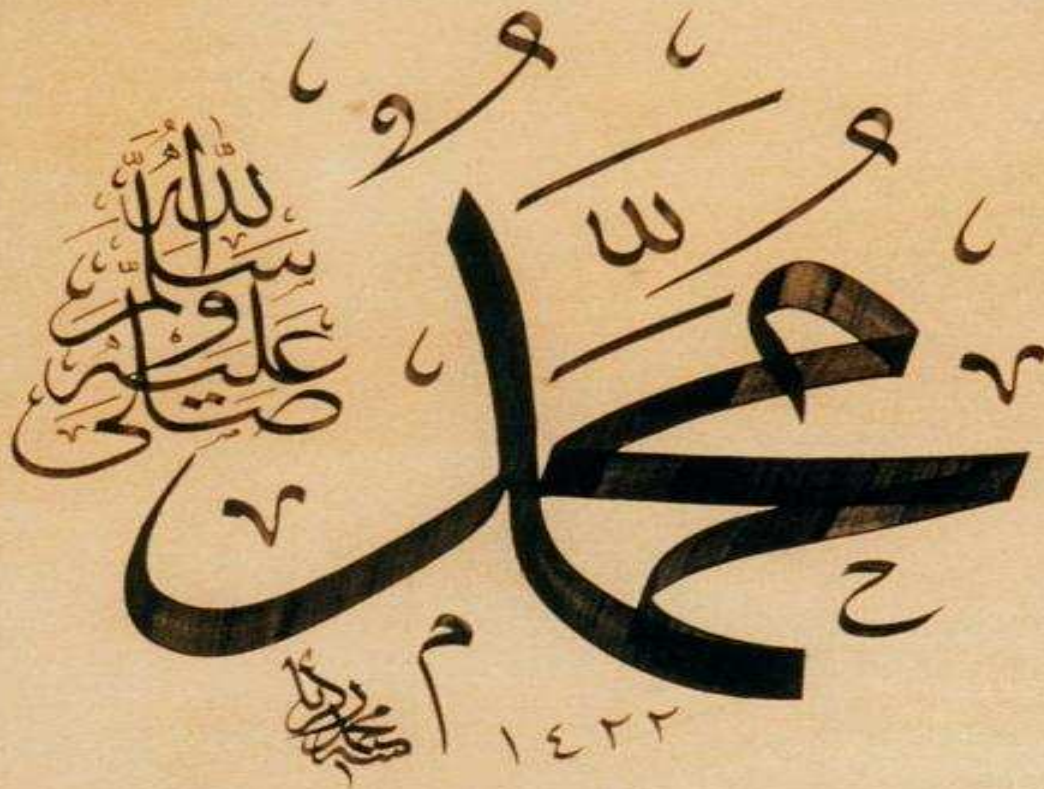


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# Prayers of the Holy Prophet

Even before Islam, people used to ask Holy Prophet to prayer to Allah on their behalf

- Once there was no rain in Makkah for a long time.
- A person said lets go to Laat and Uzza (the names of their idols) and pray to them.
- Another person said why not go to Abu Talib because he is from a noble family and is very respectable.
- So they went to Abu Talib and requested him to make prayer for rain.
- Hadrat Abu Talib brought Holy Prophet to the Kaba and asked him to pray.
- Holy Prophet attached himself to the wall of the Kaba and started praying. As soon as he started praying, it started to rain.

# Prayers of the Holy Prophet

- Similar incident happened during the time of Hadrat Abdul Muttalib. There was famine so people came to Abdul Muttalib.
- He took Holy Prophet with him to a mountain and prayed to Allah.
- He said “Oh Allah send rain through the blessings of this blessed child, Muhammad.”
- Allah accepted this prayer and it started raining.

# Prayers of the Holy Prophet

- Another similar and famous incident took place in Madina.
- On a Friday, Holy Prophet was sitting in his Masjid and a Bedouin came to him and said that there had been no rain for many days and its affecting their lives.
- Holy Prophet raised his hands and prayed for rain.
- All of a sudden, it started raining. It kept raining for seven days.
- Next Friday, the same Bedouin stood up again and said “O Holy Prophet it has been raining for seven days without stopping. We fear that it will ruin our crops and cattle. Pray that Allah stops this rain.”
- Holy Prophet prayed again and it stopped raining.

# Prayers of the Holy Prophet

- How should Muslims supplicate (make Dua دعاء)?
  - We *start* our supplication / Dua by asking Allah to send his blessings on the Holy Prophet.
  - Then we make our Dua.
  - During the Dua, we can also ask Allah to accept our Dua because of His love for the Holy Prophet.
  - We *finish* our Dua by asking Allah to send his blessings on the Holy Prophet again.
- Why do Muslims follow this method?
  - We read Darood sharif at the start and the end because we know that Allah will always accept this.
  - So we hope that because of Allah's infinite mercy, He will also accept our Dua in the middle.
  - We also mention the name of Prophet Muhammad in our Duas, hoping that Allah will accept our Dua because of His love for the Holy Prophet.

# Childhood of the Holy Prophet

- Holy Prophet has said that during his childhood whenever he wanted to do something which was not up to the standard and status of the prophets, Allah would save me from doing that action. He said:
- “Once I was working with some children and we were moving stones from one place to another.
- Because the stones were heavy, children had taken off the cloth from their legs and had placed it on their shoulder and they were moving the stones on their shoulders.
- I also took off the cloth from my legs and placed it on my shoulder. But I felt a sudden shock and heard someone asking me to cover my legs with the cloth, so I wore the cloth around my legs again.”
- Even though, the Holy Prophet was a child, Allah did not want his legs to be naked.

# Childhood of the Holy Prophet

- During night time, the people of Makkah used to get together and wasted their time listening to stories, poetry and music.
- Once Holy prophet wanted to attend these gatherings.
- Because Holy Prophet used to graze the sheeps outside the city of Makkah, sometimes, he spent the night in the desert.
- He asked another child to look after his sheeps so he could come to the city and listen to stories.
- When he came, he sat away from the people.
- But suddenly he fell into sleep and slept throughout the night.
- He woke up in the morning and went back to the desert to his sheeps.
- This incident show that Allah prevented Holy Prophet to perform any action that was not deem appropriate for the prophets.

# Helping the weak

## **The problems of Arabian society**

- During the early life of Holy Prophet, there were no governments in the Arabia. There were no legal courts that could deal with the crimes and provide justice to the people.
- The whole system was based upon tribal system. Everyone was recognised through their tribes.
- If a person from one tribe committed some wrong against a person from another tribe, the both tribes would start fighting each other for years.
- A person had to belong to a strong tribe to survive in the harsh environment of Arabia.
- If a person travelled to another city and someone from that city did some wrong to the travelling person, he could not ask anyone for help.
- None cared for the weak or provide justice to them.

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## The case of Zubaid

- Once a businessman, Zubaid, travelled from Yemen to Makkah.
- He sold his goods to Aas bin Wael in Makkah. Aas bin Wael took the goods, but he refused to pay Zubaid for the items.
- Zubaid became very upset. He was a stranger in Makkah and did not know anyone there. He went to the friends of Asim bin Wael. Instead of helping him, the friends turned him down.
- One morning, when all the chiefs of Makkah were sitting around the Kaba, Zubaid stood up on a hill and said: “I am a stranger in your city. I am still in the state of Ihram and have not performed Umrah yet. Injustice has been done to me near the house of God. You are the custodians of the house of God. You cannot let this injustice happen in your city.”
- On hearing this, the uncle of Holy Prophet, Zubair bin Abdul Muttalib, stood up and said this injustice must be stopped.

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## Alliance for a noble cause – Hilf al-Fudul

- Zubair bin Abdul Muttalib arranged a meeting in the house of Abdullah bin Judan.
- - The meeting was attended by the chiefs of different clans of the Quraysh.
  - They gave their solemn pledges, swearing by Allah that they would stand united, supporting anyone in Makkah who suffered any injustice, whether he was a Makkan or outsider, and they would stand firm against the perpetrator of that injustice until right and justice were restored.
- When they made this alliance, they went to the house of Aas bin Wael and forced him to return the goods back to Zubaid.
- Holy Prophet was also present during the forming of this alliance.
- Long after the prophethood, he would still remember that day. He said:
  - “I was present in the house of Abdullah bin Judan when the agreement to provide justice to the weak took place. I will not trade that agreement with anything else. Even now if someone asks me to honour that agreement, I will do so”.