

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

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أستغفر الله

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

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(Astaghfirullah al-azim alladhi la ila-haa illa hu-al haiul qaaioom, waa toobu ilaihe)  
*I ask forgiveness from the Great God who has no God but He, the Living and the Almighty, and repent to him*

أستغفر الله رب من كل ذنب

(Astaghfirullah rabbi min kulle dhanbe)

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

وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

(waa toobu ilaihe)

And I repent to him

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

(La hawla wala quwata illah billah)

There is no strength and power except from Allah

الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

(Hil aalyl Azeem)

(3 times) *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

إِنِّي أَعْلَنْتُ لَهُمْ وَأَسْرَرْتُ لَهُمْ إِسْرَارًا ﴿٩﴾ فَقُلْتُ

اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا ﴿١٠﴾

يُرْسِلِ السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِدْرَارًا ﴿١١﴾ وَيُمْدِدْكُمْ

بِأَمْوَالٍ وَبَنِينَ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ

أَنْهَارًا ﴿١٢﴾ مَا لَكُمْ لَا تَرْجُونَ لِلَّهِ وَقَارًا

[71:10] মুহিউদ্দীন খান

অতঃপর বলেছিঃ তোমরা তোমাদের পালনকর্তার ক্ষমা প্রার্থনা কর। তিনি অত্যন্ত ক্ষমাশীল।

[71:11] মুহিউদ্দীন খান

তিনি তোমাদের উপর অজস্র বৃষ্টিধারা ছেড়ে দিবেন,

*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]*

[71:12] মুহিউদ্দীন খান

তোমাদের ধন-সম্পদ ও সম্মান-সম্মতি বাড়িয়ে  
দিবেন, তোমাদের জন্যে উদ্যান স্থাপন করবেন  
এবং তোমাদের জন্যে নদীনালা প্রবাহিত  
করবেন।

لَكُمْ مِنْهُ نَذِيرٌ وَبَشِيرٌ ﴿٢﴾ وَأَنْ اسْتَغْفِرُوا  
رَبَّكُمْ ثُمَّ تَوْبُوا إِلَيْهِ يُمَتِّعْكُمْ مَتَاعًا حَسَنًا إِلَى  
أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى وَيُؤْتِ كُلَّ ذِي فَضْلٍ فَضْلَهُ ۖ وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا  
فَإِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ كَبِيرٍ ﴿٣﴾ إِلَى

[11:3] মুহিউদ্দীন খান

আর তোমরা নিজেদের পালনকর্তা সমীপে ক্ষমা  
প্রার্থনা কর। অনন্তর তাঁরই প্রতি মনোনীবেশ  
কর। তাহলে তিনি তোমাদেরকে নির্দিষ্ট সময়  
পর্যন্ত উৎকৃষ্ট জীবনোপকরণ দান করবেন এবং  
অধিক আমলকারীকে বেশী করে দেবেন আর  
যদি তোমরা বিমুখ হতে থাক, তবে আমি  
তোমাদের উপর এক মহা দিবসের আঘাতের  
আশঙ্কা করছি।

Sura Hud (11:52)

The Almighty said on the tongue of Prophet **Shuaib** (peace be upon him):

وَيَقَوْمٍ اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ ثُمَّ تَوْبُوا إِلَيْهِ يُرْسِلِ السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِدْرَارًا وَيَزِدْكُمْ  
قُوَّةً إِلَى قُوَّتِكُمْ وَلَا تَتَوَلَّوْا مُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٥٢﴾

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.

فَطَرَنِي ۚ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ وَيَا قَوْمِ اسْتَغْفِرُوا  
رَبَّكُمْ ثُمَّ تَوْبُوا إِلَيْهِ يُرْسِلِ السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْكُمْ  
مِدْرَارًا وَيَزِدْكُمْ قُوَّةً إِلَى قُوَّتِكُمْ وَلَا تَتَوَلَّوْا  
مُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٥٢﴾ قَالُوا يَا هُوْدُ مَا جِئْتَنَا بِبَيِّنَةٍ وَمَا

[11:52] মুহিউদ্দীন খান

আর হে আমার কওম! তোমাদের পালন কর্তার  
কাছে তোমরা ক্ষমা প্রার্থনা কর, অতঃপর  
তাঁরই প্রতি মনোনীবেশ কর; তিনি আসমান  
থেকে তোমাদের উপর বৃষ্টি ধারা প্রেরণ  
করবেন এবং তোমাদের শক্তির উপর শক্তি  
বৃদ্ধি করবেন, তোমরা কিন্তু অপরাধীদের মত  
বিমুখ হযো না।

فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَأَسْتَغْفِرْهُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا ﴿٣﴾

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 sūra had been revealed would frequently repeat the words subhāna'Liāhi wa bi-hamdihi 'Glory and praise be to God' and astaghfiru'Liāha wa-atūbu ilayhi 'I seek forgiveness from God and I repent to Him'; with the revelation of this final sūra he realised that his end was near. The victory over Mecca was in Ramadān of year 8; the Prophet s passed away in Rabī I of the year 10.

إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَءَامَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا فَأُولَئِكَ يُبَدِّلُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ حَسَنَاتٍ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿٧٠﴾

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Except for those who repent, believe and do righteous work. For them Allah will replace their evil deeds with good. And ever is Allah Forgiving and Merciful.

(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 loaves 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)**

[http://www.islamicbulletin.org/newsletters/issue\\_28/dhikr.aspx](http://www.islamicbulletin.org/newsletters/issue_28/dhikr.aspx)

**Sayyidul Istighfar** The Best Dua for Allah's forgiveness.

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ  
خَلَقْتَنِي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ ، وَأَنَا عَلَى عَهْدِكَ  
وَوَعْدِكَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ  
شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ ، أَبُوءُ لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ  
عَلَيَّ ، وَأَبُوءُ بِذَنْبِي ، فَاعْفُرْ لِي فَإِنَّهُ  
لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ 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.

<https://guardian.ng/features/friday-worship/benefits-of-istighfar-from-the-holy-quran/>

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

سبحان الله وبحمده سبحان الله العظيم وبحمده استغفر الله

(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 'Ulumid 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)

تَسْبِيحٌ لَهُ السَّمَوَاتُ السَّبْعُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ وَإِنْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا يُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِهِ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَفْقَهُونَ تَسْبِيحَهُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ حَلِيمًا غَفُورًا ﴿٤٤﴾

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'Liāh 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.

<https://www.altafsir.com/Tafasir.asp?tMadhNo=1&tTafsirNo=74&tSoraNo=17&tAyahNo=44&tDisplay=yes&UserProfile=0&LanguageId=2>