

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Chapter Seven

MISHKAAT U'S-SALAWAAT **(A NICHE OF LIT-UP BLESSINGS)**

of: **PROFESSOR MUHAMMAD ELIAS BURNEY** رَحْمَتُهُ

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1. A RARE TREASURE

Mishkaat u's-Salawaat (A Niche of Lit-Up Blessings) compiled by Professor Muhammad Elias Burney al-Faruqi رَحْمَتُهُ (1307-1378 A.H. / 1890-1959 C.E.) of India is a rare treasure, a manifestation of overflowing love for Allah ﷻ and our beloved Prophet, Sayyidina wa Mawlana Hadrat Muhammad al-Mustafa ﷺ. Professor Burney رَحْمَتُهُ says in the introduction, that in compiling his book, he has mainly referenced the works of five preceding luminaries who have written on the subject of **salawaat** (invocation of blessings on the Beloved Prophet ﷺ), that is:

- (a) Dalaail u'l-Khayraat (Proofs of Good Deeds) of Imam Muhammad Sulayman al-Jazuli رَحْمَتُهُ,
- (b) Kanzu'l 'Ummaal (The Treasure of Workers of Righteousness) of Hadrat 'Ali al-Muttaqi رَحْمَتُهُ, which is a voluminous book of Hadith (Sayings of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ),
- (c) Hizbu'l A'zam (The Great Supplication in seven parts) of Hadrat Mulla 'Ali al-Qaari رَحْمَتُهُ,
- (d) Majmu'atul Awraad wa'l-Ahzaab (Collected Regular Voluntary Invocations) of 'Allamah Kamishkhaanwi رَحْمَتُهُ, which I have not come across yet, and
- (e) three **kutub** (books) of Imam Yusuf ibn Isma'il an-Nabhaani رَحْمَتُهُ, that is, Salawaat u's-Sanaa (The Shining Blessings), Afdal u's-Salawaat (The Best of Blessings) and Sa'aadatu'd Daarayn (Happiness here and in the Hereafter).

And in keeping with ancient Muslim scholarly tradition, his book is in seven parts which provide recitation for seven days of the week. Each part takes about 10 to 20 minutes to recite.

Professor Burney رَحْمَتُهُ was from Bulandshahr District, India. His saintly ancestors came to India from Bukhara. He wrote voluminously in Arabic, Urdu, Persian and English, and Mishkaat u's-Salawaat is considered his major work.

Professor Burney's **khalifa** (deputy), Qaari Muhammad 'Abdul Haleem Eliasi who is well-known for his transliteration of the Holy Qur'an, has done a great service to Muslims in translating, transliterating and publishing Mishkaat u's-Salawaat in thirteen editions, establishing a very high standard of scholarship and showing a deep sense of love for Allah ﷻ, for

Rasulullah ﷺ and for his **shaykh**. He says in the Preface that he has also translated it in Urdu, and plans to translate it in Hindi and Telugu. He has dedicated the translation and the transliteration to all those who love, revere and follow the beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, and quotes the following verse of the Holy Qur'an Karim:

وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ ﴿٩٤﴾

And exalted for you your zikr (remembrance) (O Prophet ﷺ). (94:4)

Each part of the book starts with the **niyyah** (intention) as in Dalaail u'l-Khayraat of Imam al-Jazuli رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, followed by **Salaat u's-Sa'aadah** (the blessing of happiness and bliss); and ends with **As-Salaat u'l-Munjiya** (also known as **Salaat Tunjina**) (the blessing of deliverance from calamities), and **salaams** (greetings of peace) on all the Prophets ﷺ, as in the following verses of the Holy Qur'an Karim.

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّكَ رَبِّ الْعِزَّةِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ ﴿١٨٠﴾ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿١٨١﴾ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٨٢﴾

Glory is to your Lord, the Lord of Honour and Power.

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

And peace be on the Prophetic Messengers.

And all praise is for Allah, the Lord of the worlds. (37:180-182)

2. SALAWAAT WITH VERSES OF THE HOLY QUR'AN

The beauty of the first two parts of the book is the way verses of the Qur'an Kareem are woven with **salawaat** on the Noble Prophet ﷺ as follows:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِي قُلْتَ فِيهِ: ﴿٥٦﴾
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad.

You (O Allah) said concerning this:

Indeed, Allah and His angels shower blessings on the Prophet.

O you who believe! Invoke (Allah's) blessings on him, and salute him with a worthy salutation. (33:56)

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِي أَنْزَلْتَ عَلَيْهِ:

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۝ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ۝ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ رُكُوفًا أَحَدٌ ۝

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on Sayyidina Muhammad,
to whom You revealed (Surah Ikhlas):

Say (O Prophet ﷺ): He, Allah is One.

Allah, The Self-Sufficient, Eternally Besought.

He begets not, nor was He begotten;

and there is none like Him. (112:1-4)

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِي قُلْتَ لَهُ:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad,
to whom You said:

Say (O Prophet ﷺ): If you love Allah, follow me;

Allah will love you and forgive you your sins,

and Allah is Forgiving, Most Merciful. (3:31)

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِي قُلْتَ لَهُ:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad,
to whom You said:

And We sent you not but as a mercy for all the worlds. (21:107)

3. THE HOLY PROPHET BRINGS GLAD TIDINGS ﷺ

Part three of the book presents **salawaat** on the blessed Prophet Sayyidina Muhammad al-Mustafa ﷺ as the bearer of glad tidings for various categories of his followers. For example, he is the bearer of glad tidings for **mu'minin** (Faithful Muslim believers) as in the following **salaat**:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْمُبَشِّرِ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:

وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِأَنَّ لَهُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ فَضْلًا كَبِيرًا

وَاللَّهُ ذُو فَضْلٍ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad, the bearer of glad tidings who conveys the glad tidings to the Faithful Muslim believers about which Allah, The Exalted said:

And give glad tidings to the Faithful Muslim believers that they shall have a great bounty from Allah. (33:47)

And Allah is full of Graciousness towards the Faithful Muslim believers. (3:152)

In the same way, the beloved Prophet ﷺ brought glad tidings for:

muslimeen (Muslims, those who believe in Allah ﷻ and in Prophet Muhammad ﷺ; and before the time of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, those who believed in Allah ﷻ and in the Prophet ﷺ sent by Allah ﷻ for their time, as mentioned in the Qur'an in verse 22:78),

ummatihi (his community of followers, 3:110),

daa'een (the propagators of Islam, those who enjoin good and forbid evil, 3:104),

shaahideen (witnesses of the Truth, 5:83, 3:53),

muti'een (those who obey Allah ﷻ and His Prophet ﷺ, 4:69-70),

mujahideen (those who strive and fight in the cause of Allah ﷻ, 4:95-96),

Muhajireen and **Ansaar** (Companions of the Prophet ﷺ who migrated from Makkah to Madina, and their Helpers in Madina, 8:74, 59:8-9),

mutawakkileen (those who put their trust in Allah ﷻ, 3:159, 9:129),

saabireen (those who endure the ordeals of life patiently, 2:153, 2:156-157, 3:146),

shuhadaa' (the martyrs, 2:154, 3:169-171),

muttaqeen (the pious, the righteous who are in reverential awe of Allah ﷻ, 2:1-5, 2:194),

mukhliseen (sincerely devoted to Allah ﷻ, 98:5, 40:65),

'aabideen (worshippers of Allah ﷻ, 39:11-12, 13:36, 15:98-99),

musalleen (those who offer **Salah**, prescribed Prayers, 29:45, 2:238),

zaakireen (who do **zikr**, remember Allah ﷻ, 2:152, 62:10, 13:28, 33:35),

musabbiheen (who praise and glorify Allah ﷻ, 59:1, 33:41-44),

haamideen (who praise Allah ﷻ, 18:1, 17:111),

shaakireen (the grateful, 2:172, 16:78),

munibeen (the penitent who turn to Allah ﷻ in repentance and devotion, 42:13, 50:33-34, 11:75),

mukhbiteen (the humble and lowly before Allah ﷻ, 22:34-35),

qaaniteen (the pious who adore Allah ﷻ, 39:9),

khaaifeen (who fear Allah ﷻ, 55:46, 79:40-41),

khaashi'een (the humble who are in reverential awe of Allah ﷻ, 23:1-2, 2:45-46, 36:11),

mustaghfireen (who ask forgiveness from Allah ﷻ, 4:110, 40:7, 8:33),

tawwaabeen (who repent to Allah ﷻ, 6:54, 66:8, 42:25, 2:222),

as-saaileen (those who ask from Allah ﷻ, or who ask to learn, 2:186, 40:60),
'aamileen (who work righteously, 16:97, 40:40, 39:74),
saameen (who observe fast, 2:185),
hujjaj (Hajj pilgrims, 3:96-97, 2:197),
zaahideen (the pious abstainers who do not long for this world, 18:46),

saaliheen (the righteous, 7:196, 5:9, 3:114),
saadiqeen (the truthful, 9:119, 5:119),
muhsineen (the morally excellent who do good to others, 2:195, 7:56, 9:120, 29:69),
muqarrabeen (those who are drawn near to Allah ﷻ, 56:88-89, 56:10-16),

faaizeen (the successful in this life and in the Hereafter, 10:63-64, 57:12),
al-abraar (the virtuous, the righteous, 2:177), and
munfiqeen (who spend in the way of Allah ﷻ, 2:261-263, 2:268, 3:92, 2:215, 2:273-274, 3:133-134).

Each of these **sifaat** (attributes) has a **salaat** woven around one or more verses of the Holy Qur'an. For example:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْمُبَشِّرِ الْمُبَشِّرِ لِلزَّاهِدِينَ بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:
 الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْبَاقِيَاتُ الصَّالِحَاتُ خَيْرٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ أَمْلاً ﴿٤٦﴾

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad,
 the bearer of glad tidings
 who conveys the glad tidings to the pious abstainers
 about which Allah, The Exalted said:
**Wealth and children are an adornment of the life of this world;
 but the good deeds which are lasting,
 are better with your Lord in reward
 and better in expectation. (18:46)**

There are 38 such **salawaat** with a total of 116 verses from the Glorious Qur'an. Professor Burney رَحِمَهُ اللهُ thus conveys the **hidaya** (guidance) from the Holy Qur'an and adds to it the **barakaat** (blessings) of **salawaat**.

4. FAMOUS SALAWAAT

Besides As-Salaatu Ibrahimiyah, there are various other well-known **salawaat** in this book, of which perhaps the more popular are As-Salaat u't-Taajiyah (called Durood Taj in Urdu), As-Salaat u'l-Qur'aniyyah, Salaat u'l-Fatih, Salaat u't-Tafreejiyyah, and Salaat u'l-'Aali'l Qadr. As-Salaat u't-Taajiyah is normally recited to begin a **majlis** (spiritual gathering) of Zikr, as-Salaat

u'l-Qur'aniyyah forms part of the **du'a'** (supplication) when one completes the recitation of the whole Qur'an, Salaat u'l-Fatih is a recommended **wird** (regular voluntary invocation), Salaat u't-Tafreejiyyah is normally recited after **Salaah** (obligatory five times daily Prayers), while Salaatu'l 'Aali'l Qadr has been especially recommended to be recited on Fridays.

These **salawaat** are found in many books of **salawaat** and **azkaar** (supplications) which also explain the merit and benefits of reciting these **salawaat**. As-Salaat u't-Taajjiyyah is very popular. It was originally written by al-Habib AbiBakr bin Salim al-'Alawi al-Husayni, رضى الله عنه (919-992 A.H), and is included in many books, namely,

- Rasaailu Haammah fi'l-Ad'iyah (Important Writings on Supplications, p. 320), which is anonymous, and
- Risaalat ul-Hajj al-Mabrur wa Sa'yan Mashkur (A Treatise on Accepted Hajj and Meritorious Sa'y, p. 180) of Shaykh Muhammad 'AbdAllah bin Shaykh al-Husayni Ba 'Alawi رضى الله عنه. (Sa'y is one of the ceremonies of Hajj and 'Umra and involves running between the hills of Safa and Marwa in Makkah seven times).

Since then, as-Salaat u't-Taajjiyyah has been added to by one or more **'ulama** (scholars), and in its present form it is about twice as much, and is included in many books such as:

- Qadiri Ridwi (Rizwi) Majmu'ah Wazaaif (Collected Regular Voluntary Invocations in the Qadiri Ridwi Tariqa) of (Janab) Iqbal Ahmad Nuri and (Janab) Anees Ahmad Nuri (in Urdu), and
- Durood Shareef (Noble Blessings) of Khwaja Nisar (Nithaar) Ahmad (in Urdu).

Salaat u'l-Fatih is especially popular in West Africa. If you are on Hajj, and you meet someone from West Africa, the best way to begin a conversation is to talk about Salat u'l-Fatih. Some of the books it is included in are:

- An-Nafahaatu'l 'Anbariyyah fi's Salaati 'alaa Khayri'l Bariyyah (The Fragrance of Amber in the Blessing on the Best of Creation) of al-'Allamah as-Sayyid Muhammad bin Hadi bin Hasan ibn 'AbdurRahman as-Saqqaf al-Husayni رضى الله عنه,
- Abwaab u'l-Faraj (Doors of freedom from sorrow), and Shawaariq u'l-Anwaar (Brilliant Burst of Sunshine), both of Imam as-Sayyid Muhammad bin 'Alawi al-Maliki al-Hasani رضى الله عنه, and
- Afdal u's-Salawaat (The Best of Blessings) of Imam Yusuf ibn Isma'il an-Nabhaani رضى الله عنه in which he also gives a **sharh** (appreciative explanation) and merit of each **salaat** (blessing).

Salaat ut-Tafreejiyyah is even more famous as it is included in all the books just mentioned as well as in other books such as:

- Al-Azkaar wa'l-Awraad (Regular Voluntary Supplications and Invocations) compiled by Muhyuddin bin 'AbdurRahman bin Muhammad Zanzibari.

Let us begin with “As-salaat u't-Taajiyah” (in its expanded form) which takes the beloved Prophet’s **mi‘raj** (heavenly ascension) for its main theme.

As-Salaat u't-Taajiyah

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ
 صَاحِبِ النَّجْدِ وَالْبَعْرَاجِ وَالْبُرَاقِ وَالْعَلَمِ،
 دَافِعِ الْبَلَاءِ وَالْوَبَاءِ وَالْقَحْطِ وَالْمَرَضِ وَالْأَلَمِ،
 إِسْمُهُ مَكْتُوبٌ مَرْفُوعٌ مَشْفُوعٌ مَنْقُوشٌ فِي اللُّوْحِ وَالْقَلَمِ،
 سَيِّدِ الْعَرَبِ وَالْعَجَمِ،
 جِسْمُهُ مُقَدَّسٌ مُعْطَرٌ مُطَهَّرٌ مُنَوَّرٌ فِي الْبَيْتِ وَالْحَرَمِ،
 شَمْسِ الصُّخَى بَدْرِ الدُّجَى صَدْرِ الْعُلَى نُورِ الْهُدَى كَهْفِ الْوَرَى مِصْبَاحِ الظُّلَمِ،
 جَمِيلِ الشِّيمِ، شَفِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، صَاحِبِ الْجُودِ وَالْكَرَمِ،
 وَاللَّهِ عَاصِمُهُ، وَجَبْرِئِلُ خَادِمُهُ، وَالْبُرَاقُ مَرْكَبُهُ، وَالْبَعْرَاجُ سَفَرُهُ،
 وَسِدْرَةُ الْمُنْتَهَى مَقَامُهُ، وَقَابِ قَوْسَيْنِ مَطْلُوبُهُ، وَالْمَطْلُوبُ مَقْصُودُهُ وَالْمَقْصُودُ مَوْجُودُهُ،
 سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ، خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ، شَفِيعِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، أَنْبِيَاسِ الْغُرَبَاءِ، رَحْمَةِ الْعَالَمِينَ،
 رَاحَةِ الْعَاشِقِينَ، مُرَادِ الْمُشْتَاقِينَ، شَمْسِ الْعَارِفِينَ، سِرَاجِ السَّالِكِينَ،
 مِصْبَاحِ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ، مُحِبِّ الْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْغُرَبَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ،
 سَيِّدِ الثَّقَلَيْنِ، نَبِيِّ الْحَرَمَيْنِ، إِمَامِ الْقِبْلَتَيْنِ، وَسَيِّدَتِنَا فِي الدَّارَيْنِ، صَاحِبِ قَابِ قَوْسَيْنِ،
 مَحْبُوبِ رَبِّ الْمَشْرِقِينَ وَرَبِّ الْمَغْرِبِينَ جَدِّ الْحَسَنِ وَالْحُسَيْنِ، مَوْلَانَا وَمَوْلَى الثَّقَلَيْنِ،
 أَبِي الْقَاسِمِ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ، نُورٍ مِنْ نُورِ اللَّهِ،
 يَا أَيُّهَا الْمُشْتَاقُونَ لِنُورِ جَمَالِهِ

صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَاصْحَابِهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا،

In the Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful. (1:1)
Indeed, Allah and His angels shower blessings on the Prophet.
O you who believe! Invoke (Allah's) blessings on him
and salute him with a worthy salutation. (33:56)

O Allah! Bless our master and patron Sayyidina Muhammad,
the wearer of the holy crown,
the one who ascended to the heavens to meet Allah ﷺ; the rider of the heavenly Buraq,
and the holder of the flag (of Prophethood) ;
the remover of affliction, epidemic, drought, disease and pain
(with the permission of His Lord).
His name is written, exalted for intercession,
engraved in the Tablet (of Divine Decrees) and the Pen (that writes the Divine Decrees).
He is the leader of Arabs and non-Arabs.
His body is most holy, fragrant, purified,
and luminous in the Sanctuary of the Ka'ba and its precincts.
He is the rising sun of the morning and the full moon in darkness,
the exalted leader, the light of guidance, refuge for the creatures and a lamp in darkness.
He has beautiful character, is the intercessor for all people,
one endowed with generosity and nobility.
Allah is his Protector
and Sayyidina Jibril عليه السلام attends on him.
The heavenly Buraq is his conveyance and the Heavenly Ascension is his (well-known) journey,
and **Sidratu'l Muntaha** (farthest point in the heavens) is his station.
His wish was to attain up to the proximity of "**Qaaba Qawsayn**"
(to draw nearest to Allah, a distance of two bows length).
He intended to realize this wish and the intention was achieved.
He is the leader of the Messengers of Allah
and the last in the line of Prophets;
the intercessor for sinners, a close friend of strangers,
mercy for all the worlds,
comfort for those who love him and the one wished for by yearning souls,
the sun of the gnostics, and the lamp for those who travel on the path to Allah ﷺ,
the light for those who are drawn near to Allah ﷺ,
the lover of the poor, the strangers and the needy,
the leader of jinn and people,
the Prophet of the two holy sanctuaries (of Makkah and Madinah),
the leader of the two **Qiblas** (the Ka'ba in Makkah and before that, Masjid al-Aqsa),
our mediator (with Allah ﷻ) in both the worlds,
the one who did attain up to the proximity of "**Qaaba Qawsayn**",
(one who drew closest to Allah, a distance of two bows length or even less),
the Beloved of the Lord of the two easts and the Lord of the two wests;

the grandfather of Sayyidina Imam al-Hasan رضي الله عنه and Sayyidina Imam al-Husayn رضي الله عنه,
our patron and the patron of all jinn and people, the father of Qasim,
Muhammad, son of ‘Abdullah, who is light from Allah’s Light.
O lovers of the light of his beauty!
Invoke Allah’s blessing on him, his Family and his Companions,
and salute him with a worthy salutation.

Allahumma Salli wa Sallim ‘alayh
O Allah! Bless him and grant him peace.

As-Salaat u’l-Qur’aniyyah

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
بَعْدَ مَا فِي جَمِيعِ الْقُرْآنِ حَرْفًا حَرْفًا وَبَعْدَ كُلِّ حَرْفٍ أَلْفًا

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad,
and on his Family and Companions,
as many times as the number of all the letters in the Qur’an,
and for each letter, thousands of blessings.

Salaat u’l-Fatih

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
الْفَاتِحِ لِمَا أُغْلِقُ، وَالْخَاتِمِ لِمَا سَبَقَ، نَاصِرِ الْحَقِّ بِالْحَقِّ وَالْهَادِي إِلَى صِرَاطِكَ الْمُسْتَقِيمِ،
وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ حَقَّ قَدْرِهِ وَمِقْدَارِهِ الْعَظِيمِ

O Allah! Bless our master Sayyidina Muhammad,
the Opener of what was closed
and the Seal of that (Prophethood) which preceded;
the Helper of the Truth with the Truth
and the Guide to Your Straight Path,
and on his Family,
rightfully, according to his exalted position and grandeur.

As-Salaat u’t-Tafreejiyyah
(Also known as **as-Salaat u’n-Naariyah** and **as-Salaat u’t-Taaziyyah**)

A **saalik** (traveller on the spiritual path) is recommended to recite this **salaat** 4444 times in
his/her lifetime.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ صَلَاةً كَامِلَةً وَسَلِّمْ سَلَامًا تَامًا عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

الَّذِي تَعَلُّ بِهِ الْعُقْدُ وَتَنْفِرُ جُجٍ بِهِ الْكُرْبُ وَتُقْضَى بِهِ الْحَوَائِجُ
وَتُنَالُ بِهِ الرَّغَائِبُ وَحُسْنُ الْحَوَاتِمِ وَيُسْتَسْقَى الْغَمَامُ بِوَجْهِهِ الْكَرِيمِ
وَعَلَى إِلَهٍ وَصَحْبِهِ فِي كُلِّ لَمَحَةٍ وَنَفْسٍ بَعْدَ كُلِّ مَعْلُومٍ لَكَ

O Allah! Bestow complete blessing and perfect peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad, for whose sake difficulties are overcome, anxieties removed and needs are fulfilled and wishes obtained, and a blissful end to earthly life attained (with Faith); and the clouds rain for the sake of the noble countenance of the Prophet, and (bless and bestow peace as well) on his Family and Companions in every moment and every breath, as many times as everything known to You (that is, unlimited blessings).

Salaat u'l-'Aali'l Qadr

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ الْعَالِي الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيمِ الْجَاهِدِ وَعَلَى إِلَهٍ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad, the Prophet not taught by anyone (but directly by You, O Allah), the beloved, of high esteem and great rank, and (bless and bestow peace as well) on his Family and Companions.

Salaat u'l-'Aali'l Qadr is one of the **salawaat** in the “Salawaat u'l-Hurufiyyah” of Sayyid Ahmad Dardir رحمته عليه, as given in Manba' us-Sa'aadaat (The Fountain of Bliss). The **Hurufiyyah** presents the **salawaat** in alphabetical order, with the **salawaat** in the letter “**hamza**” coming first, followed by the **salawaat** in the letter “**baa**”, and ending in the **salawaat** in the letter “**yaa**”! Imam Jalaluddin as-Suyuti رحمته عليه, well-known for his **tafsir** (commentary, exegesis) on the Qur'an Kareem, has expounded on the merits of Salaat u'l-'Aali'l Qadr, as explained by Imam Yusuf ibn Isma'il an-Nabhaani رحمته عليه in Afdal u's-Salawaat (The Best of Blessings). Some of the other books that contain this **salaat** are Al-Hadiyyat u's-Saniyyah fi's-Salaati 'alaa Khairi'l Bariyyah (The Shining Gift in the Blessing on the Best of Creation) of As-Sayyid Haamid bin 'Alawi bin Tahir al-Haddad رحمته عليه, and Mukhkhu'l 'Ibadah (The Essence of Worship), compiled by al-Habib as-Sayyid 'AbdAllah bin Mustafa bin Hasan al-'Aydrarus رحمته عليه.

5. SALAWAAT BY AWLIYA' AND SALIHEEN

Mishkaat u's-Salawaat is full of **salawaat** by the **awliya'** (sufi saints) and the **saliheen** (the pious) like Ghawth u'l-A'zam Shaykh 'Abdul Qadir al-Jilani (470-561 A.H/1077-1166 C.E), As-

Sayyid Ahmad Badawi (596-675 A.H/1199-1276 C.E), Imam Abu'l Hasan ash-Shazili (passed ahead 656 A.H/1258 C.E) and Shaykh u'l-Akbar Muhyuddin ibn 'Arabi (560-638 A.H/1165-1240 C.E) نفعنا بهم. To benefit from the **barakaat** (blessings) of these **salawaat**, let us seize the opportunity to recite one **salaat** from among the many **salawaat** attributed to each of these **mashaayikh** (accomplished spiritual masters). We will conclude by reciting a **salaat** from the learned author himself, Professor Muhammad Elias Burney رحمته الله.

Salaat by Ghawth u'l-A'zam Muhyuddin Shaykh 'Abdul Qadir al-Jilani رحمته الله

Of the **salawaat** by the **awliya'** and the **saliheen**, the greatest number of **salawaat** that Professor Burney has given are of Shaykh 'Abdul Qadir al-Jilani رحمته الله, including his majestic compendium of **salawaat** titled **Kibriti'l Ahmar** (The Philosopher's Stone). This is one of the **salawaat** from **Kibriti'l Ahmar** which he has given separately.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
خَزَنَةِ أَسْرَارِهِ وَمَعَادِنِ أَنْوَارِهِ، كُنُوزِ الْحَقَائِقِ وَهُدَاةِ الْخَلَائِقِ وَنُجُومِ الْإِهْتِدَاءِ لِمَنْ أَقْتَدَى،
وَسَلِّمْ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا أَدَمًّا أَبَدًا

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad,
and on his Family and his Companions,
who are the treasury of his secrets, the treasure-troves of his lights,
treasures of the spiritual realities, and the guides to the right path for the creatures,
and the guiding stars for those who follow them:
and grant them complete peace in abundance, forever and ever

Salaat by As-Sayyid Ahmad Badawi نفعنا به

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى عَيْنِ الْعِنَايَةِ وَزَيْنِ الْقِيَامَةِ وَكَنْزِ الْهُدَايَةِ وَطِرَازِ الْخَلَّةِ
وَعَرُوسِ الْمَمْلَكَةِ وَلِسَانِ الْحُجَّةِ وَشَفِيعِ الْأُمَّةِ وَإِمَامِ الْحَضْرَةِ وَنَبِيِّ الرَّحْمَةِ
سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَاشِفِ الْعُجْبَةِ

O Allah! Bless and grant peace and favours
on the spring of care and concern, the adornment of the Day of Judgement,
and the treasure of guidance, the beauty of the mantle (of Prophethood),
and the bridegroom of the Kingdom of heaven,
and the tongue that delivers the Argument (of the Holy Qur'an),
the Intercessor for the believers, the Leader of those in the Presence (of Allah),
and the Prophet of mercy,
our master Sayyidina Muhammad, who removes grief
(with the permission of Allah).

Salaat by Imam Abu'l Hasan ash-Shazili رحمته الله

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِي جَعَلْتَهُ نُورَ الرَّشَادِ وَدَلِيلَ الْعِبَادِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْمَعَادِ،
صَلْوَةً تَنْتَضِعُ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ وَتُتَمِّلُ بِالْمَزِيدِ وَالْمَدَدِ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَأَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ الْكِرَامِ
وَسَلِّمْ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا، يَا دَائِمَ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad,
whom You made the light of guidance,
and a guide for mankind till the Day of Resurrection;
such a blessing that will multiply forever,
and which will have increase after increase,
and (blessing as well) on his Family, and his Companions, and his wives,
and on the Noble people of his Household,
and also grant them complete peace, in profusion, as eternal as the Kingdom of Allah.

Salaat by Shaykh Muhyuddeen ibn 'Arabi رحمته الله

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ وَنَبِيِّكَ
وَصَفِيِّكَ وَنَجِيِّكَ وَحَبِيبِكَ وَخَلِيلِكَ وَمُجْتَبَاكَ وَمُرْتَضَاكَ
وَالْقَائِمِ بِأَعْبَاءِ دَعْوَتِكَ، وَالتَّاطِقِ بِلِسَانِ مُجْتَبَاكَ وَالْهَادِي بِكَ إِلَيْكَ وَالِدَّاعِيَ بِأَذْنِكَ لِمَا لَدَيْكَ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَوَرَاثِهِ، كَوَاكِبِ أَفَاقِ نُورِكَ وَمُجُومِ أَفْلاكِ بُطُونِكَ وَظُهُورِكَ،
خُدَّامِ بَابِهِ وَفُقَرَاءِ جَنَابِهِ وَالْمُتَرَاسِلِينَ عَلَى حُبِّهِ وَالْمُتَلَاذِمِينَ فِي قُرْبِهِ وَالْبَاذِلِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِهِ
وَالتَّابِعِينَ لِأَحْكَامِ تَنْزِيلِهِ، إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ، آمِينَ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad.
Your Special Devotee, and Your Messenger, Your Prophet, Your Chosen one,
the receiver of Your spiritual secrets, Your Beloved, Your Friend,
the one specially Selected, one with whom You are pleased,
one Established in upholding Your Message,
Eloquent of speech in explaining Your Message,
and the Guide to You with Your aid,
the Inviter with Your permission to what is with You.
and (bless and bestow peace as well) on his Family, and his Companions,
and his inheritors (of his teachings),
who are stars in the heavens of Your Light,
stars in celestial spheres You have manifested or kept hidden,

helpers at his door, and his Right Honourable spiritually rich but materially poor dependents, and those attached to him in his love, inseparable in nearness to him, and prepared to lay down their lives for his sake, and followers of Commands sent down to him (by Allah as Revelation of verses of the Qur'an), till the Day of Judgement. Amin.

Salaat by Professor Muhammad Elias Burney رحمته عليه

The learned author, Professor Muhammad Elias Burney رحمته عليه also composed many **salawaat** one of which is:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ وَأَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِحُبِّكَ لِحُبِّبِكَ وَمُحِبِّ حَبِيبِكَ لَكَ،
 أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
 صَلَوةً تَجْعَلُنَا بِهَا فَخْصُوصِينَ بِفَضْلِ اللَّهِ، وَمَأْمُورِينَ بِأَمْرِ اللَّهِ،
 وَمُجَاهِدِينَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَفِي اللَّهِ، وَمُحْفُوظِينَ بِحِفْظِ اللَّهِ، وَمَنْصُورِينَ بِنَصْرِ اللَّهِ،
 إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

O Allah! I ask You and seek a means of approach to You, for the sake of Your love for Your Beloved (Prophet Muhammad ﷺ) and for the sake of the love that Your Beloved (Prophet ﷺ) has for You, that You bless our master Sayyidina Muhammad, such a blessing that may make us special recipients of the Grace of Allah, and duty bound to the Commands of Allah, and fighting/striving in the way of Allah, and for Allah's sake alone, and protected with the protection of Allah, and victorious with the help of Allah; (as) indeed, You have power over everything.

6. SALAAMS ON OUR BELOVED PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ

It is fitting to conclude with Professor Burney's **salaams** (salutations) on our beloved Prophet Sayyidina wa Mawlana Muhammad al-Mustafa ﷺ. We notice that these **salaams** have musk-scented sprinklings from the famous **salaams** by Mawlana Ghulam Mustafa 'Ishqi رحمته عليه.

الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
 الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ

الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
 الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا سَيِّدَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
 الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا خَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ
 الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَحْمَةً لِلْعَالَمِينَ،
 أَنْتَ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ،
 وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَى خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿٨﴾
 أَنْتَ مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ مَلْجَايَ،
 يَا نَبِيَّ الْهُدَى سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكَ
 يَا شَفِيعَ الْوَرَى سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكَ،
 صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ وَسَلَّمٌ دَائِمًا أَبَدًا،

Blessing and salutation to you, O Prophetic Messenger of Allah!
 Blessing and salutation to you, O Prophet of Allah!
 Blessing and salutation to you, O Beloved of Allah!
 Blessing and salutation to you, O the leader of Prophetic Messengers!
 Blessing and salutation to you, O Final in the line of the Prophets!
 Blessing and salutation to you, O mercy for all the worlds!
 You are most Kind and Merciful to the believers.
And most surely, you have an exalted moral character. (68:8)
 You are my patron, you are my refuge!
 Salutation to you, O Prophet of guidance!
 Salutation to you, O Intercessor for mankind!
 May Allah bless you and grant you peace forever and ever!

With this contribution, the author, a **Shaykh** in Tariqa al-Qadiriyya and Chishtiyya has lived up to his title of **al-Faruqi**, as he was a descendant of Sayyidina ‘Umar al-Faruq رضي الله عنه. May Allah ﷻ continue to provide us **hidaya** (guidance) to recite **salawaat** on our beloved Prophet Muhammad al-Mustafa ﷺ, at least a hundred times every day. **Ameen Yaa Rabb al-‘Aalameen.**

Al-Fatiha!

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Note: I have not taken Qari Muhammad 'Abdul Haleem Eliasi's exalted translation but have translated it myself in simpler English which is consistent with the preceding six chapters of this book.