

# Travelling: Supplications & Etiquettes

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سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ  
وَإِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ

“And He [alone] has created all [things in] pairs and made for you [as means] of [transport] – ships and cattle, upon which you ride, so that you may settle yourselves upon their backs, such that you remember the grace of your Lord when you settle upon them, and say: Highly exalted is the One who has subjugated this to us! For never were we ourselves capable of doing so. And, indeed, to our Lord we are, most surely, returning.” [Sūrah al-Zukhruf: 12-14]

## Ḥadīth

The Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) said, "Three supplications are answered without doubt. The supplication of the oppressed, the supplication of the traveller, and the supplication of the parent for his son." [Tirmidhī, Abū-Dāwūd]

Supplicate in abundance during the journey as the supplication of the travelling person is readily accepted.

## Ḥadīth

The Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) said: "O Allah, bless my people in their early mornings." When he sent out a detachment or an army, he sent them at the beginning of the day. Ṣakhr was a merchant, and he would send off his merchandise at the beginning of the day; and he became rich and had much wealth. [Abū-Dāwūd]

It is recommended to begin journeys in the early part of the morning because of this ḥadīth.

## Ḥadīth

Ibn ‘Umar reported: Whenever the Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) and his army ascended a height, they would proclaim:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

“Allah is Greatest)”

And when they descended, they would proclaim:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ

“Allah is free from imperfection.” [Abū-Dāwūd]

## Ḥadīth

The Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) said, “It is not permissible for a woman who believes in Allah and the Last Day to make a journey of one day and night unless she is accompanied by a Maḥram (husband or any other relative to whom she is prohibited to marry).” [Bukhārī, Muslim]

## Ḥadīth

Ka‘b bin Mālīk reported: “Whenever the Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) returned from a journey, he would proceed straight to the mosque and perform two raka‘āt’s of (optional) ṣalāh.” [Bukhārī and Muslim]

## Ḥadīth

The Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) said, “No one leaves behind with his family

when intending a journey, something which is more virtuous than the two raka'āt's he performs at home"  
[Muṣannaf Ibn Abī Shaybah]

## **Ḥadīth**

The Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) mentioned: "When you leave your house, perform two raka'āt's and this will safeguard you against evils. When you return home, perform another two raka'āt's and this will safeguard you against evils." [Bazzār, Bayhaqī]

## Supplication of the Resident for the Traveller

أَسْتَوْدِعُ اللَّهَ دِينَكَ وَأَمَانَتَكَ ، وَخَوَاتِيمَ عَمَلِكَ

I place your religion, your faithfulness and the ends of your deeds in the trust of Allah. [Abū-Dāwūd, Tirmidhī, Ibn-Mājah]

## Supplication of the Resident for the Traveller

زَوَّدَكَ اللَّهُ التَّقْوَى ، وَعَفَرَ ذَنْبَكَ ، وَيَسَّرَ لَكَ الْخَيْرَ حَيْثُمَا  
كُنْتَ

May Allah provide you with Taqwa (piety), forgive you your sins and facilitate goodness for you wherever you be. [Tirmidhī]

A man came to the Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) and said: 'I intend to undertake a journey, so give me [spiritual] provision and guidance. He said (the above supplication).

## Supplication of the Resident for the Traveller

اللَّهُمَّ اطْوِ لَهُ الْبُعْدَ وَهَوِّنْ عَلَيْهِ السَّفَرَ

“O Allah! Shorten for him the distance, and ease for him the journey.”

A man said: “O Messenger of Allah, I intend to travel, so advise me.” The Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) said, “Hold fast to the Taqwa [fear] of Allah, and (say the) Takbīr [Allahu Akbar] upon every elevated place.” So when the man turned away, the Prophet made (the above supplication)” [Tirmidhī]

## **Supplication of the Traveller for the Resident**

أَسْتَوِدُّكَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا تَضِيْعُ وَدَائِعُهُ

I place you in the trust of Allah, whose trust is never misplaced. [Ibn-Mājah]

It is reported that Luqman the Wise would say, “When Allah is entrusted with something, he protects it” [Aḥmad]

## **When Boarding the Conveyance**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ

“In the name of Allah.”

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

“Praise be to Allah.”

## **When Initiating the Journey**

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ،

Allah is the greatest, Allah is the greatest, Allah is the greatest. [Muslim, Abū-Dāwūd]

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَنَا هَذَا، وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ، وَإِنَّا إِلَىٰ

رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ

“Highly exalted is the One who has subjugated this to us! For never were we ourselves capable of doing so. And, indeed, to our Lord we are, most surely, returning.”

[Muslim, Abū-Dāwūd]

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ فِي سَفَرِنَا هَذَا الْبِرَّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ ،

وَمِنَ الْعَمَلِ مَا تَرْضَىٰ ،

اللَّهُمَّ هَوِّنْ عَلَيْنَا سَفَرَنَا هَذَا وَاطْوِ عَنَّا بُعْدَهُ ، اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ

الصَّاحِبُ فِي السَّفَرِ ، وَالْخَلِيفَةُ فِي الْأَهْلِ ،

“O Allah, we ask You for piety, and Taqwa in this journey of ours, and we ask You for deeds which please You. O Allah, facilitate our journey and let us cover its distance quickly. O Allah, You are The Companion on the journey and The Successor over the family.” [Muslim, Abū-Dāwūd]

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ وَعَثَاءِ السَّفَرِ ، وَكَآبَةِ الْمَنْظَرِ ،  
وَسُوءِ الْمُنْقَلَبِ فِي الْمَالِ وَالْأَهْلِ .

“O Allah, I seek refuge with You from the difficulties of travel, and from having a change of hearts and being in a bad predicament, and I take refuge with You from an ill-fated outcome with wealth and family.” [Muslim, Abū-Dāwūd]

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ، أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ، أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ،

“Praise be to Allah, Praise be to Allah. Praise be to Allah”

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ،

“Allah is the greatest, Allah is the greatest, Allah is the greatest.”

سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي قَدْ ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي فَاعْفِرْ لِي فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ  
الدُّنُوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

“Glory is to You, indeed I have wronged myself, so forgive me, for indeed none forgives sins except You.”

After saying the above supplications, ‘Alī laughed. So I (‘Alī bin Rabi‘ah) said: ‘O Commander of the Believer! What caused you to laugh?’ He said: ‘I saw the Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) do as I did, then the Messenger of Allah (may

Allah bless him and grant him peace) laughed, so I enquired from him, 'What caused you to laugh?' He said: indeed, your Lord if very pleased with His worshipper when he says: "O my Lord, forgive me my sins, indeed, no one other than You forgives sins." [Abū-Dāwūd, Tirmidhī]

### When Seeing One's Intended Town or City

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَمَا أَظْلَلْنَ ، وَرَبَّ الْأَرْضِينَ  
السَّبْعِ وَمَا أَقْلَلْنَ ، وَرَبَّ الشَّيَاطِينِ وَمَا أَضَلَّلْنَ ، وَرَبَّ  
الرِّيَاحِ وَمَا ذَرَيْنَ ، فَإِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ وَخَيْرَ أَهْلِهَا  
، وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّهَا وَشَرِّ أَهْلِهَا وَشَرِّ مَا فِيهَا ،

"O Allah, You are the Lord of the seven skies and all the things that are under these skies and the seven planets and whatever is over these and of Satan who misled and all those misled by him and for the wind and all that it blows. Thus we seek the good of this town and the good of its members (people) and seek refuge from its evil and the evil of its members and from the evils of whatever is in it." [Nasaī, Ḥākim, Ibn Ḥibbān]

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ هَذِهِ وَخَيْرِ مَا جَمَعْتَ فِيهَا وَأَعُوذُ  
بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّهَا وَشَرِّ مَا جَمَعْتَ فِيهَا ،

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنَا حَيَاهَا وَأَعِدْنَا مِنْ وَبَاهَا وَحَبِّبْنَا إِلَى أَهْلِهَا وَحَبِّبْ  
صَالِحِي أَهْلِهَا إِلَيْنَا.

"O Allah, I ask for the good in this and the good You have gathered in it, and I seek refuge from its evil and the evil You have gathered in it Allah, give us our provision from it, protect us from its diseases, and endear us to its inhabitants, and endear us to the righteous amongst them." [Ibn-us-Sunnī]

## Upon Entering the Intended Town or City

Recite the following three times:

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِيهَا

"O Allah, You grant us good in it (the city/populated area)".

Then recite:

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنَا جِنَاهَا وَحَبِّبْنَا إِلَى أَهْلِهَا وَحَبِّبْ صَالِحِي أَهْلِهَا  
إِلَيْنَا

"O Allah, grant us the fruit of this place and create love in the people for us and create love in our hearts for the righteous people (of this area)." [Ṭabarānī]

## When Reaching One's Destination

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خُلِقَ

"I seek refuge in Allah's perfect words from every evil [that has been created]"

I [Khawla bint Ḥakīm] heard the Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) saying "Whoever, on arrival somewhere, says [the above], no evil shall befall him, until he departs from that place." [Muslim, Tirmidhi]

## When Night Falls While On a Journey

يَا أَرْضُ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكَ اللَّهُ أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شَرِّكَ وَشَرِّ مَا خُلِقَ فِي  
يَكِ وَشَرِّ مَا يَدُبُّ عَلَيْكَ وَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ أَسَدٍ وَأُسُودٍ وَمِنْ  
الْحَيَّةِ وَالْعُقْرَبِ وَمِنْ شَرِّ سَاكِنِي الْبَلَدِ وَمِنْ وَالِدٍ وَمَا وَلَدَ

"Oh Earth, your Lord, and my Lord is Allah. I seek refuge in Allah from the evil (of your nights) and those evils created in you and that which moves in you and seek refuge in Allah from the lions, snakes, scorpions and from the evils of the dwellers of the city and from the father and children". [Abū-Dāwūd]

## Upon Returning:

Upon returning from a journey, recite:

## آيُونَ تَائِبُونَ عَابِدُونَ لِرَبِّنَا حَامِدُونَ

“We are returning, repentant, worshipping our Lord. and praising Him.” [Muslim]

Anas narrates that the Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) would see his hometown (Madinah), he would recite the above and continue reciting it until he would enter. [Bukhārī, Muslim]

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ ،  
وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ، آيُونَ تَائِبُونَ عَابِدُونَ سَاجِدُونَ  
لِرَبِّنَا حَامِدُونَ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ وَعْدَهُ ، وَنَصَرَ عَبْدَهُ وَهَزَمَ  
الْأَحْزَابَ وَحْدَهُ

“There is no god but Allah alone, with no partner or associate. His is the Dominion, to Him be all praise, and He is Able to do all things. Returning, repenting, worshipping, prostrating to our Lord and praising Him. Allah fulfilled His promise, granted victory to His slave and defeated the confederates Alone.” [Abū-Dāwūd]

## When Entering the Home Upon Returning

تَوْبًا تَوْبًا، لِرَبِّنَا أَوْبًا، لَا يُغَادِرُ حَوْبًا

“Turning turning, to our Lord returning, not leaving behind any sin [unforgiven].” [Ibn-us-Sunni]

## When Bidding the Intending Ḥājī Farewell

زَوَّدَكَ اللهُ التَّقْوَى، وَوَجَّهَكَ فِي الْحَيْرِ، وَكَفَّاكَ الْهَمَّ

May Allah make Taqwa your provision, direct you towards goodness and may He be sufficient for you in distress.

[Ṭabarānī]

## When Meeting the Returning Ḥājī

قَبِلَ اللهُ حَجَّكَ وَغَفَرَ ذَنْبَكَ وَ أَخْلَفَ نَفَقَتَكَ

“May Allah accept your Hajj, forgive your sins and recompense your expenses.” [Ṭabarānī]

## Etiquettes of Travelling

1. Make a good intention.
2. Perform two raka‘āt’s of (optional) ṣalāh and supplicate for goodness in the journey.
3. Leave in the state of wuḍū (ritual ablution).
4. According to the nature of one’s journey, correct knowledge regarding the journey should be obtained.

5. Bid family members farewell.
6. Inform family members about time of return.
7. Choose a pious travel companion.
8. Avoid travelling alone.
9. If travelling in a group, appoint a leader from amongst you.
10. Take along essential items so as not to inconvenience anyone.
11. It is best to travel on a Thursday and if not the Monday. The remaining days are equal. However, it is makrūh to travel on a Friday after midday without performing Jumu‘ah.
12. Keep extra money
13. Look after your fellow companions.
14. A journey dedicated for worship should be made solely for that purpose.
15. Attempt to bring a gift for family members.
16. Upon completion of the objective of one’s journey, hasten to return home.
17. It is forbidden for women to unnecessarily travel alone without being accompanied by a maḥram (person of unmarriageable kin).