

## Dua-e-Ahad

[Imam Sadiq \(a.s\)](#) narrates that “one who recites this supplication for 40 mornings; he will be accounted amongst the helpers of Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s). And if he happens to die before the reappearance of Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s), Allah will raise him up from his grave so that he may assist the holy Imam (a.t.f.s). For every word that he recites in this supplication, Allah will grant him 1000 good deeds and will erase from his scroll of deeds 1000 sins”.

As the title suggests, this supplication is of allegiance (ahad) to the holy Imam (a.t.f.s). Its recitation every morning ensures the renewal of this covenant. The reciter finds himself under the leadership of Imam (a.t.f.s). The reciter beseeches Allah to include him among the helpers and aides of Imam (a.t.f.s) and to grant him the opportunity to attain martyrdom in his presence. Also, he requests Allah that should he die before the reappearance of Imam (a.t.f.s), Allah should raise him up from his grave so that he may assist him (a.t.f.s) in his mission.

There is a fervent appeal to Allah to grant him the honour of seeing Imam (a.t.f.s). In this there is also an acknowledgement that the difficulties of this nation can be solved only by the reappearance of Imam (a.t.f.s) and that believers see it as being close while others deem it to be distant.

O Allah the Lord of the Great Light,	allāhumma rabba alnnūri al`azīmi	اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ النُّورِ الْعَظِيمِ
the Lord of the Elevated Throne,	wa rabba alkursiyyi alrrafī`i	وَرَبَّ الْكُرْسِيِّ الرَّفِيعِ
the Lord of the swollen ocean,	wa rabba albaḥri almasjūri	وَرَبَّ الْبَحْرِ الْمَسْجُورِ
the Revealer of the Torah, the Gospel, and the Psalms,	wa munzila alttawrāti wal-injīli wallzzabūri	وَمُنْزِلَ التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ وَالزَّبُورِ
the Lord of shade and heat,	wa rabba alzẓilli walḥarūri	وَرَبَّ الظِّلِّ وَالْحَرُورِ
the Revealer of the Great Qur'ān,	wa munzila alqur'āni al`azīmi	وَمُنْزِلَ الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ
and the Lord of the Archangels,	wa rabba almalā'ikati almuqarrabīna	وَرَبَّ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ
the Prophets, and the Messengers:	wal-anbiyā'i walmursalīna	وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمُرْسَلِينَ
O Allah, I beseech You in Your Noble Name,	allāhumma innī as'aluka bismika alkarīmi	اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الْكَرِيمِ
in the Light of Your Luminous Face	wa binūri wajhika almunīri	وَبِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ الْمُنِيرِ
and Your Eternal Kingdom.	wa mulkika alqadīmi	وَمُلْكِكَ الْقَدِيمِ
O Ever-living! O Self-Subsistent!	yā ḥayyu yā qayyūmu	يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ

I beseech You in the name of Your Name with which the heavens and the earth have lit up

as'aluka bismika alladhī ashraquat bihī alssamāwātu wal-araḍūna

أَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الَّذِي أَشْرَقَتْ بِهِ  
السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُونَ

and in Your Name with which the past and the coming generations have become upright!

wa bismika alladhī yaşluḥu bihī al-awwalūna wal-ākhirūna

وَبِاسْمِكَ الَّذِي يَصْلُحُ بِهِ الْأَوْلُونَ  
وَالْآخِرُونَ

O He Who has been always alive before the existence of all living things!

yā ḥayyan qabla kulli ḥayyin

يَا حَيًّا قَبْلَ كُلِّ حَيٍّ

O He Who shall be alive after the extinction of all living things!

wa yā ḥayyan ba`da kulli ḥayyin

وَيَا حَيًّا بَعْدَ كُلِّ حَيٍّ

O He Who has been always alive even when there was nothing else alive!

wa yā ḥayyan ḥīna lā ḥayyu

وَيَا حَيًّا حِينَ لَا حَيٍّ

O He Who revives the dead ones and causes the living ones to die!

yā muḥyiya almawtā wa mumīta al-aḥyā'i

يَا مُحْيِيَّ الْمَوْتَىٰ وَمُمِيتَ الْأَحْيَاءِ

O Ever-living! There is no god save You.

yā ḥayyu lā ilāha illā anta

يَا حَيُّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

O Allah, convey to our master Imam al-Mahdī, the guide who is to undertake Your orders,

allāhumma balligh mawlānā al-imāma alḥādiya almahdiyya alqā'ima bi'amrika

اللَّهُمَّ بَلِّغْ مَوْلَانَا الْإِمَامَ الْهَادِيَّ  
الْمَهْدِيَّ الْقَائِمَ بِأَمْرِكَ

may Allah's blessings be upon him and upon his immaculate fathers,

ṣalawātu allāhi `alayhi wa `alā ābā'ihī alṭṭāhirīna

صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آبَائِهِ  
الطَّاهِرِينَ

on behalf of all of the believing men and women in the east and west of the earth

`an jamī`i almu'minīna walmu'mināti

عَنْ جَمِيعِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ

and in plains, mountains,

fī mashāriqi al-arḍi wa maghāribihā

فِي مَشَارِقِ الْأَرْضِ وَمَغَارِبِهَا

lands, and seas,

sahlīhā wa jabalīhā

سَهْلِهَا وَجَبَلِهَا

and on behalf of my parents

wa barrīhā wa baḥrīhā

وَبَرِّهَا وَبَحْرِهَا

(convey to him) blessings that are as weighty as Allah's Throne,

wa `annī wa `an wālidayya

وَعَنِّي وَعَنْ وَالِدَيَّ

as much as the ink of His Words,

min alṣṣalawāti zinata `arshi allāhi

مِنَ الصَّلَوَاتِ زِينَةَ عَرْشِ اللَّهِ

and as many as that which is counted by His knowledge and encompassed by His Book.

wa midāda kalimātihī

وَمِدَادَ كَلِمَاتِهِ

O Allah, I update to him in the beginning of this day

wa mā aḥṣāhu `ilmuhū wa aḥṣāta bihī kitābuhū

وَمَا أَحْصَاهُ عِلْمُهُ وَأَحَاطَ بِهِ كِتَابُهُ

allāhumma innī ujaddidu lahū fī ṣabīḥati yawmī hādhā

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أُجَدِّدُ لَهُ فِي صَبِيحَةِ

and throughout the days of  
lifetime a pledge,  
a covenant, and allegiance to  
which I commit myself  
and from which I neither  
convert nor change.

O Allah, (please do) make  
me of his supporters,

sponsors, defenders,

and those who hurry in  
carrying out his instructions,  
those who comply with his  
orders,

those who uphold him,

those who precede others to  
implementing his will,  
and those who will be  
martyred before him.

O Allah, if death that You  
have made inevitably and  
certainly incumbent upon  
Your servants stands  
between me and him,

then (please do) take me out  
of my grave using my shroud  
as dress,

unsheathing my sword,

holding my lance in my  
hand,

and responding to the call of  
the Caller who shall  
announce (his advent) in  
urban areas and deserts.

O Allah, (please do) show me  
his magnificent mien

and his praiseworthy  
forehead,

delight my eyes by letting  
me have a look at him.

And (please) expedite his  
relief,

make his reappearance easy,

clear a spacious space for  
him,

wa mā `ishtu min ayyāmī

`ahdan wa `aqdan wa  
bay`atan lahū fī `unuqī

lā aḥūlu `anhu wa lā azūlu  
abadan

allāhumma ij`alnī min  
anṣārihī

wa a`wānihī waldhdhābbīna  
`anhu

walmusāri`īna ilayhi fī qaḍā'i  
ḥawā'ijihī

walmumtathilīna li'awāmirihī

walmuḥāmīna `anhu

walssābiqīna ilā irādātihī

walmustashhadīna bayna  
yadayhi

allahumma in ḥāla baynī wa  
baynahū almawtu alladhī  
ja`altahū `alā `ibādika  
ḥatman maqḍiyyan

fa'akhrijnī min qabri  
mu'taziran kafanī

shārihan sayfī

mujarridan qanātī

mulabbiyan da`wata alddā`ī  
filḥāḍiri walbādī

allāhumma arinī altṭal`ata  
alrrashīdata

walghurrata alḥamidata

wakḥul nāzirī binazratin minnī  
ilayhi

wa `ajjil farajahū

wa sahhil makhrajahū

wa awsi` manhajahū

يُوفِي هَذَا

وَمَا عِشْتُ مِنْ أَيَّامِي

عَهْدًا وَعَقْدًا وَبَيْعَةً لَهُ فِي عُنُقِي

لَا أَحُولُ عَنْهُ وَلَا أَزُولُ أَبَدًا

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنْ أَنْصَارِهِ

وَأَعْوَانِهِ وَالذَّابِّينَ عَنْهُ

وَالْمُسَارِعِينَ إِلَيْهِ فِي قَضَاءِ حَوَائِجِهِ

وَالْمُمْتَثِلِينَ لِأَوَامِرِهِ

وَالْمُحَامِينَ عَنْهُ

وَالسَّابِقِينَ إِلَى إِرَادَتِهِ

وَالْمُسْتَشْهِدِينَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ حَالَ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَهُ الْمَوْتُ

الَّذِي جَعَلْتَهُ عَلَى عِبَادِكَ حَتْمًا

مَقْضِيًّا

فَأَخْرِجْنِي مِنْ قَبْرِي مُؤْتَرِّرًا كَفْنِي

شَاهِرًا سَيْفِي

مُجَرِّدًا قَنَاتِي

مُلَبِّيًا دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِي فِي الْحَاضِرِ

وَالْبَادِي

اللَّهُمَّ ارْنِي الطَّلْعَةَ الرَّشِيدَةَ

وَالْغُرَّةَ الْحَمِيدَةَ

وَأَكْحُلْ نَاطِرِي بِنَظَرَةٍ مَنِي إِلَيْهِ

وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَهُ

وَسَهِّلْ مَخْرَجَهُ

وَأَوْسِعْ مِنْهَجَهُ

guide me to follow his course,	wasluk bī muḥajjatahū	وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِي مَحَجَّتَهُ
give success to his issues,	wa anfidh amrahū	وَأَنْفِذْ أَمْرَهُ
and confirm his strength.	washdud azrahū	وَأَشْدُدْ أَرْزَهُ
O Allah, construct Your lands through him	wa `mur allāhumma bihī bilādaka	وَأَعْمُرِ اللَّهُمَّ بِهِ بِلَادَكَ
and refresh Your servants through him,	wa aḥyi bihī `ibādaka	وَأَحْيِي بِهِ عِبَادَكَ
For You have said, and true are Your words:	fa'innaka qulta wa qawluka alḥaqqu	فَإِنَّكَ قُلْتَ وَقَوْلُكَ الْحَقُّ؛
“Corruption has appeared in the land and the sea on account of what the hands of men have wrought.”	zahara alfasādu filbarri walbaḥri	«ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ
So, O Allah, (please) show us Your vicegerent,	bimā kasabat aydī alnnāsi	بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ.»
the son of Your Prophet,	fa'azhir allāhumma lanā waliyyaka	فَأَظْهِرِ اللَّهُمَّ لَنَا وَليِّكَ
and the namesake of Your Messenger,	wabna binti nabiiyyika	وَأَبْنِ بِنْتِ نَبِيِّكَ
peace be upon him and his Household,	almusammā bismi rasūlika	الْمُسَمَّى بِاسْمِ رَسُولِكَ
so that he shall tear up any wrong item that he will face	ṣallā allāhu `alayhi wa ālihi	صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
and shall confirm and approve of the truth.	ḥattā lā yazfara bishay'in min albāṭili illā mazzaqahū	حَتَّى لَا يَظْفَرَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنَ الْبَاطِلِ إِلَّا مَزَقَهُ
O Allah, (please) make him the shelter to whom Your wronged servants shall resort,	wa yaḥiqqa alḥaqqa wa yuḥaqqiqahū	وَيُحِقِّقِ الْحَقَّ وَيُحَقِّقَهُ
the supporter of those who cannot find any supporter save You,	waj `alhu allāhumma mafza `an limaḥlūmi `ibādika	وَأَجْعَلْهُ اللَّهُمَّ مَفْرَعًا لِمَظْلُومِ عِبَادِكَ
the reviver of the laws of Your Book that have been suspended,	wa nāṣiran liman lā yajidu lahū nāṣiran ghayraka	وَنَاصِرًا لِمَنْ لَا يَجِدُ لَهُ نَاصِرًا غَيْرَكَ
and the constructor of all signs of Your religion and instructions of Your Messenger,	wa mujaddidan limā `uṭṭila min aḥkāmi kitābika	وَمُجَدِّدًا لِمَا عُطِّلَ مِنْ أَحْكَامِ كِتَابِكَ
peace be upon him and his Household, that he will see.	wa mushayyidan limā warada min a `lāmi dīnika wa sunani nabiiyyika	وَمُشَيِّدًا لِمَا وَرَدَ مِنْ أَعْلَامِ دِينِكَ وَسُنَنِ نَبِيِّكَ
O Allah, (please) include him with those whom You protect from the domination of the aggressors.	ṣallā allāhu `alayhi wa ālihi	صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
	waj `alhu allāhumma mimman ḥaṣṣantahū min ba'si almu` tadīna	وَأَجْعَلْهُ اللَّهُمَّ مِمَّنْ حَصَّنْتَهُ مِنْ بَأْسِ الْمُعْتَدِينَ

O Allah, (please) delight  
Your Prophet Muḥammad,  
peace be upon him and his  
Household,

as well as all those who  
followed him in his  
promulgation by making  
(us) see him,

and (please) have mercy  
upon our humiliation after  
him.

O Allah, (please) relieve this  
community from the  
(current) grief through  
presenting him

and expedite his advent for  
us:

“Surely, they think it to be  
far off, and We see it nigh.”

[do all that] In the name of  
Your mercy; O most merciful  
of all those who show mercy.

You may then slap your right thigh with your hand three times and, at each time, say the following words:

(We pray for Your) earliest  
advent, earliest advent, O  
Patron of the Age.

allāhumma wa surra  
nabiyyaka muḥammadan

ṣallā allāhu `alayhi wa ālihi

biru'yatihī wa man tabi` ahū  
`alā da` watihi

warḥam istikānatanā ba`dahū

allāhumma ikshif hādhihī  
alghummata `an hādhihī al-  
ummati biḥuḍūrihī

wa `ajjil lanā zuhūrahū

innahum yarawnahū ba`īdan  
wa narāhu qarīban

birahmatika yā arḥama  
alrrāḥimīna

al`ajala al`ajala yā mawlāya  
yā ṣāḥiba alzzamāni

اللَّهُمَّ وَسُرَّ نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدًا

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

بِرُؤْيَيْتِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُ عَلَى دَعْوَتِهِ

وَأَرْحَمِ اسْتِكَانَتَنَا بَعْدَهُ

اللَّهُمَّ اكْشِفْ هَذِهِ الْغُمَّةَ عَنْ هَذِهِ

الْأُمَّةِ بِحُضُورِهِ

وَعَجِّلْ لَنَا زُهْرَهُ

«إِنَّهُمْ يَرَوْنَهُ بَعِيدًا وَنَرَاهُ قَرِيبًا.»

بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

الْعَجَلِ الْعَجَلِ يَا مَوْلَايَ يَا صَاحِبَ

الزَّمَانِ