

**Lesson
9a**

**Prayer for
the Prophet ﷺ**

After completing this lesson (a & b), you will learn **102 new words**, which occur **27,926 times** in the Qur'an.



To pray for the Prophet ﷺ effectively, remember the sacrifices of our Prophet ﷺ for spreading the message of Islam. If we are Muslims **1500** years after his time and that too in a place far away from Makkah, then it is due to the blessing of Allah and after that due to his sacrifices.

Let us take an incident from his life. In spite of being extremely tired after doing Da'wah all day, he went to a tribe late in the evening. I should think that perhaps Islam reached me through that tribe. Along similar lines, I can feel the effect of every sacrifice on me and my life.

What can I do now in return for his sacrifices? Invite him for a dinner? Send him a gift? Nothing! I can only pray for him.

The Prophet ﷺ will receive the rewards from Allah anyway, whether I pray for him or not. It is in fact a great honor for me to pray for him. Furthermore, we receive rewards on praying for him! Everyone who prays for the Prophet ﷺ will receive in return ten rewards from Allah [Muslim].

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اَلِ مُحَمَّدٍ	وَعَلَىٰ	عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّىٰ
the family of Muhammad,	and on	on Muhammad
اَل: family, followers اَهْل: family	عَلَىٰ وَّ	عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ
	on and	on
		صَلَّىٰ: Send peace صَلَّىٰ: Pray
		O Allah!

- صَلَّىٰ عَلَىٰ actually means: O Allah! Shower Your mercy on him, be very kind to him, raise his name, and elevate his position.
- O Allah! The Prophet ﷺ has done too many favors for us. We don't have anything to pay him back. Only You can reward him the best.
- اَل has two meanings: family and followers. If we take the second meaning, then this prayer is for us, the followers, too.

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اَلِ اِبْرَاهِيْمَ	وَعَلَىٰ	عَلَىٰ اِبْرَاهِيْمَ	صَلَّيْتَ	كَمَا
the family of Ibrahim.	and on	on Ibrahim	You sent peace	as
	عَلَىٰ وَّ		فَعَلْتَ: you did صَلَّيْتَ: you sent peace	كَ: as كَمَا: as
	on and			

- O Allah! You gave Ibrahim ؑ such a position and leadership that all Muslims, Christians, and Jews accept him as a Prophet. O Allah! Give Prophet Muhammad ﷺ also such a status that all the people on this planet accept him as Your last prophet.

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مَجِيْدٌ	حَمِيْدٌ	اِنَّكَ
full of glory.	worthy of praise,	Indeed, You are
مَجْد: glory, splendor, magnificence مَجِيْد: full of glory	حَمْد: praise حَمِيْد: worthy of praise	كَ اِنَّ
		You indeed, certainly

- O Allah! You have done a huge favor for us. You sent an excellent prophet for us. You are so Kind and so Merciful. You took so much care for our welfare. You are indeed worthy of praise and full of glory.
- O Allah! You are full of glory and splendor. You have all the resources. Therefore, You alone can give the best reward to the Prophet ﷺ.

Let us study the second part in which only two words are new: بَارِكْ and بَارَكْتَ.

اللَّهُمَّ	بَارِكْ	عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ	وَعَلَى	أَلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
O Allah!	Send blessings	on Muhammad	and on	the family of Muhammad;

- In the first part عَلِيٌّ is mentioned which includes بَرَكَةٌ also. However, in supplications, we repeat the request in different words to express our attachment with the Prophet ﷺ.
- The meaning of *Barakah* is benediction and blessings. It also includes the continuity of and increase in these blessings forever.
- *Barakah* in actions imply their acceptance and getting excellent rewards for them.
- *Barakah* in family implies its growth, prosperity, expansion, and continuity over generations.
- The prayer for *Barakah* is for the family of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and for his followers too. May Allah make us true followers of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

كَمَا	بَارَكْتَ	عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ	وَعَلَى	أَلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ
as	You sent blessings	on Ibrahim	and on	the family of Ibrahim.
إِنَّكَ	حَمِيدٌ	مَجِيدٌ		
Indeed, You are	worthy of praise,	full of glory.		

O Allah! You gave Ibrahim ؑ such a position and leadership that all the Muslims, Christians, and Jews accept him as a prophet. O Allah! Give Prophet Muhammad ﷺ also such a status that all the people on this planet accept him as Your last prophet.

While praying for the Prophet ﷺ, remember his sacrifices for us. Remember also that he was sent as a teacher of the Qur'an.

Ask: O Allah! Help me become his student, i.e., study the Qur'an and Hadith regularly.

Evaluate: How much time do I spend learning these two things? Do I say that "I am busy and I have no time for it?" No time to become the student of Prophet ﷺ? Do we really love him?

Plan: Fix a time for learning the Qur'an and Hadith daily.

Propagate: Try your best to spread the teachings of the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Try to recall the advice of the Prophet ﷺ while praying for him. For example, regarding the Qur'an, he said: Convey from me, even if it is one verse (that you know).

- How can we convey if we don't understand it? Therefore, make a serious plan to understand the complete Qur'an so that we can answer non-Muslims' questions, address misconceptions and guide people towards Islam, InshaAllah.
- Imagine that you are lost in a desert. Your food and supplies are finished and you are getting close to death. Suddenly a man comes to you with food and drink. You enjoy the food, get your energy back and start thanking him. He asks you to help him in distributing the food to other 'dying people.' You just stand there and keep repeating, "May Allah have mercy on you, and may Allah bless you." Won't it be a very rude and thankless attitude? Extend this example to our relationship with the Prophet ﷺ. If we just pray for the Prophet ﷺ and don't convey the message to others, will the Prophet ﷺ be happy with us?
- Make efforts to increase your love towards Prophet ﷺ by reading about his life and by following his Sunnah.