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2 Invocation before performing Wudu

I begin with the name of Allah

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ

Invocation after performing Wudu

I testify that none deserves to be
worship save Allah

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Who has no partners

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

And I testify that Muhammad is His
slave and messenger.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

Invocation for going to the masjid

O Allah! Place light in my heart

اَللّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلْ فِيْ قَلْبِيْ نُورًا

And on my tongue light

وَفِيْ لِسَانِيْ نُورًا

And in my ears and my eyes light

وَفِيْ سَمْعِيْ نُورًا وَفِيْ بَصَرِيْ نُورًا

And to my right and my left light

وَعَنْ يَمِيْنِيْ نُورًا وَعَنْ شِمَالِيْ نُورًا

O Allah! Make for me light

اَللّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلْ لِّيْ نُورًا

Invocation for entering the masjid

O Allah! Open for me the doors of thy mercy

اَللّٰهُمَّ افْتَحْ لِيْ اَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ

Invocation for leaving the masjid

O Allah! I ask for Your Favour

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّيْ اَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ

3 What to say upon hearing the Azan

O Allah! Lord of this perfect call

اَللّٰهُمَّ رَبَّ هَذِهِ الدَّعْوَةِ التَّامَّةِ

and established prayer

وَالصَّلَاةِ الْقَائِمَةِ

Grant Muhammad (saw) the intercession
and favour

اٰتِ مُحَمَّدًا نَالُوْسِيْلَةَ وَ الْفَضِيْلَةَ

And raise him to the honoured
station You have promised him.

وَ اَبْعَثْهُ مَقَامًا مَّحْمُوْدًا نَالِدِيْنَ وَ عَدَّتْهُ

Invocation for the beginning of the prayer

Glory and praise be to You, O Allah!

سُبْحَانَكَ اَللّٰهُمَّ وَ بِحَمْدِكَ

Blessed is Your Name and Exalted is Your Majesty

وَ تَبَارَكَ اسْمُكَ وَ تَعَالَا جَدُّكَ

There is none worthy of worship save You

وَ لَا اِلٰهَ غَيْرُكَ

Invocation during Ruku (bowing)

How perfect is my Lord the exalted

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْعَظِيْمِ

Invocation for rising from the Ruku

Our Lord, praise is Yours

رَبَّنَا وَ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ

Abundant , good and blessed praise

حَمْدًا كَثِيْرًا طَيِّبًا مَبَارَكًا فِيْهِ

Invocation during Sujood (prostration)

How perfect is my Lord, the most high

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْاَعْلٰى

Invocation for sitting between two prostrations

O Allah! Forgive me

اَللّٰهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِيْ

Have mercy upon me and Provide for me

وَ اَرْزُقْنِيْ وَ اَرْزُقْ نِيْ

In memory of Sh. Azam Zahir Mohammed (may Allah have mercy upon him)

Invocation for At-Tashahhud (sitting in prayer)

All greetings of humility are for Allah

and all prayers and goodness

Peace be upon you, O prophet

and the mercy and blessings of Allah

Peace be upon us

and upon the righteous slaves of Allah

I testify that none deserves to be worship save Allah

And I testify that Muhammad(saw)

is His slave and messenger

التَّحِيَّاتُ لِلَّهِ

وَالصَّلَوَاتُ وَالطَّيِّبَاتُ

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ

وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْنَا

وَعَلَى عِبَادِ اللَّهِ الصَّالِحِينَ

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا

عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

How to recite blessing upon the prophet(s)

O Allah! Let peace come upon Muhammad

and the family of Muhammad

as You let peace come upon Ibraheem

and the family of Ibraheem.

Verily, You are praise worthy and glorious

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ

وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

O Allah! Bless Muhammad

and the family of Muhammad

as You bless Ibraheem

and the family of Ibraheem.

Verily, You are praise worthy and glorious.

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

كَمَا بَرَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ

وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

Invocation after the final Tashahhud (before ending the prayer)

O Allah! I seek refuge in You from the punishment of the grave

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّيْ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ

And from the punishment of the Hell-fire

وَمِنْ عَذَابِ جَهَنَّمَ

And from the trials of life and death

وَمِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْمَحْيَا وَالْمَمَاتِ

And from the evil of the trial of the false messiah

وَمِنْ شَرِّ فِتْنَةِ الْمَسِيْحِ الدَّجَالِ

Supplication for prostrating due to the recitation of the Quran

I have prostrated my face to the one who created it.

سَجَدَ وَجْهِيْ لِلَّذِيْ خَلَقَهُ

And gave it hearing and sight

وَشَقَّ سَمْعَهُ وَبَصَرَهُ

by His might and Power

بِحَوْلِهِ وَقُوَّتِهِ

Glory is to Allah, the best of creators

فَتَبَارَكَ اللهُ اَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِيْنَ

Supplications for after the Salaah

• Recite Three(3) times after each Salaah

I seek the forgiveness of Allah

اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ

• Recite once after each Salaah

O Allah! You are peace

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَنْتَ السَّلَامُ

From You comes peace

وَمِنْكَ السَّلَامُ

Blessed are You. O possessor of majesty and honor

تَبَارَكَتْ يَا دَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ

- **Recite once after each Salaah**

O Allah! Assist me in remembering You

And thanking You

And in venerating You in the finest of manner

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَعِنِّيْ عَلَى ذِكْرِكَ
وَشُكْرِكَ
وَحُسْنِ عِبَادَتِكَ

- **Recite Thirty Three Times after each Salaah**

How perfect is Allah!

All praises belongs to Allah

Allah is the supreme

سُبْحَانَ اللهِ
وَالْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ
وَ اللهُ اَكْبَرُ

- **Recite Once after each Salaah**

Allah! There is none worthy of worship
save He, the ever living, the one who
sustains and protects all that exists

Neither slumber nor sleep over takes Him

To Him belongs whatever is in the
heavens and whatever is on earth

Who is he that can intercede with
Him except by His leave?

He knows that which is in front of them
and that which is behind them

while they encompass nothing of His
knowledge save what He will

His throne encompasses the heavens
and the earth

and He is never weary of preserving them

For He is the most High, the Supreme.

اَللّٰهُ لَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّوْمُ

لَا تَاْخُذُهٗ سِنَةٌ وَّ لَا نَوْمٌ

لَهٗ مَا فِى السَّمٰوٰتِ وَّ مَا فِى الْاَرْضِ

مَنْ ذَا الَّذِى يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهٗٓ اِلَّا بِاِذْنِهٖ

يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ اَيْدِيهِمْ وَّ مَا خَلْفَهُمْ

وَلَا يُحِيطُوْنَ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنْ عِلْمِهٖ اِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ

وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهٗ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضَ

وَلَا يَـُٔوْدُهٗ حِفْظُهُمَا

وَ هُوَ الْعَلِىُّ الْعَظِيْمُ

- Recite ⁷once after Zuhr, Asr and Esha; and thrice (3) after Fajr and Maghrib

I begin with the name of Allah, the most
gracious, the most merciful

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Say: He is Allah the one

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

The self-sufficient master, whom all creatures
need

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ

He begets not nor was He begotten

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ

And there is none equal to Him

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

I begin with the name of Allah, the most
gracious, the most merciful

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Say: I seek refuge with the lord of the daybreak

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ

From the evil of what He has created

مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ

And from the evil of the darkness as it over
spreads

وَمِنْ شَرِّ عَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ

And from the evil of those who practice
witchcraft

وَمِنْ شَرِّ النَّفَّاثَاتِ فِي الْعُقَدِ

And from the evil of the envier when he
envies

وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ

I begin with the name of Allah, the most gracious,
the most merciful

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Say: I seek refuge with the Lord of mankind

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ

The king of Mankind

مَلِكِ النَّاسِ

The God of mankind

إِلَهِ النَّاسِ

From the evil of the malevolent whisperer as
he withdraws

مِنْ شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَنَّاسِ

Who whispers in the breast of mankind

الَّذِي يُوسْوِسُ فِي صُدُورِ النَّاسِ

From among jinns and men

مِنْ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ

- **Recite⁸ once after every Salaah**

None has the right to be worshipped save Allah alone, He has no partners

His is the dominion and His is the praise

He is able to do all things

O Allah! There is none who can withhold what You have given

And none can give what You withheld

And the might of a person cannot benefit him against You

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ
لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَ لَهُ الْحَمْدُ
وَ هُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
اللَّهُمَّ لَا مَانِعَ لِمَا أَعْطَيْتَ
وَ لَا مُعْطِي لِمَا مَنَعْتَ
وَ لَا يَنْفَعُ ذَا الْجَدِّ مِنْكَ الْجَدُّ

- **Recite once after Zuhr, Asr and Esha; an ten times (10) after Fajr and Maghrib Salaah**

None has the right to be worshipped save Allah alone, He has no partners

His is the dominion and His is the praise

He brings life and He causes death

He is able to do all things

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ
لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَ لَهُ الْحَمْدُ
يُحْيِي وَ يُمِيتُ
وَ هُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

- **Recite once**

O Allah! I beg You for knowledge that is of benefit

A worthy provision

And deeds that will be accepted

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا
وَرِزْقًا طَيِّبًا
وَعَمَلًا مُتَقَبَّلًا

O Allah! We seek your help and your forgiveness.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْتَعِينُكَ وَ نَسْتَغْفِرُكَ

We believe in You and we put our trust in You.

و نُوْمِنُ بِكَ وَ نَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْكَ

We praise You beneficently

و نُنِئِي عَلَيْكَ الْحَمْدَ

We thank You and we are not ungrateful to You

و نَشْكُرُكَ وَ لَا نَكْفُرُكَ

And we renounce and abandon whoever disobeys You

و نَخْلَعُ وَ نَتْرُكُ مَنْ يَفْجُرُكَ

O Allah! You alone do we serve and to You do we pray and prostrate

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَ لَكَ نُصَلِّي وَ نَسْجُدُ

And towards You do we move and rush

وَ إِلَيْكَ نَسْعِي وَ نَحْفِدُ

And we hope for Your mercy and we fear Your punishment

وَ تَرْجُوا رَحْمَتَكَ وَ نَخْشَى عَذَابَكَ

Surely your punishment will overtake the disbelievers.

إِنَّ عَذَابَكَ بِالْكَافِرِ مُلْحِقٌ

or

O Allah, guide me among those whom You have guided.

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنَا فِيمَنْ هَدَيْتَ

Grant me safety among those whom You have granted safety.

وَعَافِنَا فِيمَنْ عَافَيْتَ

Take me into Your charge among those whom You have taken into Your charge.

وَتَوَلَّنَا فِيمَنْ تَوَلَّيْتَ

Bless me in what You have given me.

وَبَارِكْ لَنَا فِيمَا أُعْطِيتَ

Protect me from the evil that You have decreed

وَقِنَا شَرَّ مَا قَضَيْتَ

for You decree and nothing is decreed for You.

فَإِنَّكَ تَقْضِي وَ لَا يُقْضَى عَلَيْكَ

And there is no humiliation for whom You take as a friend.

وَإِنَّهُ لَا يَذِلُّ مَنْ وَالَيْتَ

Blessed and Exalted are You, our Lord

تَبَارَكْتَ رَبَّنَا وَتَعَالَيْتَ

Supplication for waking up

Praise be to Allah who grants us life

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَحْيَانَا

After he caused us to die

بَعْدَمَا أَمَاتَنَا

And unto him is the return

وَالَيْهِ النُّشُورُ

Invocation when getting dressed

Praise be to Allah who clothe me

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي كَسَانِي

With this garment

هَذَا الثَّوْبَ

And provided it for me,

وَرَزَقْنِيهِ

Even though I was powerless myself and incapable.

مَنْ غَيْرِ حَوْلٍ مِثِّي وَ لَا قُوَّةٍ

Invocation for entering the restroom

O Allah! I seek protection in You

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ

From the male and female unclean spirits

مِنَ الْخُبْثِ وَالْخَبَائِثِ

Invocation for leaving the restroom

I seek Your forgiveness

عُفْرَانَكَ

Invocations for sneezing

- **A person who sneezes should say:**

All praises belong to Allah

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

- **A person who hears him say the above invocation should say:**

May Allah have mercy upon you

يَرْحَمُكَ اللَّهُ

- **The sneezer should respond to the above by saying:**

May Allah guide you and set your affairs in order

يَهْدِيكَمُ اللَّهُ وَيُصْلِحْ بَالَكُمْ

In memory of Sh. Azam Zahir Mohammed (may Allah have mercy upon him)

11 What to say when leaving the house

In the name of Allah, I have placed my trust
in Allah

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ

There is no might nor power except by Allah

وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

What to say when entering the house

With the name of Allah we enter

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَ لَجْنَا

And with the name of Allah we leave

و بِسْمِ اللَّهِ خَرَجْنَا

And upon our Lord we place our trust

و عَلَى رَبِّنَا تَوَكَّلْنَا

Invocation for breaking the fast

O Allah! I fasted for you

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّيْ لَكَ صُمْتُ

I believe and put my trust in You

وَبِكَ اٰمَنْتُ وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ

and I break my fast with your sustenance

وَعَلَى رِزْقِكَ افْطَرْتُ

Invocation before eating

• Before eating one should say:

In the name of Allah and with the blessings
of Allah I begin (eating)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى بَرَكَاتِهِ

• If however one forgets and remembers during the meal he should say:

I begin In the name of Allah, in the beginning and end

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ اَوَّلُهُ وَاٰخِرُهُ

Invocation after eating

All praises belongs to Allah, who fed us
and quench our thirst

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَنَا وَسَقَانَا

And who made us from the Muslims

وَجَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

A dinner guest's invocation for his host

O Allah! Bless them in what You have
provided for them

اَللّٰهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَهُمْ فِيْمَا رَزَقْتَهُمْ

Forgive them and have mercy upon them

وَاعْفِرْ لَهُمْ وَارْحَمْهُمْ

Invocation before intercourse

In the name of Allah. O Allah! Keep the
devil away from us

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ اَللّٰهُمَّ جَنِّبْنَا الشَّيْطَانَ

And keep the devil away from that which You
provide for us

وَجَنِّبِ الشَّيْطَانَ مَا رَزَقْتَنَا

Invocation for the expiation of an assembly

Glory be to You, O Allah! And all praises are for You

سُبْحَانَكَ اَللّٰهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ

We testify that none has the right to be worshipped
save You

نَشْهَدُ اَنْ لَا اِلَهَ اِلَّا اَنْتَ

We seek your forgiveness and repent to You

نَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَنَتُوبُ اِلَيْكَ

Invocation for travelling

How perfect is He, the One who has placed
this at our service

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَنَا هَذَا

And we ourselves would not have been
capable of that

وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ

And to our lord is our final destiny

وَإِنَّا اِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ

Words of remembrance for morning and evening

- Recite four (4) times each morning and evening. In the evening interchange

أَمْسَيْتُ with أَصْبَحْتُ

Oh Allah, I have entered a new morning and I
call upon You

and upon the bearers of Your Throne

Upon angels and all creations to bear
witness
that surely You are Allah, there is none
worthy of worship but You

alone, You have no partners

And that Muhammad is Your slave and
Your messenger.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَصْبَحْتُ أَشْهَدُكَ
وَأَشْهَدُ حَمَلَةَ عَرْشِكَ
وَمَلَائِكَتَكَ وَجَمِيعَ خَلْقِكَ
أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ
وَحْدَكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ
وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُكَ وَرَسُولُكَ

- Recite once (1) each morning and evening. In the evening interchange

أَمْسَيْنَا وَاُأْمَسَى With أَصْبَحْنَا وَ أَصْبَحَ

We have entered a new day and with it all
dominion is Allah's.

All praises belong to Allah

None has the right to be worshipped
but Allah alone, Who has no partners.

To Allah belongs the dominion, and to Him
belongs all praises

And He is able to do all things

My Lord, I ask You for the goodness
of this day

and of the days that come after it

And I seek refuge in You from
the evil of this day

And of the days that come after it

My Lord, I seek refuge in You from laziness

And helpless old age

My Lord, I seek refuge in You from
the punishment of the hell-fire

And from the punishment of the grave.

أَصْبَحْنَا وَ أَصْبَحَ الْمُلْكُ لِلَّهِ
وَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ
لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَ لَهُ الْحَمْدُ
وَ هُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
رَبِّ أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ مَا فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ
وَ خَيْرَ مَا بَعْدَهُ
وَ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ
وَ شَرِّ مَا بَعْدَهُ
رَبِّ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْكَسَلِ
وَ سُوءِ الْكِبَرِ
رَبِّ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابٍ فِي النَّارِ
وَ عَذَابٍ فِي الْقَبْرِ

In memory of Sh. Azam Zahir Mohammed (may Allah have mercy upon him)

- **Recite ¹⁶once (1) each morning and evening. In the evening interchange**

أَمْسَى with أَصْبَحَ

Oh Allah, whatever blessing has been received by me

or by anyone of Your creation

Is from You alone, You have no partners.

All praises and thanks belong to You.

اللَّهُمَّ مَا أَصْبَحَ بِي مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ
أَوْ بِأَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ
فَمِنْكَ وَحْدَكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ
فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ وَ لَكَ الشُّكْرُ

- **Recite thrice (3) each morning and evening**

Oh Allah, make me healthy in my body.

Oh Allah, preserve for me my hearing.

Oh Allah, preserve for me my sight.

There is none worthy of worship but You.

Oh Allah, I seek refuge in You

from disbelief and poverty

And I seek refuge in You from the punishment of the grave.

There is none worthy of worship save You.

اللَّهُمَّ عَافِنِي فِي بَدَنِي
اللَّهُمَّ عَافِنِي فِي سَمْعِي
اللَّهُمَّ عَافِنِي فِي بَصَرِي
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ
مِنَ الْكُفْرِ وَالْفَقْرِ
وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

- **Recite thrice (3) every morning and evening**

In the name of Allah, Who

with His name nothing can cause harm

in the earth nor in the heavens,

And He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي
لَا يَضُرُّ مَعَ اسْمِهِ شَيْءٌ
فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ
وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

• ¹⁵ Recite Once each morning and evening

Oh Allah, I seek Your forgiveness

and Your protection in this world and the next.

Oh Allah, I seek Your forgiveness

and Your protection in my religion, and In my worldly affairs,

In my family and in my wealth.

Oh Allah, conceal my secrets

And preserve me from anguish.

Oh Allah, guard me from what is in front of me

and what is behind me, And from my left,

And from my right, And from above me

I seek refuge in Your Greatness

From being struck down from beneath me.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ
وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ
وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي دِينِي وَدُنْيَايَ
وَأَهْلِي وَمَالِي
اللَّهُمَّ اسْتُرْ عَوْرَاتِي
وَأَمِنْ رَوْعَاتِي
اللَّهُمَّ احْصِطْنِي مِنْ يَمِينِ يَدَيْ
وَمِنْ خَلْفِي وَعَنْ يَمِينِي
وَعَنْ شِمَالِي وَمِنْ فَوْقِي
وَأَعُوذُ بِعَظَمَتِكَ
أَنْ أُغْتَالَ مِنْ تَحْتِي

• Recite Once each morning and evening ¹⁶ أَمْسَيْنَا وَ أَمْسَى With أَصْبَحْنَا وَ أَصْبَحَ

We have entered a new day and with it all the dominions of Allah

Lord of all that exists

Oh Allah, I ask You for the goodness of this day:

its victory, and its help, and its light

And its blessing, and its guidance.

I seek refuge in You from the evil that is in it

And from the evil that follows it.

أَصْبَحْنَا وَ أَصْبَحَ الْمُلْكُ لِلَّهِ
رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ هَذَا الْيَوْمِ:
فَتْحَهُ وَ نَصْرَهُ وَ نُورَهُ
وَ بَرَكَتَهُ وَ هُدَاهُ
وَ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا فِيهِ
وَ شَرِّ مَا بَعْدَهُ

• ¹⁶ Recite Once each morning and evening

Oh Allah, Knower of the unseen and the evident

Maker of the heavens and the earth

Lord of everything and its Possessor

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship but You.

I seek refuge in You from the evil of my soul

And from the evil of Satan and his helpers.

(I seek refuge in You) from bringing evil upon my soul

And from harming any Muslim.

اللَّهُمَّ عَالِمُ الْغَيْبِ وَ الشَّهَادَةِ
فَاطِرُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

رَبِّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَ مَلِكُهُ

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ نَفْسِي

و مِنْ شَرِّ الشَّيْطَانِ وَ شِرْكِهِ

و أَنْ أَقْتَرِفَ عَلَى نَفْسِي سُوءًا

أَوْ أَجْرَهُ إِلَى مُسْلِمٍ

• Recite thrice (3) every morning and evening

I am pleased with Allah as my Lord

And with Islam as my religion

And with Muhammad (S.A.W) as my Prophet

رَضِيتُ بِاللَّهِ رَبًّا

و بِالْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا

و بِمُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ سَلَّمَ نَبِيًّا

• Recite thrice (3) every morning and evening

How perfect is Allah and all praises belong to Him

By the multitude of His creation

And by His pleasure

And by the weight of His Throne

And by the extent of His words

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَ بِحَمْدِهِ:

عَدَدَ خَلْقِهِ

وَ رِضَا نَفْسِهِ

وَ زِينَةَ عَرْشِهِ

وَ مِدَادَ كَلِمَاتِهِ

• **Recite ¹⁷ Once each morning and evening**

Oh Ever Living One, Oh Eternal One

by Your mercy I call on You

To set right for me all of my affairs.

Do not place me in charge of my soul,
even for the blinking of an eye

يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ
بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ
أَصْلِحْ لِّيْ شَأْنِيْ كُلَّهُ
وَلَا تَكِلْنِيْ إِلَى نَفْسِيْ طَرْفَةَ عَيْنٍ

• **Recite seven (7) times each morning and evening**

Allah is sufficient for me.

There is none worthy of worship but Him.

I have placed my trust in Him,

And He is Lord of the Majestic Throne

حَسْبِيَ اللّٰهُ
لَا إِلٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ
عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ
وَ هُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيْمِ

• **Recite one hundred (100) times during the day**

I seek the forgiveness of Allah and I repent to Him.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللّٰهَ وَ أَتُوْبُ إِلَيْهِ

• **Recite thrice (3) every morning and evening**

I seek refuge in the Perfect Words of Allah

From the evil of what He has created.

أَعُوْذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللّٰهِ التَّامَّاتِ
مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ

• **Recite ten (10) times in the morning and evening.**

Oh Allah, we ask for Your peace and blessings

Upon our Prophet Muhammad.

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ
عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

• **Recite one hundred (100) times during the day**

How perfect is Allah and all praises belong
to Him

سُبْحَانَ اللّٰهِ وَ بِحَمْدِهِ

In memory of Sh. Azam Zahir Mohammed (may Allah have mercy upon him)

سَيِّدُ الْإِسْتِغْفَارِ

The Prophet (saw) said: "whoever recites it with conviction in the morning and dies during that time will enter paradise."

- Recite once (1) after dawn and after sunset

O Allah! You are my lord; There is none worthy of worship save You.

You created me and I am Your slave

I keep Your covenant

and pledge as much as I am able

I seek refuge in You from the evil of what I have done.

I admit to Your favours upon me

And I admit my misdeeds

So forgive me

For there is none who may forgive sins besides You

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَنْتَ رَبِّيْ لَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اَنْتَ

خَلَقْتَنِيْ وَاَنَا عَبْدُكَ

وَاَنَا عَلَى عَهْدِكَ

وَوَعْدِكَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُ

اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ

اَبُوْءُ لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ عَلَيَّ

وَاَبُوْءُ بِذَنْبِيْ

فَاغْفِرْ لِيْ

فَاِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوْبَ اِلَّا اَنْتَ

Salaat-ul-Istikhaarah

Whenever a person is faced with a difficult problem, or becomes hesitant in making a decision and his knowledge of the matter is insufficient to guide him then after seeking advice from trusted friends he should turn to Allah and beseech His grace. He should willingly and with an open heart and mind supplicate for divine guidance and ask for direction so that the problem is solved in his own best interest. The Du'aa at such an occasion is called Istikhaarah.

Jabir Ibn Abdullah (r) said: "*The Prophet (saw) used to teach us to seek Allah's (swt) counsel in all matters, as he used to teach us a surah from the Quran. He would say: 'When anyone of you has an important matter to decide, let him pray two rakaahs other than the obligatory prayer, and then say:*

O Allah! I seek the counsel of Your knowledge

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْتَخِيرُكَ بِعِلْمِكَ

And I seek the help of Your supremacy

وَأَسْتَقْدِرُكَ بِقُدْرَتِكَ

And I implore You for Your magnificent grace

وَأَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الْعَظِيمِ

Surely You are capable and I'm not

فَإِنَّكَ تَقْدِرُ وَلَا أَقْدِرُ

You know and I do not

وَتَعْلَمُ وَلَا أَعْلَمُ

And You are the knower of the unseen

وَأَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ

O Allah if You know than this matter....

اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ

Mention the matter

Is beneficial for me in my religion

خَيْرٌ لِي فِي دِينِي

and in my life and for my welfare in the life to come

وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِبَةُ أَمْرِي

Ordain it for me and make it easy for me

فَأَقْضِرْهُ لِي وَيَسِّرْهُ لِي

Then bless me in it.

ثُمَّ بَارِكْ لِي فِيهِ

And if You know that this matter

وَإِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ

Is detrimental for me in my religion

شَرٌّ لِي فِي دِينِي

and in my life and for my welfare in the life to come

وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِبَةُ أَمْرِي

Distance it from me and me from it

فَاَصْرِفْهُ عَنِّي وَاصْرِفْنِي عَنْهُ

And ordain for me what is beneficial wherever it may be,

وَأَقْضِرْ لِي الْخَيْرَ حَيْثُ كَانَ

and help me to be content with it.

ثُمَّ أَرْضِنِي بِهِ

- **Recite once (1)**

The messenger believes in what has been revealed to him

ءَامَنَ الرَّسُولُ بِمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْهِ

from his Lord, and (so do) the believers;

مِن رَّبِّهِ وَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

they all believe in Allah and His angels

كُلٌّ ءَامَنَ بِاللّٰهِ وَ مَلَائِكَتِهِ

and His books and His messengers;

وَ كُتُبِهِ وَ رُسُلِهِ

We make no difference between any of His messengers;

لَا تَفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّن رُّسُلِهِ

and they say: We hear and obey

وَ قَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا

Our Lord! Thy forgiveness (do we crave), and to Thee is the eventual course.

عُفْرَانِكَ رَبَّنَا وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ

Allah does not impose upon any soul a duty but to the extent of its ability

لَا يَكْلِفُ اللّٰهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا

It gets every good that it earns, and it suffers every ill that it earns

لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ وَ عَلَيْهَا مَا اكْتَسَبَتْ

Our Lord! Take us not to task if we forget or make a mistake

رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا إِن نَّسِينَا أَوْ أَخْطَأْنَا

Our Lord! do not lay on us a burden, as Thou did lay

رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْنَا إِصْرًا كَمَا حَمَلْتَهُ

upon those before us

عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلُنَا

Our lord! Impose not upon us that which we cannot bear

رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْنَا مَا لَاطَاقَةٌ لَّنَا بِهِ

and pardon us and grant us protection and have mercy on us

وَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمْنَا

You are our protector, so help us

أَنْتَ مَوْلَانَا فَانصُرْنَا

against those who deny the truth

عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

• **Recite²¹ Thrice (3)**

Allah! There is none worthy of worship save He,
the ever living, the one who sustains and
protects all that exists

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ

Neither slumber nor sleep over takes Him

لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ

To Him belongs whatever is in the
heavens and whatever is on earth

لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ

Who is he that can intercede with Him
except by His leave?

مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ

He knows that which is in front of them and
that which is behind them

يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ

while they encompass nothing of
His knowledge save what He will

وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ

His throne encompasses the heavens and
the earth

وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ

and He is never weary of preserving them

وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا

For He is the most High, the Supreme.

وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ

• **Recite once (1)**

O Allah! I submit myself to You

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَسْلَمْتُ نَفْسِيْ اِلَيْكَ

Entrust my affairs to You

وَفَوَّضْتُ اَمْرِيْ اِلَيْكَ

Turn my face to you

وَ وَجَّهْتُ وَجْهِيَ اِلَيْكَ

And I place my reliance to You

وَ اَلْجِئْتُ ظَهْرِيْ اِلَيْكَ

Hoping in You and fearing You

رَغْبَةً وَ رَهْبَةً اِلَيْكَ

There is no refuge, and no escape,
except to You

لَا مَلْجَا وَ لَا مَنَاجَا مِنْكَ اِلَّا اِلَيْكَ

I believe in Your book that You
revealed

اٰمَنْتُ بِكِتٰبِكَ الَّذِيْ اَنْزَلْتَ

And the prophet whom You sent

وَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الَّذِيْ اَرْسَلْتَ

• **Recite thrice (3)**

I begin with the name of Allah, the most
gracious, the most merciful

Say: He is Allah the one

The self-sufficient master, whom all creatures
need

He begets not nor was He begotten

And there is none equal to Him

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

I begin with the name of Allah, the most
gracious, the most merciful

Say: I seek refuge with the lord of the
daybreak

From the evil of what He has created

And from the evil of the darkness as it
over spreads

And from the evil of those who practice
witchcraft

And from the evil of the envier when he
envies

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ

مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ

وَمِنْ شَرِّ عَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ

وَمِنْ شَرِّ النَّفَّاثَاتِ فِي الْعُقَدِ

وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ

I begin with the name of Allah, the most
gracious, the most merciful

Say: I seek refuge with the Lord of
mankind

The king of Mankind

The God of mankind

From the evil of the malevolent whisperer
as he withdraws

Who whispers in the breast of
mankind

From among jinns and men

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ

مَلِكِ النَّاسِ

إِلَهِ النَّاسِ

مِنْ شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَنَّاسِ

الَّذِي يُوَسْوِسُ فِي صُدُورِ النَّاسِ

مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ

• **Recite once**

O Allah! With Your name, I die and live

اَللّٰهُمَّ بِاسْمِكَ اَمُوتُ وَ اَحْيَا

• **Recite Surah Al-Mulk, Surah As-Sajdah, Surah Al-Yasin and Surah**

Al-Wakiah

In memory of Sh. Azam Zahir Mohammed (may Allah have mercy upon him)

- Recite after the first takbeer

Glory be to You, O Allah! And praise be to You

And blessed is Your name

And exalted is Your majesty

And magnified is Your praise

And There is none worthy of worship besides You

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ

وَتَبَارَكَ اسْمُكَ

وَتَعَالَى جَدُّكَ

وَجَلَّ ثَنَاؤُكَ

وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ

- Recite after the second takbeer

O Allah! Let peace come upon Muhammad (saw)

and the family of Muhammad

as You let peace come upon Ibraheem

and the family of Ibraheem.

Verily, You are praise worthy and glorious

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ

وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

O Allah! Bless Muhammad

and the family of Muhammad

as You bless Ibraheem

and the family of Ibraheem.

Verily, You are praise worthy and glorious.

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ

وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

• ²⁶ Recite after the third takbeer

O Allah! forgive our living and our deceased

The present and the absent

The small and the big

The male and the female

O Allah! whom so ever you grant life among us

Then grant him life upon the religion of Islam

And whom so ever you cause to die among us

Then grant him death with perfect faith

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِحَيِّتِنَا وَمَيِّتِنَا

وَشَاهِدِنَا وَعَائِدِنَا

وَصَغِيرَنَا وَكَبِيرَنَا

وَذَكَرَنَا وَأُنْثَانَا

اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ أَحْيَيْتَهُ مِنَّا

فَأَحْيِهِ عَلَى الْإِسْلَامِ

وَمَنْ تَوَفَّيْتَهُ مِنَّا

فَتَوَفَّهُ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ

• Give salaam after the fourth takbeer

Bathing the dead

- The wife is permitted to wash her husband. Nevertheless the opposite is NOT allowed (a husband to wash his wife).
- If a female dies amongst men, they are to purify her with tayammum, and the person who conducts this, is to wrap a cloth around his hand. And vice versa.
- If the female is unmarried (mahram) they are allowed to give her tayammum without a cloth as he is allowed to touch the areas of tayammum. And vice versa.
- It is permitted for a man to wash a premature girl as long as he does not desire her. And vice versa.
- There is no harm if one kisses the deceased out of love.
- Cotton is not used during the washing.
- The beard nails, and hair of the deceased are not to be cut, trimmed or combed.

- The deceased is to be placed on a bench (platform) which is lightly fumigated with incense or a scented compound by circling the washing bench in odd numbers- such as three, five or seven times.
- It is permissible to place the body in one of two positions. One may place the feet of the deceased facing towards the qibla, or one may face the right side of the deceased facing towards qibla
- Thereafter the private area is covered, which is between the umbilicus and the knees.
- The clothes of the deceased are then removed and he is given wudu without rinsing the nostrils or the mouth. Though a child who is not mentally competent for prayer is not given wudu.
- If however the deceased is in a state of sexual impurity (such as after sexual intercourse or is a menstruating woman or a woman with post natal bleeding) they are to have their nostrils and mouth gently rinsed.
- Upon completion of wudu, water which has been boiled with sidr (lote tree leaves) or hudur (a type of leaf) is poured on the deceased. Dungs leaf is usually used in Guyana. Soap may also be used. Plain water may be used if none of the above is available. This is done three or five or more times and is detailed as follows:
 - The head of the deceased including the beard is washed with a sweet smelling agent (soap).
 - Thereafter the deceased is tilted unto the left side and is then washed until water reaches the part that touches the bed side. During this tilt water is poured from head to toe. The body is then placed onto its right side and similarly bathed, until the water reaches the entire body.
 - The deceased is then inclined in a sitting posture slightly leaning forward (to prevent him from falling) and the stomach is gently messaged. (To clear away any traces of remaining bodily substances). Whatever exits the body is to be washed away.
- Numbers 7 to 9 is repeated 3 or 5 or more times if necessary.
- The deceased is then dried with a cloth. Hanut (aromatic compound or itthir or perfume) may be placed upon his head and beard.
- Thereafter, the places that touch the ground for prostration are rubbed with Kafur (camphor). I.e. it is to be placed upon the forehead, nose, hands, knees and the feet.

- The Sunnah shrouding of a man consists of :
 - i. A shirt: which extends from the base of the neck to the feet.
 - ii. A wrapper (Izhar): which is the inner shroud which covers from head to feet.
 - iii. An outer wrapper (lafafah): its length being longer than one's body, extending beyond the head and feet with which the entire body can be wrapped with the allowance made for the tying of knots at the two ends.
- White cotton is the best and preferred type of shrouding.
- First position the outer wrapper (lafafah) (iii) on the bench, and the inner wrapper (izhar) (ii) over that, after which the deceased is made to wear the shirt (i) and set down on these shrouds.
- The inner wrapper (izhar) is first folded from the left side, then from the right side. (So that the right will be above the left). Thereafter the outer garment (lafafah) is folded similarly.
- The shroud may then be knotted at the two ends.
- In the Sunnah shroud for the woman two (2) extra cloths are added (to that of the man's):
 - iv. The first is a veil (khimar) to cover her head and face.
 - v. The second is used to cover her breasts that extend from the chest areas to her knees.
- The female is made to wear the shirt (i). Her hair is then divided into two and placed on the respective breasts over the shirt.
- The veil (iv) is then placed upon the head and face over the shirt so that it will end up being under the inner garment.
- The inner garment (ii) is tied
- Then the outer cloth (iii) is tied.
- The breast cloth (v) is then tied over the outer to prevent them from unfolding and potential exposure.
- Hence, we have the shirt (i), followed by the veil (v), inner wrapper (ii), outer wrapper (iii), and the breast tie (v).

Invocation for visiting the sick

- **Repeat seven (7) times:**

I ask Almighty Allah

Lord of the magnificent Throne

To make you well

أَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ
رَبَّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ
أَنْ يَشْفِيكَ

What to do when you feel a pain in your body

- **Place your hand on the pain and recite thrice (3)**

In the name of Allah

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ

- **Then say**

I seek refuge in Allah and in His power

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ وَ قُدْرَتِهِ

From the evil of what I find and what I guard against

مِنْ شَرِّ مَا أَجِدُ وَأُحَازِرُ

Invocation in times of worry and grief

O Allah! I seek refuge in You

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّيْ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ

from grief and sadness

مِنْ الْحَزَنِ وَالْحَزَنِ

From weakness and laziness

وَالْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ

From miserliness and cowardice

وَالْبُخْلِ وَالْجُبْنِ

From being overcome by debt and
overpowered by men

وَصَلَعَ الدَّيْنِ وَ غَلَبَةِ الرِّجَالِ

What to say if you fear people will harm you

O Allah! Protect me against them however You wish

اَللّٰهُمَّ اكْفِنِيْهِمْ بِمَا شِئْتَ

28 Invocation for when tragedy strikes

We are from Allah and unto Him we return

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

O Allah! Take me out my plight

اللَّهُمَّ أَجْرِنِي فِي مُصِيبَتِي

And bring to me after it something better

وَأَخْلِفْ لِي خَيْرًا مِنْهَا

What to say when you find something becoming difficult

O Allah! There is no ease save
what You make easy

اللَّهُمَّ لَا سَهْلَ إِلَّا مَا جَعَلْتَهُ سَهْلًا

If You please You ease sorrow

وَأَنْتَ تَجْعَلُ الْحَزْنَ إِذَا شِئْتَ سَهْلًا

Invocation for when something you dislike happens, or for when you fail to achieve what you attempt to do

It is the decree of Allah and He
does whatever He wills

قَدَرُ اللَّهِ وَ مَا شَاءَ فَعَلَ

What a Muslim should say when he is praised

O Allah! Do not call me to account for what they
say

اللَّهُمَّ لَا تُؤَاخِذْنِي بِمَا يَقُولُونَ

And forgive me for what they have no
knowledge of

وَ اغْفِرْ لِي مَا لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

And make me better than they imagine

وَ اجْعَلْنِي خَيْرًا مِمَّا يَطْنُونَ

Invocation for someone you have spoken ill to

O Allah, whomever of the believers I have
abused

اللَّهُمَّ فَإِنَّمَا مُؤْمِنٍ سَبَبْتُهُ

grant him the reward of a sacrificial
slaughter

فَاجْعَلْ ذَلِكَ لَهُ قُرْبَةً

for it on the Day of Resurrection

إِلَيْكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

Invocation for someone who does well to you

May Allah increase you in good

جَزَاكَ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا

In memory of Sh. Azam Zahir Mohammed (may Allah have mercy upon him)

All praises belong to Allah

We seek his assistance, and ask his forgiveness

and we seek refuge in Allah from the evil of our souls

and from the evil of our actions.

Whomever Allah guides, none can mislead him.

Whomever he leads astray, none can guide him.

I testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah

alone without partner

and I testify that Muhammad (s)

is his slave and Messenger.

To proceed

O You who believe! Fear Allah

as He should be feared and do not die

except in a state of Islam

O ye who believe! Have taqwa of Allah

and speak words straight to the point

He will direct you to do good deeds and will forgive you your sins

And whoever obeys Allah and his Messenger

He has indeed achieved a great achievement

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ حَمْدُهُ

وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ

وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا

وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا

مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ

وَمَنْ يَضِلَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا

عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

أَمَّا بَعْدُ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ

حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ

إِلَّا وَ أَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ

وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ

وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ

فَقَدْ فَارَّ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

O mankind! be dutiful to Your Lord

who created You from a single person (Adam)

and from Him, He created his wife

and from them both He created many men and women

and fear Allah through whom You demand Your mutual (rights)

and (Do not cut the relations of) the wombs.

Surely, Allah is ever watching over you.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا

رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ

وَ خَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا

وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً

وَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ

وَالْأَرْحَامَ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبٌ

Indeed the best speech is the book of Allah

and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad(s)

And the worst of matters are those innovated by the people

and every innovated matter is a bid'ah

and every bid'ah is going astray,

and every going astray is in the fire

فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ

وَ خَيْرَ الْهَدْيِ هَدْيُ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

وَ شَرُّ الْأُمُورِ مُحَدَّثَاتُهَا

وَ كُلُّ مُحَدَّثَةٍ بِدْعَةٌ

وَ كُلُّ بِدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ

وَ كُلُّ ضَلَالَةٍ فِي النَّارِ

Having said this

I seek Allah's forgiveness for myself and for you

and for all the Muslims from every sin.

So seek forgiveness. Verily He is most forgiving, most merciful.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا

وَ أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ

وَ لِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ

فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

Sit and then stand

All praises belong to Allah and we send salaam and salutation

upon the messenger of Allah (s)

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ

عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Lo! Allah and His³¹ angels shower
blessings on the Prophet

O you who believe!

Ask blessings on him; salute him
with a worthy salutation

O Allah! Let peace come upon Muhammad

and the family of Muhammad

as You let peace come upon Ibraheem

and the family of Ibraheem.

Verily, You are praise worthy and glorious

O Allah! Bless Muhammad

and the family of Muhammad

as You bless Ibraheem

and the family of Ibraheem.

Verily, You are praise worthy and glorious.

Our lord! Forgive me and my parents

and the believers on the day of judgement

Our lord! Bestow on us patient
and set firm our feet

and give us help against those who reject faith

Our lord! Take us not to task

if we forget or fall into error

Our lord! Lay not upon us

such a burden as You placed

upon those before us

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا
صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ
وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ
إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ
اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
كَمَا بَرَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ
وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ
إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ
وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ

رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا
وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا
إِنْ نَسِينَا أَوْ أَخْطَأْنَا

رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْنَا
إِصْرًا كَمَا حَمَلْتَهُ
عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِنَا

In memory of Sh. Azam Zahir Mohammed (may Allah have mercy upon him)

Our lord! Impose not upon us that which we cannot bear

grant us forgiveness and have mercy upon us

You are our protector, so help us against those who deny the truth

Glory to thy Lord, the Lord of Honour and Power

(He is free) from what they ascribe (to Him)

and Peace be on the messengers.

And all praises belong to Allah, the Lord and Cherisher of the Worlds

O servants of Allah!

Allah commands justice, the doing of good

and giving to kith and kin

and He forbids all indecent deeds

evil and rebellion

He instructs you, that ye may receive admonition

Remember Allah! And He will remember you

Thank Him for His blessings and He will increase them

And verily, The remembrance of Allah is the greatest thing

And Allah knows what you do

And establish salaah

رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْنَا مَا لَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا بِهِ

وَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمْنَا

أَنْتَ مَوْلَانَا فَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّكَ رَبِّ الْعِزَّةِ

عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ

وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ

وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ

وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ

وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ

وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ

يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

أَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ

وَأَشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ

وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَىٰ أَكْبَرُ

وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ

وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ

- I. Turning to the representative (Wakeel) of the bride: *"Brother (Mention his name), you are the representative of the bride (Mention her name). Have you obtained her consent for this nikah?"*
- II. Turning to the first witness: *"Brother (Mention his name) were you witness to the consent?"*
- III. Turning to the second witness: *"Brother (Mention his name) was you also witness to the consent?"*
- IV. Turning back to the representative of the bride (wakeel): *"Brother (Mention his name), do I have your permission to perform this nikah?"*
- V. Recite the Khutbah.
- VI. After the khutbah - ask the representative of the bride to make a proposal to the groom.

رَوِّجْتُكَ >> بِنْتِي (specify relation if she is family / leave blank if she is not/ (my daughter)
 عَلَى مَهْرٍ >> حُلِيِّ / نَقُودٍ (money) << أَمَامَ شَاهِدَيْنِ (Mention her name)
 (Mention their names)

- VII. Ask the bridegroom to respond. If he accepts he should say the following:

قَبِلْتُ النِّكَاحَ

- VIII. Thereafter recite this dua:

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لَكُمَا وَبَرَكَ عَلَيْكُمَا وَجَمَعَ بَيْنَكُمَا فِي خَيْرٍ

May Allah bless both of you, and shower you with blessing and unite you in goodness.

All praises belong to Allah

We seek his assistance, and ask his forgiveness

and we seek refuge in Allah from the evil of our souls

and from the evil of our actions.

Whomever Allah guides, none can mislead him.

Whomever he leads astray, none can guide him.

I testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah

alone without partner

and I testify that Muhammad (s)

is his slave and Messenger.

To proceed

O You who believe! Fear Allah

as He should be feared and do not die

except in a state of Islam

O ye who believe! Have taqwa of Allah

and speak words straight to the point

He will direct you to do good deeds and will forgive you your sins

And whoever obeys Allah and his Messenger

He has indeed achieved a great achievement

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ تَحْمَدُهُ

وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ

وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا

وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا

مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ

وَمَنْ يَضِلَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا

عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

أَمَّا بَعْدُ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ

حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ

إِلَّا وَ أَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ

وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ

وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ

فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

O mankind! be dutiful to Your Lord

who created You from a single person (Adam)

and from Him, He created his wife

and from them both He created many men
and women

and fear Allah through whom You demand
Your mutual (rights)

and (Do not cut the relations of) the wombs.

Surely, Allah is ever watching over you.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا

رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ

وَ خَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا

وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً

وَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ

وَالْأَرْحَامَ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

Indeed the best speech is the book of Allah

and the best guidance is the
guidance of Muhammad(s)

And the worst of matters are those
innovated by the people

and every innovated matter is a bid'ah

and every bid'ah is going astray,

and every going astray is in the fire

فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ

وَ خَيْرُ الْهَدْيِ هَدْيُ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

وَ شَرُّ الْأُمُورِ مُحْدَثَاتُهَا

وَ كُلُّ مُحْدَثَةٍ بِدْعَةٌ

وَ كُلُّ بِدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ

وَ كُلُّ ضَلَالَةٍ فِي النَّارِ

Indeed! Allah has made Nikah lawful
and recommends it

And has prohibited immoralities and
admonishes against it

إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَحَلَّ النِّكَاحَ وَ نَدَبَ إِلَيْهِ

وَ حَرَّمَ السَّفَاحَ وَ وَعَظَ عَلَيْهِ

O gathering of youths!

Whoever among you has the means to
get marry, should do

Because it is best in lowering one's
gaze and protecting one's chastity

And whosoever cannot

Then he should observe fast , for indeed it is
a protection for him

يَا مَعْشَرَ الشَّبَابِ

مَنْ اسْتَطَاعَ مِنْكُمُ الْبَاءَةَ فَلْيَتَزَوَّجْ

فَإِنَّهُ أَغْضُ لِلْبَصَرِ وَ أَحْصَنُ لِلْفَرْجِ

وَ مَنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ

فَعَلَيْهِ بِالصَّوْمِ فَإِنَّهُ لَهُ وَجَاءٌ

Marry the loving, fertile women

تَزَوُّجُوا الْوُدُودَ الْوَلُودَ

For indeed the nations shall increase
through you

فَإِنِّي مُكَاتِّرٌ بِكُمْ الْأُمَمَ

The world is filled with pleasure and enjoyment

الدُّنْيَا مَتَاعٌ

but the best of enjoyment is a righteous wife.

وَ خَيْرَ مَتَاعِهَا الْمَرْأَةُ الصَّالِحَةُ

- **Sh. Azam Zahir Mohammed** was born in Guyana and was involved in Islamic work from an early age (especially that of the GIT's but not restricted to).
- He graduated from St. Stanislaus College and subsequently became a young school teacher.
- He has done Islamic work in all parts of Guyana including Linden and Essequibo.
- During his tenure as ameer of the Islamic work in Essequibo, he married his devoted wife Sis Yasmin. She balanced out his ebullience and vivacity with calm and elegance.
- He earned a degree in Management and a post graduate diploma in International Relations at the University of Guyana.
- He then left his beloved Guyana to further studies at the prestigious Umm al-Qura University in Makkah al-Mukarramah. After completing the Arabic Language Institute, he earned a diploma in Teaching Arabic Language as a foreign Language. Subsequently he graduated from Umm al-Qura with a degree in Qadha (Islamic Jurisprudence)
- He has taught Islamic Studies and English Language at various private schools and universities in Saudi Arabia including Masjid Al-Haram (the sacred Mosque). During his stay in Makkah, Sh. Azam generously hosted many Hajj delegations from Guyana, Trinidad, Canada, the USA and the Caribbean.
- His desire was always to assist the work in Guyana and in the final years of his life, he had been appointed principal of the **Guyana Islamic Institute** in excess of two years ranging from 2010 – 2012.
- Moreover, he was the Imam of both mosque in Alexander Village: New Mosque before going to KSA and Old Mosque after returning to Guyana.
- Even though he was over fifty years old, his fervid and insatiable love for knowledge did not cease. It led him to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where he enrolled in a Master's program at the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) – he was just commencing this program when Allah summoned his soul back to him on **November 6, 2012**.
- We know that our lives have been much enriched as a result of his extraordinary friendship. We are grateful to him for this and we implore Allah to give his family patience as they try to cope with this unrecoverable loss.
- We pray that Allah accepts his good deeds, absolve his infringements, fill his grave with light and to grant him Jannah-tul-Firdous.

In memory of Sh. Azam Zahir Mohammed (may Allah have mercy upon him)

Sh. Azam Zahir Mohammed

(may Allah have mercy upon him)



A prolific Islamic worker, a discerning leader, a mesmerizing Orator, a persevering teacher, an avid sportsman, a devoted husband, a bona fide friend, an empathetic employer, an astute thinker, an altruistic Samaritan and a fanatical student of knowledge.

He was an outspoken advocate for what he believed in and would correct anyone who he thought was in the wrong. Often, this caused him to be in trouble - as some interpreted his desire to assist and counsel them to be too abrasive. He never showed any sign of animosity when you met him. He is always delighted to see you and is always the first to give salaam. He leaved his path to come and shake your hands - even if you were a nonentity. His love was unpretentious. He was tremendously affable and had a gift of gab that endeared him to all who he met. When he was in a room, he was always the center of attention. He would engage everyone in conversation and delight them with his infectious laugh. His passion for learning and teaching is unsurmountable. Undoubtedly, his impact will be felt for years to come. To replace him would be a notably daunting task.

The Guyana Islamic Institute was established on the 26th of January, 1986, by the Guyana Islamic Trust under the stewardship of Dr. Irshad A Azami from India. At the time, Shaykh Irshad was a Darul Ifta Daiyah (Missionary) working in Guyana. Several other Shaykhs and Islamic Workers from the GIT, worked along with him to establish the Institute. The support for the project was indeed overwhelming.

Today, former GII graduates are serving as Imams, teachers, social workers and Islamic workers in various communities, organizations and institutions in Guyana, the Caribbean and North America.

Generous contributions from our Muslim donors and supporters ensured that the GII survived until today. The GII is forever grateful to all of these wonderful people.

Our goal is to implement and devise teaching and training strategies that will encourage students to develop through their natural propensity (fitrah) and strengthen their spirituality; enrich their Muslim character and identity; develop their intellectual alertness and abilities and provide the tools for them to fulfill their roles as Muslims, Islamic workers and responsible citizens.

We seek your support and prayers in this endeavor, for Allah (swt) to make our joint efforts successful in raising generations of Muslims who shall follow in the footsteps of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his illustrious Companions and their noble predecessors.

We currently offer three courses:

Tahfeez Program (memorization of Quran)

One year Islamic Studies and Arabic Language Certificate Program

Two year Diploma in Islamic Studies, Arabic Language and Social Work