

# The Şafar Letter

“Remind them of the Days of God.” (Qur’ān 14:5)

This is an excerpt taken from *Kanz Al-Najāh Wa as-Surūr*, a book that focuses on the special qualities of each month and what devotional acts are recommended during those particular months and days. Please note that these recommended acts for the month of Şafar have been suggested by many righteous scholars and people of insight and have proved beneficial to many over the centuries.

## Şafar:

Many righteous people (*ṣāliḥīn*) state that Allāh sends down the trials and tribulations that will occur throughout the year on the **last Wednesday of the month of Şafar**. These trials and tribulations are spread out accordingly and apportioned to specific people. It has been recommended to make certain supplications (*du‘ā’*) and perform certain devotional acts seeking God’s mercy and gentleness during this time to avoid being apportioned any trial or tribulation.

## What to do on the last Wednesday of Şafar:

- **Pray 4 rak‘ah** (other than an obligatory/*fard* prayer):
  - In each *rak‘ah* recite the *Fātiḥa*, followed by
  - *Surat Al-Kawthar* (Chapter 108) **17 times**, then
  - *Surat Al-Ikhlāṣ* (*Qul Huwa Allāhu Aḥad* - Chapter 112) **5 times**, then
  - *Surat Al-Falaq* (Chapter 113) **once**, and finally
  - *Surat Al-Nās* (Chapter 114) **once**.
  - **Repeat this in each of the four rak‘ah (prayer units).**
- After saying the *salām* after the 4th *rak‘ah*, this *du‘ā’* should be recited:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ، وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ، (اللَّهُمَّ) يَا شَدِيدَ الْقُوَى، وَيَا شَدِيدَ الْمَحَالِ، يَا عَزِيزُ ذَلَّتْ لِعِزَّتِكَ جَمِيعُ خَلْقِكَ، أَكْفِنِي مِنْ جَمِيعِ خَلْقِكَ، يَا مُحْسِنُ يَا مُجْمَلُ، يَا مُتَفَضِّلُ، يَا مَنْعَمُ يَا مُكْرَمُ، يَا مَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ، اللَّهُمَّ بِسِرِّ الْحَسَنِ وَأَخِيهِ، وَجَدِّهِ وَأَبِيهِ، أَكْفِنِي شَرَّ هَذَا الْيَوْمِ وَمَا يَنْزِلُ فِيهِ، يَا كَافِي ﴿فَسَيَكْفِيكُمْ اللَّهُ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ﴾، وَحَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ، وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ، وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

## The Transliteration:

*Bismillāh Ar-Raḥmān Ar-Raḥīm, wa ṣalla Allāhu ta‘āla ‘ala Sayyidinā Muḥammadin wa ‘ala ālihi wa ṣaḥbihi wa sallim. {Allāhumma} yā shadīd al-quwā, wa yā shadīd al-miḥāl, yā ‘azīzu dhallat li ‘izzatika jamī khalqik; ikfinī min jamī khalqik, yā muḥsin, yā mujammil, yā mutafaddil, yā mun‘im, yā mukrim - yā man la ilāha illā anta, bi Raḥmatika yā arḥam ar-Rāḥimīn. {Allahuma} bi sirri Al-Ḥasani wa akhih, wa Jaddihi wa abih, ikfinī sharra hadhā al-youm wa mā yanzilu fih, yā kāfi. ﴿Fa sa yakfihakumu Allāhu wa Huwa As-Sam‘ī ul-‘Alīm﴾. Wa ḥasbuna Allāhu wa nā‘m al wakīl, wa lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā billāh Al-‘Alī, Al-‘Azīm. Wa ṣalla Allāhu ta‘āla ‘ala Sayyidina Muḥammad wa ‘ala ālihi wa ṣaḥbihi wa sallim.*

### The Translation:

In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful. May the peace and mercy of God the Exalted be upon our Master Muḥammad, and upon his Family and Companions. O God: the One of intense power, the One of intense perspicacity! O Glorious One, Your entire creation is humbled before Your might – protect me from Your entire creation, O Charitable One, O Beautifier, O Gracious One, O Giver of Blessing, O Generous One - there is no god except You, we ask Your Mercy, O Most Merciful! {O God} by the secret [blessing you have given] Al-Ḥasan and his brother [Ḥusayn], his grandfather ﷺ, his father [‘Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib, ؑ] - protect us from the evil of this day and from what descends on this day, O Sufficient Protector! **“God will protect you from them: He is the All Hearing, the All Knowing.”** (2:137) God is sufficient for us, and He is the best disposer of affairs, and there is no might or power except God’s, the Exalted, the Mighty. And may the peace and mercy of God be upon our Master Muḥammad, his Family, and Companions.

**Also, it is highly recommended to read Surat Yā-Sīn (Chapter 36) on that day, and when reaching the verse:**

﴿سَلَامٌ قَوْلًا مِنْ رَبِّ رَحِيمٍ﴾

○ ﴿*Salāmun qawlan min Rabbin Raḥīm*<sup>1</sup>﴾ (36:58) to repeat that verse **313 times**

○ After finishing the *Surah*, read the following *du‘ā*:

اللهم صلّ على سيدنا محمد صلاة تنجيننا بها من جميع الأهوال والآفات، وتقضي لنا بها جميع الحاجات، وتطهرنا بها من جميع السيئات، وترفعنا بها أعلى الدرجات، وتبلغنا بها أقصى الغايات، من جميع الخيرات، في الحياة وبعد المات. (اللهم) اصرف عنا شرّ ما ينزل من السماء، وما يخرج من الأرض، إنك على كل شيء قدير، وصلى الله تعالى على سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه وسلم.

### Transliteration:

{*Allāhumma*} ṣalli ‘ala Sayyidina Muḥammadin ṣalātan tunjīnā bihā min jamī al-aḥwāli wa al-āfāt, wa taqḍī lana bihā jamī al-ḥājāt, wa tuṭahhirunā bihā min jamī as-sayyīāt, wa tarfa’unā bihā a’lā ad-darajāt, wa tubalighunā bihā aqṣā al-ghāyāt, min jamī al-khayrāt, fi al-ḥayāti wa ba’d al mamāt. {*Allahuma*} iṣrif ‘annā sharra mā yanzilu min as-samā’ wa mā yakhruju min al-arḍ, innaka ‘alā kulli shayy’in qadīr. Wa ṣalla Allāhu ta’āla ‘alā Sayyidina Muḥammadin wa ‘alā ālihi wa ṣaḥbihi wa sallim.

### Translation:

O God, send mercy upon our Master Muḥammad, a [prayer of] mercy with which You save us from all threats and calamities, and by it You fulfill all our needs, and You purify us from the entirety of our sins, and You raise us by it to the highest levels, and You allow us to reach our greatest aspirations, in this life and after death. O God, avert from us the evil that descends from the heavens, and from [the evil] that comes from the earth - indeed, You are in power over all things. And may God send His Mercy upon our Master Muḥammad, his Family, and Companions.

Finally, it is recommended to make *du‘ā* for one’s spiritual needs as well as one’s worldly needs, and then ask God for protection and good health.

<sup>1</sup> Translation: **“Peace, a word from a merciful Lord.”** (Qur’ān 36:58).