Jesus,
the Psalms of David,
and the Furqān¹ of Muḥammad (the peace of God be
upon them all!);
by each revelation You revealed,
or by each decree You decreed,
or by each petitioner to whom You gave,
or by each rich man whom You impoverished,
or by each poor man whom You enriched,
or by each strayer whom You guided;
and I ask You, by Your Name which You revealed to Moses
(upon whom be peace);
and I ask You, by Your Name by which You disseminated the
provisions of the servants;
and I ask You, by Your Name which You laid upon the earth and
this became established;
and I ask You, by Your Name which You laid upon the heavens
so that they were lifted up;

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِمُحَمَّدٍ نَبِيِّكَ وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلِكَ
وَمُوسَى نَجِيِّكَ وَعِيسَى كَلِمَتِكَ وَرُوحَكَ
وَبِتُورَةِ مُوسَى وَإِنْجِيلِ عِيسَى
وَزُبُورِ دَاوُدَ وَفُرْقَانَ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَعَلَيْهِمْ أَجْمَعِينَ
وَبِكُلِّ وَحْيٍ أَوْحَيْتَهُ أَوْ قَضَاءٍ قَضَيْتَهُ أَوْ سَائِلٍ أَعْطَيْتَهُ
أَوْ غَنِيٍّ أَفْقَرْتَهُ أَوْ فَقِيرٍ أَغْنَيْتَهُ أَوْ ضَالٍّ هَدَيْتَهُ
وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلْتَهُ عَلَى مُوسَى صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الَّذِي بَثَّتْ بِهِ أَرْزَاقَ الْعِبَادِ
وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الَّذِي وَضَعْتَهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ فَاسْتَقَرَّتْ
وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الَّذِي وَضَعْتَهُ عَلَى السَّمَاوَاتِ فَاسْتَقَلَّتْ

¹In ordinary speech *furqān* has the meanings of ‘discrimination’, ‘revelation’, and ‘salvation’. In this case, it means the Qur’ān.

and I ask You, by Your Name which You laid upon the
 mountains, so that they were made stable;
 and I ask You, by Your Name by which Your Throne was
 raised up;
 and I ask You, by Your Name, which is holy, pure, one, eternal,
 and unique, which is revealed in
 Your Book from You and from the illuminating Light
 [al-nūr al-mubīn];
 and I ask You, by Your Name which You laid upon the day,
 so that it was light, and which You laid upon the night, so that it
 was darkened;
 and I ask You, by Your magnificence and splendour, and by the
 Light of Your Noble Face,
 to grant me the Qur'ān and the knowledge of it,
 and to blend it with my flesh, my blood, my ear, and my eye,
 and to utilize my body through it by Your might and Your power.
 Verily there is no might and no power save in You.
 O Most Compassionate of the compassionate!

وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الَّذِي وَضَعْتَهُ عَلَى الْجِبَالِ فَرَسَتْ
 وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الَّذِي اسْتَقَلَّ بِهِ عَرْشُكَ
 وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الطَّهْرِ الطَّاهِرِ الْأَحَدِ الصَّمَدِ الْوَتْرِ الْمَنْزَلِ
 فِي كِتَابِكَ مِنْ لَدُنْكَ مِنَ النُّورِ الْمُبِينِ
 وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الَّذِي وَضَعْتَهُ عَلَى النَّهَارِ فَاسْتَنَارَ
 وَعَلَى اللَّيْلِ فَأَظْلَمَ وَبِعَظَمَتِكَ وَكِبْرِيائِكَ وَبِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ الْكَرِيمِ
 أَنْ تَرْزُقَنِي الْقُرْآنَ وَالْعِلْمَ بِهِ
 وَتَخْلُطَهُ بِلَحْمِي وَدَمِي وَسَمْعِي وَبَصْرِي
 وَتَسْتَعْمِلُ بِهِ جَسَدِي بِحَوْلِكَ وَقُوَّتِكَ
 فَإِنَّهُ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

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