Benefits of Istighfar – Asking (Seeking) the forgiveness of Allah

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Istighfar- الله التّوَتَّارَحَبِيِّنَ الرَّحْمَانِ يُسْتَغْفَرُ اللَّهُ العَظِيمُ

Astaghrullahu- means apologize to Allah; ask (seek) Allah's forgiveness

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ العَظِيمَ
الَّذِي لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ
اللَّهُ الْقَبْلَيْنَ وَأَتْوَبْ إِلَيْهِ

(3 times)

I ask forgiveness from the Great God who has no God but He, the Living and the Almighty, and repent to him

I ask forgiveness from Allah, who is my Lord, from every sin

And I repent to him

There is no strength and power except from Allah

The ALMIGHTY, The GREAT

The benefits of asking for forgiveness of sins, include

1. Wiping out sins, and restore peace of mind
2. Covering (concealment) of defects,
3. Sustaining livelihoods,
4. Creating integrity,
5. Infallibility (never wrong, failing, or making a mistake) in money,
6. Obtaining hope,
7. Flow of blessings (increase) in money (wealth),
8. Nearness (proximity to religion) of the religion,
9. Satisfaction of the Oft - Forgiving,
10. Showers of rain,
11. Strength in the shininess of the heart, and
12. Live safely in the world and
13. Enter the Jannat (Heaven).
14. Increase in children
15. Provision for gardens
16. Provision for rivers
17. Adding strength to your strength
18. Solutions for every problem
19. Allah will replace their evil deeds with good.

The benefits of asking for forgiveness wiping out sins, covering defects, , infallibility in the money, , running the pool of money, and the satisfaction of the forgiving, ]. And strength in the hearts, and live safely in the world and to enter the Jinan.

**In Qur’an**

He will send [rain from] the sky upon you in [continuing] showers. And give you increase in wealth and children and provide for you gardens and provide for you rivers. [Quran, 71:12]
Sura Hud (11:52)
The Almighty said on the tongue of Prophet Shuaib (peace be upon him):

وَأَنَّ الْقَهْرَىٰٓ أَقْلَهُ أَقْلَهُونَهُ (۱) وَيَبْيَضُ الْقَبْدُ أَقْلَهُ (۲) وَيَنْضِدُ مِثْلَ مِثْلٍ أَقْلَهُ (۳) وَيَتُبْعَذُ الْمُتَّقِينَ أَقْلَهُ (۴) وَيَفْرُجُ مِثْلَ مِثْلٍ أَقْلَهُ (۵)

And O my people ask forgiveness of your Lord for your idolatry then turn return to Him repentant through obedience; He will release the sky He will release the rain — for they had been denied it — upon you in abundance with abundant rainfall and He will add to you strength to your strength through wealth and children. Do not turn away as sinners’ idolaters.
Then glorify with praise of your Lord that is continuously praising Him and seek forgiveness from Him; for verily He is ever ready to relent. The Prophet's after this sura had been revealed would frequently repeat the words subhāna'Llāhi wa bi-hamdihi 'Glory and praise be to God' and astaghfiru'Llāha wa-atūbu ilayhi 'I seek forgiveness from God and I repent to Him'; with the revelation of this final sura he realised that his end was near. The victory over Mecca was in Ramadān of year 8; the Prophet passed away in Rabī' I of the year 10.

(25:70) – Except for him who repents and believes and acts righteously from among them for such God will replace their mentioned evil deeds with good deeds in the Hereafter for God is ever Forgiving Merciful that is He is ever possessed of such attributes;

"Whoever always says istighfar (ask for forgiveness to Allah), Allah will give for him the solution of every problem encountered, and the way out for every hardship and Allah will give him livelihood from the unpredictable path. “(Narrated by Abu Dawood from Ibn Abbas, may Allah be pleased with them. Hadith Sahih, narrated by Abu Dawud (hadith No. 1297), Ibn Majah (hadith number 3809)
Imam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal and the Baker

During his old age, Imam Ahmad, a renowned scholar of Islam and a famous theologian, was travelling when he stopped by a town. After salah (prayer), he wanted to stay for the night in the mosque. Owing to his humility, he hadn't introduced himself to anyone thinking that if he did, he would be welcomed by many people.

Failing to recognize Ahmad bin Hanbal, the caretaker of the mosque refused to let him stay in the mosque. A baker, whose shop was nearby, watched this scene and took pity on Imam Ahmed. He invited the Imam to stay with him for the night.

He watched as the baker mixed and kneaded the dough, tended the fire, and pulled hot loves from the oven, all the while uttering remembrances of Allah and Istighfar (asking for Allah's forgiveness). In the morning, the Imam eagerly asked his host about the latter's continual seeking of forgiveness. The baker said it had become like second nature, and Imam Ahmad then asked whether the man had experienced any reward from this practice. The baker answered, "By Allah! No dua I made except that it was answered but one." When Ibn Hanbal asked what that unanswered prayer was, the baker responded: "To see the famed Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal." At this, tears came to Ibn Hanbal's eyes and he told the baker, "I am Ahmed ibn Hanbal!" "By Allah! I was brought to your place so that you can have your dua/wish come true."

This story is a reminder of the power of saying Istighfar frequently.

Another Story:
Tafseer Al-Qurtubi states:
A man complained to Al-Hasan Al-Basri about a drought, and he said to him: "Pray to Allah for forgiveness."
Another man complained to him of poverty and he said to him: "Pray to Allah to forgive you."
Another man said to him: "Pray to Allah to bless me with a child." He said: "Pray to Allah for forgiveness."
Another complained to him that his garden was dry. He said to him: "Pray to Allah for forgiveness."
He was asked about it and he said: "This is not my personal opinion, for Allah says in Surah Nuh (interpretation of the meaning):surah 71:
"Ask forgiveness from your Lord, verily, He is Oft Forgiving; He will send rain to you in abundance. And give you increase in wealth and children, and bestow on you gardens and bestow on you rivers."

Tafseer Al-Qurtubi (18/301-302)
Sayyidul Istighfar The Best Dua for Allah's forgiveness.

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ
حَلَقْتِي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ وَأَنَا عَلَى عَهْدِكَ
وَعَهْدِكَ مَا أَسْتَطِعْتُ أَعْمَودُ بَكَ مِنْ
شَرٍّ مَا صَنَعْتُ أَبُوُّ لَكَ بِعَمَتِكَ
عَلَيْ، وَأَبُو بَذِنْي، فَاغْفِرْ لِي فَإِنَّهُ
لَا يُغْفِرُ الدُّنْوَبِ إِلَّا أَنْتَ.

Translation: O Allah, You are my Lord, there is none worthy of worship but You. You created me and I am Your slave. I keep Your covenant, and my pledge to You so far as I am able. I seek refuge in You from the evil of what I have done. I admit to Your blessings upon me, and I admit to my misdeeds. Forgive me, For there is none who may forgive sins but You. He who supplicates in these terms (the above du‘a) during the day with firm belief in it and dies on the same day (before the evening), he will be one of the dwellers of Jannah; and if anyone supplicates in these terms during the night with firm belief in it and dies before the morning, he will be one of the dwellers of Jannah.”

Sunnah.com reference : Book 20, Hadith 7
Arabic/English book reference : Book 20, Hadith 1875

Muslim (2702) narrated from al-Agharr al-Muzani (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “I ask Allah for forgiveness one hundred times a day.”

And Abu Dawood (1516) narrated that Ibn ‘Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) said: We used to count when the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said in one sitting one hundred times: Rabb ighfir li wa tubb ‘alayya, innaka anta al-tawab al-raheem (Lord, forgive me and accept my repentance, for You are the Acceptor of repentance, the Most Merciful). Classed as saheeh by al-Albani in Saheeh Abi Dawood. And Allah knows best.
Allah’s forgiveness is vast. The Prophet, peace be upon him, said, Allah extends His hand by the day so the sinner of the night can repent and He extends His hand by the night so the sinner of the day can repent. [Narrated by Muslim].

He also said, peace be upon him, The companion (Angel) on the left lifts his pen for six hours for the Muslim slave that errs or sins. If this slave repents and seeks Allah’s forgiveness for that error or sin, the Angel doesn’t record it. And if the slave doesn’t ask Allah for forgiveness, the Angel records it once. (Muslim). So whenever we sin, let’s rush to His forgiveness.


**One who wishes to be wealthy should read -100 times**

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الَّتِيْرُ الْمَلِكِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ آسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ

(Subhanallahi wa bihamdihi, Subhanallahil ‘Azim wa bihamdihi, Astaghfirullah) – *Read daily 100 times between the Sunnah salat and Fard(obligatory) salat of dawn- Fajr prayer.*

-Imam Ghazali (rahimahullah) has quoted similar in “Ihya ‘Ulimid din”.

This is supported by the verse in the Quran; ‘Everything glorifies His praise (tasbih) but you do perceive their tasbih’ (Surah Isra, verse: 44)

The seven heavens and the earth and all that is therein proclaim His praise they affirm His transcendence. And there is not a thing among things created but proclaims enwrapped in His praise in other words everything says subhāna’Llāh wa-bi-hamdihi ‘Glory and praise be to God’; but you do not understand their glorification because it is not proclaimed in your language. Lo! He is Forbearing Forgiving for He does not hasten to bring about your punishment.

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