استغفارات شیخ ابو مدین شعیب الغوث

رحمة الله عليه

The Istighfarat

of HadhratShaykh Abu Madyan Shu'ayb Al Ghawth

May Allah have mercy on him.

The Shaykh was the Ghawth of his time and almost all the chains of the Shadhili Tariqa link up to him. He was the senior and contemporary of Shaykh ibn Arabi Rahimahullah who had great love for the Shaykh and regarded him as the most senior Awliya of his time.

This Istighfar is one of the best ever written in asking Allah for forgiveness. Shaykh Abu-Madyan divided the poem to several sections, where in each of five sections of several verses each he asks Allah forgiveness in a different way.

The first verse is for asking for prayers upon and praising the prophet sallallahu alayhi wasallam.

The following 4 verses (2-5) he asks for forgiveness by praising Allah by His Glorious Descriptions.

The next 11 verses (6-16) he asks for forgiveness for some of what he sees as having been wrong.

The next 3 verses (17-19) he states how long or the length of the duration he asks for forgiveness (he uses different expressions to express that he is asking for forgiveness forever).

The next 8 verses (20-27) he states how much he asks for forgiveness, and the verses indicate that he asks for forgiveness uncountably.

The next 3 verses (28-30) he asks for forgiveness again by praising Allah.

The next verse (31) he asks for forgiveness multiples of all that he has already did.

The last verse (32) he closes by asking for prayers upon and praising Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam.

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- 1. And may blessigs be upon the selected one from Mudar the best of mankind, of whoever cried and who ever smiled
- 2. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah who runs ships in the darknesses on currents and waves that clash in turmoil
- 3. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah The Deliverer of whoever seeks refuge with Him if he is inflicted by harm or by pain.
- 4. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah, The Forgiver of sin for whoever comes to Him broken, in humiliation and regret
- 5. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah The Concealer of flaws for those with faults, and their Saviour from malice.
- 6. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah for whatever I say and for

- أُمَّ الصَّلاَةُ عَلَى الْخُتَارِ مِنْ مُضَرِ خَيْرِ البَرِيَّةِ مِنْ بَاكٍ وَمُبْتَسِمِ
- أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ مُجْرِ الفُلْكِ فِي الظُّلَمِ
 عَلى عُبَابٍ مِنَ التِّيَارِ مُلْتَطِمِ
 - ٣. أَسْتَغْفِرُ الله مُنْجِى المُسْتَجِيْرِ
 بِهِ، إِذَا أَلَمَّ بِهِ ضُرَّا مِنَ الْأَلَمَ
 - 3. أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ غَفَّارَ الذُّنُوبِ لِمَنْ
 بِالإِنْكِسَارِ أَتْى وَالذُّلِّ وَالنَّدَم
- ٥. أَسْتَغْفِرُ الله سَتَّارَ العُيُوْبِ عَلى
 أَهْلِ العُيُوْبِ وَمُنْجِيْمٍمْ مِنَ النَّقَمِ
 - أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ مِن نُطْقِىٰ وَمْنِ

my character and for my bad affairs and for my shape and for my traits

- خُلُقِي وَشِيْنِ شَأْنِي وَمِنْ شَكْلِى وَمِن شِيَمِى
- 7. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah for my hidden secret and for my apparent and for the changing of my heart and for my smiling.
- ٧. أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ مِنْ سِرِّى وَمِنْ عَلَنِيْ
 وَمِنْ تَقَلُّبِ قَلْبىْ وَابْتِسَامِ فَمِىْ
- 8. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah for my hearing and for my sight and for my conscience and for my thoughts and for my talk
- ٨. أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ مِنْ سَمْعِيْ وَمِنْ
 بَصَرِيْ وَمِنْ ضَمِيْرِيْ وَمِنْ فَكْرِيْ
 وَمِنْ كَلِمَيْ
- 9. [Astaghfirullah] (I ask forgiveness from The Lord) for my crimes and for my slips and for my major sins and for my small faults.
- ٩. أَسْتَغْفِرُ الله مِنْ جُرْمِى وَمِنْ
 زَلَلِى وَمِنْ كَبَائِرِ آثَامِى وَمِنْ لَمَمِىٰ
- 10. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah for what my hand committed of errors, and for wherever my foot set.
- أَسْتَغْفِرُ الله مِمَّا قَدْ جَنَتْهُ يَدِى مِنَ الْخَطَايَا وَما قَدَّمْتُ بِالقَدَمِ
- 11. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah for whatever I have not yet earned with my hand, and whatever I have earned since I came of age.
- أَسْتَغْفِرُ الله مَا لَمْ تَكُنْ كَسَبَتْ
 كَفِي وَمَا اكْتَسَبْتُ فِي مَبْلَغِ الحُلُمِ
- 12. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah for my character and for
- ١٢. أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ مِنْ طَبْعِيْ وَمِنْ

my traits and for the changing of my states during times of sickness.

13. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah for my saying "me" and "with me" and "for me" and "mine" and for my suspicions and for my swearing (oaths).

14. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah for whatever I don't know and for whatever I knew and for whatever my pen wrote.

15. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah for my sleep and for my slumber and for my wakefulness, and as long as I live I will hold fast to Him.

16. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah for all that happened in my youth and from living till the age of greying and senility.

17. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah as long as winds blow and as long as clouds pour upon houses, and upon hills and reefs.

طَبَعِيْ وَمِنْ تَحَوُّلِ حَالِيْ حَالَةُ السَّقَمِ

١٣. أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ مِنْ قَوْلِي أَنَا وَمِنْ
 مَعِىْ وَلِيْ وَعِنْدِىْ وَمِنْ ظَنِيْ وَمِنْ
 قَسَمِ

١٤. أَسْتَغْفِرُ الله مِمَّا لَسْتُ أَعْلَمُهُ
 وَمَا عَلِمْتُ وَمَا حَرَفْتُ بِالقَلَمِ

10. أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللّهَ مِنْ نَوْمِى وَمِنْ سِنَتِى وَمِنْ سِنَتِى وَيَقْظَتِى وَبِهِ مَا عِشْتُ مُعْتَصِمِ

17. أَسْتَغْفِرُ الله مِمَّا كَانَ فِي صِغَرِيْ
 مِنَ الْخِلاَفِ لِعُمْرِ الشِّيْبِ وَالهَرَمِ

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ مَا هَبَّتْ يَمَانِيَّةً
 وَسَحَّتِ السُّحُبُ فِي الأَطَامِ وَالأَكِمَ

18. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah as long as pilgrims tread to sites that were honored with their locals and the Kaaba [Haram].

١٨. أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مَا سَارَ الحَجِيجُ إِلَى مَعَالِمَ شُرِّفَتْ بِالْحِلِّ وَالْحَرَمِ

19. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah as long as morning dawns and as long as birds sing tunes in the trees and the branches.

١٩. أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ مَا لاَحَ الصَّبَاحُ وَمَا تَغَنَّتِ الطَّيْرُ فِي الأَغْصَانِ بالنَّغَمِ

20. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah as plenty as the count of letters in [zikr] and what it contains of وَمَافِي الذِّكْرِ مِنْ آيَةٍ تُثلَى وَمْنِ حِكَمِ signs and of wisdom [Hikam]

٢٠. أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ تِعْدَادَ الحُرُوفِ

21. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah as plenty as the count of plants and whatever the sea contains of bounties and the land contains of livestock.

٢١. أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ تِعْدَادَ النَّبَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْبَحْرِ مِنْ نِّعْمَةٍ وَالبَرِّ مِنْ نَعَمِ

22. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah as plenty as the winds and what they blow upon of sustenance and of people.

٢٢. أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ تِعْدَادَ الرِّيَاحَ وَمَا تَجْرِيْ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الأَقْوَاتِ والنَّسَمِ

23. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah as plenty as the count of planets in the crown of darkness, whether crying or concealed.

٢٣. أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ تِعْدَادَ الكواكِبَ فِي تَاجِ الغَيَاهِبِ مِنْ بَاكٍ وَمُكْتَتِم 24. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah as plenty as the count of sands and what falls upon the lower world of rains.

٢٤. أَسْتَغْفِرُ الله تِعْدَادَ الرِّمَالِ وَمَا
 يَنْهَلُ فِيْ عَالَمِ الدُّنْيَا مِنَ الدِّيَمِ

25. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah as plenty as the number of creatures of humans and of jinn and of Arabs and of non-Arabs.

٢٥. أَسْتَغْفِرُ الله تِعْدَادَ الحَلائِقِ مِنْ
 إِنْسٍ وَجِنٍّ وَمِنْ عُرْبٍ وَمِنْ عَجَمِ

26. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah as plenty as the number of thoughts in the minds of the those who possess intelligence and knowledge and wisdom.

٢٦. أَسْتَغْفِرُ الله تِغدادَ الحَوَاطِرِ فِي
 بُذوْرِ أُولِي النَّهٰى وَالعِلْمِ وَالحِكِمَ

27. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah, dignified is The Lord, our Creator (Who created us) from among the creatures, and The Reviver of the decayed bones.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ جَلَّ اللهُ خَالِقُنَا
 مِنَ البَرَايَا وَمُحْيِ الأَعْظُمِ الرِّمَمِ

28. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah, dignified is The Lord, our Provider The Bestower, The Benefactor, The Munificent, The One described as being Generous.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ جَلَّ اللهُ رَازِقُنَا
 المُنْعِمُ المُفضِلُ المَوْصُوْفُ بِالكَرَمِ

29. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah, dignified is The Lord, our Resurrector, form a day that will be crowded with kingdoms and with nations.

٢٩. أَسْتَغْفِرُ الله جَلَّ الله بَاعِثْنَا
 مِنْ يَوْمٍ مُزْدَحَمِ الأَمْلاَكِ وَالأُمَمِ

- 30. Astaghfirullah, I ask forgiveness from Allah, multiplied multiple times as plenty as what I stated of types and oaths.
- 31. And may The Lord send His prayers upon the selected one from Mudar the best of mankind, of whoever cried and who ever smiled
- ٣٠. أَسْتَغْفِرُ الله أَضْعَافاً مُضَاعَفَةً
 ممَّا ذَكَرْتُ مِنَ الأَجْنَاسِ وَالقَسَمِ
- ٣١. ثُمَّ الصَّلاةُ عَلَى المُخْتَارِ مِنْ
 مُضَرٍ خَيْرِ البَرِيَّةِ مِنْ بَاكٍ وَمُبْتَسِمِ



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