An Explanation of a Great Supplication of the Prophet ﷺ

Explained by Shaykh Abdur-Razzaaq al-Badr
In the name of Allah, may the Salat and salam be upon the Messenger of Allah. As to what follows; before you is an explanation of a great supplication that all Muslims should become familiar with due to it comprehensiveness in covering many affairs that the Muslim is in need of to be protected, successful and happy in this life and the next. The explainer of this dua – Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq al-badr also mentioned that one of the salaf said amazing and beautiful words, he said:

“I contemplated the good and its doors are many. Prayer is good, fasting is good, showing goodness (to others) is good, (giving) charity is good; he said: ‘I found that its doors are many and I have come to know that all of this is in the Hands of Allah, because a servant (person) will not be successful in anything from the doors of good except that Allah gives him success in that and makes it easy for him. So, I’ve reach certainty that dua (supplication) is the key to all good.”

When coming across this dua I found it to be something beneficial for myself as well as the Muslims in general. Knowing the meanings of what the Prophet asked Allah for will also increase in the servant having a present heart when asking Allah, which will also increase in the means of the supplications being answered. I ask Allah to make it beneficial for myself and the Muslims and put it on my scale of good deeds.

Abu Anas Atif Hasan
It was reported that Abdullah bin Abbaas (may Allah be pleased with him) said: The Prophet ﷺ used to supplicate saying:

رب أعني ولا تعن علي، وانصرني ولا تنصر علي، وامكر لي ولا تمكن علي، واهدني ويسر الهدى لي، وانصرني علي من بغي علي، اللهم اجعلني لك شاكراً، لك ذاكراً، لك رهاباً، لك مطوعاً، لك محببًا إليناك أوها مهيبًا، ربي تقبل توبيتي، واغسل حوبتي واجب دعوتي وثبت حجتي، واهد قلبي وسدد لساني، واسلم سخيمة صدري
“O my Lord assist me and do not give assistance against me, give me victory and do not allow victory to be given over me, and plan for me and do not plan against me, guide me and make guidance easy for me, give me victory over the one who oppresses me, oh Allah make me grateful to You, remembering You, in awe of You, yielding to You , humble to You, awwaahan muneeban, Oh my Lord accept my repentance, wash my sins, answer my supplication, establish my evidence, guide my heart, set straight my tongue, and remove any malice from my heart.”

Abu Dawud, at-Tirmidhi and Ibn Maajah and authenticated by al-Albani in his saheeh of the sunan of Abu Dawud
This great supplication comprises of 22 request and solicitations. They are from the most important requests of a servant and from the means of his rectification and happiness in this life and the hereafter.
O my Lord assist me

This is requesting assistance from Allah, meaning give me success in remembering You, thanking You and worshipping you well and while encountering the enemy provide me with Your assistance and success.
وَلَأَ يَتَعِنُّ عَلَيٌّ
And do not give assistance against me

Meaning do not let anyone overcome me that will prevent me from obeying You; to include my soul that incites to evil and from the devils of man and jinn.
give me victory

This is a supplication requesting victory, meaning that I overcome my enemies from the non-Muslims and the enemies of Your religion. It's also said (it means) give me victory over the soul that incites to evil, for indeed it is the greatest of enemies.
وَلَا تَنْصُرُ عَلَيِّ
And do not allow victory to be given over me

Meaning do not allow anyone from Your creation to have power over me.
And plan for me

Meaning place Your plot against my enemies and provide me a sound strategy and upright thoughts so as to be safe from their evil and repel their plots from where the enemy does not perceive from what You have guided me to from the paths that repel their plots and aggression.
And do not plan against me

Do not guide my enemy to a path that will allow him to get the better of me.
وَاهْدِنِي

Guide me

Direct me to the doors of good and bestow upon me beneficial knowledge and give me insight to the deficiencies of myself.
And make guidance easy for me

Meaning make it easy for me to follow the guidance and adhere to its path. Prepare for me the means of good so that obedience is not heavy upon me and I’m not distracted and turned away from worship.
Give me victory over the one who oppresses me.

Meaning give me victory over the one who oppresses and wrongs me.
اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي لَكَ شَاكِراً
O Allah make me grateful to You

Meaning inspire me to thank You for Your favors and Your blessings upon me.
Remembering You

Meaning during all times; standing, sitting and lying down.

In awe of You

Meaning fearful of you during easy and difficult times.
Yielding to You

Meaning much obedience which is submission, compliance and obedience.

Humble to You

This is from the word ‘ikhbaat’ which means to be humble and it is reverence, humility and submission. Meaning ‘make me towards You, revering, humble and submissive.’
إِلَيْكَ أَوَّاهاً مُنِيبًا
To You
Awwaahaan
Muneeeban

Awwaahaan is one who makes much dua, begging and crying

Muneeeban is one who repents and returns to Allah in (all of) his affairs.
رَبِّ تَقَبَّلْ تَوْبَتِي
My Lord accept my repentance
Meaning make it sound/correct with its conditions being met along with its etiquettes.

وَاغْسِلْ حَوْبَتِي
Wash my sins
Meaning wipe away my wrong doings and sins.
Answer my supplication

Establish my evidence

Meaning answer my dua.

Meaning against your enemies in this life and the end (of it) and make firm my statement and confirmation in this life and when questioned (in the grave) by the two angels.
Guide my heart

Meaning to knowing my Lord and knowing the truth and guidance which He ordered and sent His messengers with.

Set straight my tongue

Meaning correct and make upright my tongue so that I do not speak except with truthfulness and a correct statement.
وَاسْلُلْ سَخِيمَةَ صَذَرِيِ
And remove any malice from my heart

Meaning remove the rancor of my heart and it is deception, hatred, envy and what is similar to that from what emanates from the chest and resides in the heart from harmful and evil manners.