

Dua in Salat ul Layl

It is reported that Imam Zainul Abideen used to recite this dua before the Night Prayer (Salat ul Layl)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family

إِلَهِي غَارَتْ نُجُومُ سَمَائِكَ

My God, the stars of Your sky have sunk

وَ نَامَتْ عُيُونُ تَأْمِكَ

and the eyes of Your people are sleeping

وَ هَدَاتُ أَصْوَاتِ عِبَادِكَ وَ أَعْمَامِكَ

and the voices of Your servants and animals have become silent

وَ غَلَقَتْ أَمْلُوكُ عَلَيْهَا أَبْوَابَهَا

and the kings have locked their doors

وَ طَافَ عَلَيْهَا حُرَّاسُهَا

and their guards are moving around it

وَ اخْتَجَبُوا عَمَّنْ يَسْتَلُّهُمْ حَاجَةً

and they are covered from he who wishes to ask them for a need

أَوْ يَنْتَجِعُ مِنْهُمْ فَايِدَةً

or to get a benefit from them

وَ أَنْتَ إِلَهِي حَيُّ قَيُّومٌ لَا تَأْخُذُكَ سِنَّةٌ وَ لَا نَوْمٌ

but You my God, are Ever Living, Subsistent, slumber or sleep does not overtake you (2:255).

وَلَا يَشْغَلُكَ شَيْءٌ عَنِ شَيْءٍ

and one thing does not occupy You from another;

أَبْوَابُ سَمَائِكَ لِمَنْ دَعَاكَ مُفْتَحَاتٌ وَ خَزَائِنُكَ غَيْرُ مُغْلَقَاتٍ

the doors of Your sky are open for he who asks You and Your treasures are never locked

وَأَبْوَابُ رَحْمَتِكَ غَيْرُ مَحْجُوبَاتٍ

and the doors of Your mercy are never covered

وَفَوَائِدُكَ لِمَنْ سَأَلَكَ غَيْرُ مَحْظُورَاتٍ بَلْ هِيَ مَبْدُورَاتٌ

and Your benefits are never forbidden for he who asks You rather they are given generously

أَنْتَ إِلَهِي الْكَرِيمُ

You are my God, the Generous

الَّذِي لَا تَرُدُّ سَائِلًا مِنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ سَأَلَكَ

who does not turn away a beseecher who asks from You

وَلَا تَحْتَجِبُ عَنْ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ أَرَادَكَ

and You do not conceal Yourself from anyone of the believers who intends (to seek) you

لَا وَ عِزَّتِكَ وَ جَلَالِكَ وَ لَا تُخْتَرَلُ حَوَائِجُهُمْ دُونَكَ

No, by Your Honor and Your Majesty no one removes their needs other than You

وَلَا يَقْضِيهَا أَحَدٌ غَيْرُكَ

and no one fulfills their needs apart from You

اللَّهُمَّ وَ قَدْ تَرَانِي وَ وَقُوفِي

O Allah You see me, and my standing (before You)

وَ ذُلَّ مَقَامِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

and my humble position in front of You

وَ تَعَلَّمُ سَرِيرَتِي

and You know my secrets

وَ تَطَّلِعُ عَلَى مَا فِي قَلْبِي

and are aware of what is in my heart

وَ مَا يَصْلِحُ بِهِ أَمْرُ آخِرَتِي وَ دُنْيَايَ

and of what will improve my affairs of the Hereafter and the world

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ ذَرَّ الْمَوْتِ

O Allah, the remembrance of death

وَ أَهْوَالِ الْمُطَّلِعِ وَالْوُقُوفِ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

and the frightening conditions of the observer and standing before You

نَعَّصَنِي مَطْعَمِي وَمَشْرَبِي

makes me stay away from my food and drink and makes me choke,

وَ أَغْصَنِي بِرِيقِي أَفْلَقَنِي عَنْ وَسَادِي

keeps me away from my pillow

وَ مَنَعَنِي رِقَادِي

and prevents me from sleeping

أَيْفَ يَنَامُ مَنْ يَخَافُ مَلَكَ الْمَوْتِ

How can one sleep who fears the angel of death?

فِي طَوَارِقِ اللَّيْلِ وَ طَوَارِقِ النَّهَارِ

in the calamities of the night and the calamities of the day

بَلْ أَيْفَ يَنَامُ الْعَاقِلُ

rather how can an intelligent person sleep

وَ مَلَكَ الْمَوْتِ لَا يَنَامُ لَا بِاللَّيْلِ وَ لَا بِالنَّهَارِ

while the angel of death does not sleep neither at night nor in the day

وَ يَطْلُبُ رُوحَهُ بِالْبَيَاتِ

and seeks his soul in the state of sleep

وَفِي أَنَاءِ السَّاعَاتِ

and in the middle of the hours

أَسْأَلُكَ الرِّيحَ وَالرَّاحَةَ عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ

I beseech You to give me ease and comfort at the time of death

وَالْعَفْوَ عَنِّي حِينَ لِقَاكَ

and forgiveness when I meet You