WHAT IS DUA

- 1. Literally a "call" or "plea".
- 2. An individual prayer which maybe spontaneous or composed.
- 3. It may also be a special prayer for specific occasions.
- 4. The Salah (NAMAZ) is normally followed by a DUA.
- A DUA is normally prefaced by the recitation of DAROOD SHARIF (SALAWAT) and praise and thanks to ALLAH ALMIGHTY.
- 6. The DUA, whether in a group or alone is performed with the palms of the hands open to the heavens.
- 7. At the end of the DUA, once again, DAROOD SHARIF is recited and the palms are drawn over the face.
- 8. A DUA may be made at any time.

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DUA IN QURAN

 And if My servants ask you about Me -behold, I am near, I respond to the Dua of him who calls, whenever he calls unto Me.

(Surah Al-Barqarah-2, Verse-186)

2. And your Lord says:

"Call unto Me (and) I shall respond to you. Verily they who are too proud to worship Me will enter into hell, disgraced".

(Surah Al-Mumin-40, Verse-60)

DUA IN HADITH

The prophet (peace be upon him) is reported to have said:

1. DUA is the worship

(Tirmizi, Abu Daud)

(Reported by Numan ibn Bashir)

2. DUA is the essence of worship

(Tirmizi)

(Reported by Hazrat Anas)

3. In the sight of ALLAH ALMIGHTY, nothing is more meritorious than DUA (Tirmizi)

(Reported by Abu Hurairah)

DUA AFTER MAGHRIB AND FAJR PRAYER

The prophet (peace be upon him) is reported to have said: Just after performing Salat-ul-Maghrib, before talking to anybody, if you make this Dua seven times:

"Oh Allah grant me your protection against the Fire"

and incidentally you die in that night, then you will be protected from the fire. And if you do the same Dua after Salat-ul-Fajr and incidentally you die on the day, you will be protected against the Fire.

(Reported by Muslim Tamimi _ Abu Daud)

DAU AFTER FAJR PRAYER

The prophet (peace be upon him) used to make this DUA regularly after Salatul-Fajr:

Oh Allah I seek from you
The knowledge which is beneficial
The good deeds that are acceptable to you
And the Halal food.

(Reported by Hazrat Umm-e-Salmah _ Ibn Majah)

DUA AFTER IBADAAT

The prophet (peace be upon him) is reported to have said:

DUAS of three persons are not refused

- 1. Dua at the time of breaking the fast (IFTAR) (by someone who has observed the fast)
- 2. Dua of a just leader.
- 3. Dua of an oppressed person.

(Reported by Hazrat Abu Hurairah_Tirmizi)