



## The Supplication for al-Istikhārah Prayer

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said, “ If any one of you is concerned about a decision he has to make, then let him pray two raka’at of non-obligatory prayer, then say:

اللهم إني أستخيرك بعلمك، وأستقدرك بقدرتك، وأسألك من فضلك العظيم، فإنك تقدر ولا أقدر، وتعلم ولا أعلم، وأنت علام الغيوب.  
اللهم إن كنت تعلم أن هذا الأمر (ثم تسميه باسمه بعينه) خير لي في ديني ومعاشي وعاجل أمري وآجله، فاقدره لي، ويسره لي، ثم بارك لي فيه، وإن كنت تعلم أن هذا الأمر شر لي في ديني ومعاشي وعاقبة أمري، فاصرفه عني، واصرمني عنه، واقدّر لي الخير حيث كان، ثم رضني به.

Allāhumma inni astakhayruka bi-'ilmik, wa astaqdiruka bi-qudratik, wa as'aluka min fadlikal-Azim; fa-innaka taqdiru wa lā aqdir, wa ta'lamu wa lā a'lam, wa Anta 'Allāmul-ghuyub; Allāhumma in kunta ta'lamu an hādhal-amra (then mention the specific matter) khayrul-li fi dini wa ma'āshi, 'ājili amri wa ājilih, faqdurhu li wa yassirhu li, thumma bārik li fihi. Wa in kunta ta'lamu an hādhal-amra sharrul-li fi dini wa ma'āshi wa 'āgibati amri, faṣrifhu 'anni waṣrifni 'anh, waqdur li al-khayr haythu kāna thumma raddini bih.

O Allāh, I seek Your guidance [in making a choice] by virtue of Your knowledge, and I seek ability by virtue of Your power, and I ask You of Your great bounty. You have power, I have none. And You know, I know not. You are the Knower of hidden things. O Allāh, if in Your knowledge, this matter (then mention the specific matter) is good for me both in this world and in the Hereafter (or: in my religion, my livelihood, and my affairs), then ordain it for me, make it easy for me, and bless it for me. And if in your knowledge it is bad for me and for my religion, my livelihood, and my affairs (or: for me both in this world and the next), then turn me away from it, (and turn it away from me), and ordain for me the good wherever it may be and make me pleased with it.

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