

SALAAT AL-ISTHIKHAARAH:

THE PROPHET (ﷺ) WOULD INSTRUCT HIS FOLLOWERS TO ASK FOR GUIDANCE, WHENEVER IN DOUBT ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE DECIDED, WHETHER IT BE MARRIAGE, OR BUSINESS, OR BUYING A HOUSE, OR EVEN TO START A NEW VENTURE. AFTER CONSULTING WITH OTHERS AND DECIDING ON A MATTER, WHOEVER SEEKS COUNSEL OF ALLAH WILL BE GUIDED RIGHT.

If it is good for us, HE will make it easy for us and, if it is not advisable, HE will make us feel so, and help us get out of it easily. --- {Sahi Bukhari - 1166}

He ﷺ has asked us to pray 2 Rakah Nawafil Sala'at and recite the following prayer after that:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْتَخِيرُكَ بِعِلْمِكَ ، وَأَسْتَقْدِرُكَ بِقُدْرَتِكَ وَأَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الْعَظِيمِ - فَإِنَّكَ تَقْدِرُ وَلَا أَقْدِرُ- وَتَعْلَمُ وَلَا أَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ - اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا لِأَمْرٍ خَيْرٍ لِي فِي دِينِي وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِبَةِ أَمْرِي - (عَاجِلِهِ وَأَجَلِهِ) - فَاقْدُرْهُ لِي وَيَسِّرْهُ لِي ثُمَّ بَارِكْ لِي فِيهِ - وَإِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا لِأَمْرٍ شَرٍّ لِي فِي دِينِي وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِبَةِ أَمْرِي - (عَاجِلِهِ وَأَجَلِهِ) - فَاصْرِفْهُ عَنِّي وَاصْرِفْنِي عَنْهُ وَاقْدُرْ لِي الْخَيْرَ حَيْثُ كَانَ ثُمَّ أَرْضِنِي بِهِ ،

"ALLAAHUMMA INNEE ASTAKHEERUKA BI ILMIKA, WA ASTAQDIRUKA BIQUDRATHIKA, WA AS AALUKA MIN FADHLIKAL ADHEEMI, FA INNAKA THAQDIRU WA LAA AQDIRU, WA TA'ULAMU WA LAA A'LAMU, WA ANTA ALLAAMUL GHUYOOBI.

ALLAAHUMMA, IN KUNTA TA'LAMU, ANNA HAAZAL AMRA [THEN MENTION THE DEED TO BE DECIDED] KHAIRUN LEE FEE DEENEE, WA MA AASHI, WA AAQIBATI AMREE, {OR SAY: AJILIHU WA AAJILIHU} - FAQDURHU LEE WA YASSIRHU LEE, THUMMA BAARIK LEE FEEHI.

WA IN KUNTA TAUAMU, ANNA HAAZAL- AMRA SHARRUN LEE FEE DEENEE, WA MA AASHEE WA AAQIBATI AMREE, {OR SAY AJILIHU WA AAJILIHU} FASRIFHU ANNEE WASWRIFNEE ANHU WAQDUR LIYAL-KHAYRA HAYTHU KAANA, SUMMA ARDHINEE BIHI"

MEANING:

"O ALLAH, I SEEK YOUR BEST BY YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND BY YOUR POWER, I SEEK STRENGTH AND I ASK YOU FROM IMMENSE FAVOR, FOR, VERILY YOU ARE ABLE WHILE I AM NOT, AND VERILY, YOU KNOW WHILE I DO NOT KNOW, AND YOU ARE THE KNOWER OF THE UNSEEN.

O ALLAH, IF THIS AFFAIR (DESCRIBE YOUR NEED) IS TO BE GOOD FOR ME AS REGARDS MY RELIGION, MY LIFE, AND MY END, THEN DECREE AND FACILITATE IT FOR ME, AND BLESS ME WITH IT.

IF THIS AFFAIR IS TO BE BAD FOR ME AS REGARDS MY RELIGION, MY LIFE, AND MY END, THEN REMOVE IT FROM ME AND REMOVE ME FROM IT. AND ORDAIN FOR ME WHATEVER IS GOOD AND HELP ME CONTEND WITH IT.