

## سید الاستغفار

In a hadith reported by Shaddad ibn Aws (may Allah be pleased with him) and recorded by Imam al-Bukhari in his *Sahih*, Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) taught Muslims *Sayyid al-Istighfar*, a special du'a requesting forgiveness from Allah Almighty. He added that "Whosoever recites it by day with full belief in it, and then dies before evening, then he/she is from the inhabitants of Paradise. And whosoever recites it by night with full belief in it, and then dies before morning, then he/she is from the inhabitants of Paradise."

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ خَلَقْتَنِي وَ أَنَا عَبْدُكَ وَ أَنَا عَلِي  
عَهْدِكَ وَ وَعْدِكَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ أَبُوءُ  
لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ عَلَيَّ وَ أَبُوءُ بِذُنُوبِي فَاعْفِرْ لِي فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ  
إِلَّا أَنْتَ

*'O Allah! You are my Lord. There is no god except You. You created me and I am your slave. I am upon Your covenant and promise to the best of my ability. I seek refuge with You for the evil I have committed. I acknowledge Your favours bestowed upon me and I also acknowledge by sins. So please forgive me. For no-one forgives sins except You.'*