

him is more than just a demand of altruism; it is incumbent upon us as an expression of our loyalty to him. His favors and generosity upon us are more than can be enumerated, and as such, we are eternally grateful and indebted to him ﷺ for his efforts in calling humanity to the straight path, thereby attaining everlasting felicity.

Unlike praising others, invoking blessings on the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ holds great reward for the suppliant. The Messenger ﷺ said, “Whoever sends one blessing upon me, Allāh will send ten blessings upon him” (*Muslim*). Therefore, even though we may not be inherently altruistic, doing this simply for our own benefit is still highly desirable. Abū Muḥammad al-Marjānī says, “Your invoking blessings upon him is, in reality, praying for yourself, since the benefits of it are returning to you” (*Al-Qawl al-Badīʿ* 83). Sending blessings upon him firmly establishes love for him in one’s heart, causing it to improve and expand. Love for him is one of the necessary components of faith, without which it remains incomplete. The more a servant remembers him, evokes his presence in his heart, and recalls his beautiful characteristics and qualities, the more his love and longing for him will grow, until it fills the expanse of his heart. ‘Abdullāh ibn Mas‘ūd ؓ relates that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said, “The closest to me on the Day of Judgment will be the one who invokes blessings upon me most abundantly” (*Tirmidhī*). Many other benefits of sending blessings upon the Prophet ﷺ have been explained in the sacred sources and from the personal experiences of the scholars and saints. The ḥadīth master Shams al-Dīn al-Sakhāwī (d. 902/1496)

mentions a number of these benefits in his *Al-Qawl al-Badīʿ fi ’l-Ṣalāt ala ’l-Ḥabīb al-Shafīʿ* (The Eloquent Word Concerning the Blessings on the Beloved Intercessor), some of which are provided below:

Allāh, His angels, and His Messenger send mercy on the one who invokes blessings. Such a person’s wrongdoings are expiated, his good deeds increased and purified, and his status elevated. The blessings [themselves] seek forgiveness for him and his sins are forgiven. A *qīrāt* [measure equivalent to Mount Uhud] of reward is allotted for him. His rewards are weighed by a perfect scale on the Day of Judgment. For whoever makes it his complete regimen by day and night, both his worldly and otherworldly matters are taken care of, and his wrongdoings are wiped away. It is superior to freeing slaves and a source of protection from turmoil on the Day of Judgment. The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ will testify on his behalf on the Day of Judgment, and his intercession will be guaranteed for him. He will be protected from the wrath of Allāh, gain a place in the shade of the Throne of Allāh, and the pan of his good deeds will be heavier in the Scale. He will be honored with presence at the watering place (*hawḍ*), protected from thirst on the Day of Judgment, and will cross the bridge with speed. He is shown his abode in Paradise before his death, his wealth is increased, and more than a hundred needs of his are fulfilled. Sending blessings is the adornment of a gathering. It removes the hardships of poverty, and the suppliant gains closeness to the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ. Not only does the suppliant benefit through this act, but so does his progeny. It provides assistance against his enemies, purifies the heart from hypocrisy and rust,

19. O Allāh, bless Your servant and Messenger, Muḥammad, as You blessed the family of Ibrāhīm, and favor Muḥammad and the family of Muḥammad as You favored the family of Ibrāhīm.

20. O Allāh, bless the Unlettered Prophet Muḥammad and the family of Muḥammad as You blessed Ibrāhīm, and favor the Unlettered Prophet Muḥammad as You favored Ibrāhīm, for You are truly the Most Praiseworthy and Noble.

21. O Allāh, bless Your servant and Messenger, the Unlettered Prophet Muḥammad, and the family of Muḥammad. O Allāh, bless Muḥammad and the family of Muḥammad, with blessings that are the source of Your pleasure [with him], a reward for him, and a fulfillment of his rights. Grant him a seat near You, an excellent and exalted degree, and the worthy station You have promised him. Grant him a fitting reward on our behalf, and grant him the best return You have granted any prophet on behalf of his people or any messenger on behalf of his nation, and bless all his brethren among the prophets and righteous, O Most Merciful of the merciful.

﴿١٩﴾ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

﴿٢٠﴾ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدِ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدِ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مُجِيدٌ

﴿٢١﴾ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَاةً تَكُونُ لَكَ رِضَى وَلَهُ جَزَاءً وَلِحَقِّهِ آدَاءً، وَأَعْطِهِ الْوَسِيلَةَ وَالْفَضِيلَةَ وَالْمَقَامَ الْمَحْمُودَ الَّذِي وَعَدْتَهُ، وَاجْزِئِي عَنَّا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ، وَاجْزِئِي أَفْضَلَ مَا جَاذَيْتِ نَبِيًّا عَن قَوْمِهِ وَرَسُولًا عَن أُمَّتِهِ، وَصَلِّ عَلَى جَمِيعِ إِخْوَانِهِ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصَّالِحِينَ، يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

In the name of Allāh, Most Beneficent, Most Merciful.

He is Allāh besides whom there is no god.

Most Beneficent! Your blessings and peace on the Prophet, the clear proof.

Most Merciful! Your blessings and peace on the Prophet most graceful.

Sovereign! Your blessings and peace on the Prophet most pious and chaste.

Most Holy! Your blessings and peace on the Prophet most purified.

Giver of Peace! Your blessings and peace on the Prophet, the haven.

Guardian of Faith! Your blessings and peace on the Prophet herald of truth.

Protector! Your blessings and peace on the Prophet, the helper.

Almighty! Your blessings and peace on the Prophet most cogent.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ

يَا رَحْمَنُ، صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْبُرْهَانَ

يَا رَحِيمُ، صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْوَسِيمِ

يَا مَلِكُ، صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْوَرَعِ

يَا قُدُّوسُ، صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْمُقَدَّسِ

يَا سَلَامُ، صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْأَمَانِ

يَا مُؤْمِنُ، صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْمُعْلِنِ

يَا مُهَيِّمُ، صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْمَيْسِرِ

يَا عَزِيزُ، صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْمُبِينِ