

Istikhaarah Prayer

When a serious and important matter is pending, it is recommended that after the *Ishaa'* Prayer and just before retiring, two *raka`aat* of voluntary Prayer should be said, to seek guidance and blessings from Allah. The following supplication should be made during these two *raka`aat*:

O Allah! I seek good from You out of Your knowledge and seek power from You out of Your power, and beg of You out of Your boundless Grace, for You have power and I have no power; and You have knowledge and I have no knowledge; and You have the best knowledge of all the unseen.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْتَخِيرُكَ بِعِلْمِكَ وَ أَسْتَقْدِرُكَ
بِقُدْرَتِكَ وَ أَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الْعَظِيمِ ط
فَإِنَّكَ تَقْدِرُ وَ لَا أَقْدِرُ وَ تَعْلَمُ وَ لَا أَعْلَمُ وَ
أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ ط

O Allah! If according to Your knowledge, this project is to my good in the matter of spiritual affairs, and my worldly affairs, and in respect of my ultimate end, then make it possible for me and grant me facility concerning it; and bless it for me, but if according to Your knowledge, this project is harmful in my spiritual and worldly affairs, and in respect of my ultimate end, then cause it to move away from me and cause me to move away from it, and designate for me good, wherever it may be, and then make me pleased with it.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ خَيْرٌ لِي
فِي دِينِي وَ مَعَاشِي وَ عَاقِبَةِ أَمْرِي فَأَقْدِرْهُ
لِي وَيَسِّرْهُ لِي ثُمَّ بَارِكْ لِي فِيهِ ط وَ إِنْ كُنْتَ
تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ شَرٌّ لِي فِي دِينِي وَ
مَعَاشِي وَ عَاقِبَةِ أَمْرِي فَاصْرِفْهُ عَنِّي وَ
اصْرِفْنِي عَنْهُ وَ اقْدِرْ لِي الْخَيْرَ حَيْثُ كَانَ ثُمَّ
ارْضِنِي بِهِ ط

Marriage Sermon

The following is the Arabic sermon which the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to deliver on occasion of the solemnization of a marriage. This sermon may be followed by another in one's own language. The ceremony is completed by the public declaration by the groom, and the bride's *walee* (father or guardian), of their consent to the marriage.