

# **Imam Zainul ‘Aabidin (AS) on SEEKING THE PROTECTION OF ALLAH FROM SHAYTAN**

## **His Supplication Against Satan**

*His Supplication when he Mentioned Satan and Sought Refuge from him and from his Enmity and Trickery*

1 O God,  
we seek refuge in Thee  
from the instigations of the accursed Satan,  
his trickery, and his traps,  
from trust in his false hopes, his promises,  
his delusions, and his snares,

2 And lest he should make himself crave  
to lead us away from Thy obedience  
and to degrade us through our disobeying Thee,  
and lest what he has shown us as beautiful be beautiful for us  
and what he has shown us as detestable weigh down upon us.

3 O God,  
drive him away from us through Thy worship,  
throw him down through our perseverance in Thy love,  
and place between him and us a covering  
that he cannot tear away  
and a solid barrier  
that he cannot cut through!

4 O God,  
bless Muhammad and his Household,  
distract Satan from us with some of Thy enemies,  
preserve us from him through Thy good guarding,  
spare us his treachery,  
turn his back toward us,  
and cut off from us his trace!

5 O God,  
bless Muhammad and his Household,  
give us to enjoy guidance  
the like of his misguidance,  
increase us in piety  
against his seduction,  
and make us walk in reverential fear  
contrary to his path of ruin!

6 O God,  
assign him no place of entrance into our hearts  
and do not allow him to make his home in that which is with us!

7 O God,  
cause us to recognize the falsehood with which he tempts us,  
and once Thou hast caused us to recognize it,  
protect us from it!  
Make us see what will allow us to outwit him,  
inspire us with all that we can make ready for him,  
awaken us from the heedless slumber of relying upon him,  
and help us well, through Thy giving success, against him!

8 O God,  
saturate our hearts with the rejection of his works  
and be gentle to us by destroying his stratagems!

9 O God,  
bless Muhammad and his Household,  
turn his authority away from us,  
cut off his hope from us,  
and keep him from craving for us!

10 O God,  
bless Muhammad and his Household,  
and place our fathers, our mothers,  
our children, our wives,  
our siblings, our relatives,  
and the faithful among our neighbours,  
male and female,  
in a sanctuary impregnable to him,  
a guarding fortress,  
a defending cave!  
Clothe them in shields protective against him  
and give them arms that will cut him down!

11 O God,  
include in that everyone who  
witnesses to Thee as Lord,  
devotes himself sincerely to Thy Unity,  
shows enmity toward him  
through the reality of servanthood,  
and seeks help from Thee against him  
through knowledge of the divine sciences!

12 O God,  
undo what he ties,  
unstitch what he sews up,  
dislocate what he devises,  
frustrate him when he makes up his mind,  
and destroy what he establishes!

13 O God,  
rout his troops,  
nullify his trickery,  
make his cave collapse,  
and rub his nose in the ground!

14 O God,  
place us in the ranks of his enemies  
and remove us from the number of his friends,  
that we obey him not when he entices us  
and answer him not when he calls to us!  
We command everyone who obeys our command  
to be his enemy  
and we admonish everyone who follows our prohibition  
not to follow him!

15 O God,  
bless Muhammad,  
the Seal of the prophets and lord of the emissaries,  
and the folk of his house,  
the good, the pure!  
Give refuge to us, our families, our brothers,  
and all the faithful, male and female,  
from that from which we seek refuge,  
and grant us sanctuary from that through fear of which  
we seek sanctuary in Thee!

16 Hear our supplication to Thee,  
bestow upon us that of which we have been heedless,  
and safeguard for us what we have forgotten!  
Through all this bring us into the ranks of the righteous  
and the degrees of the faithful!  
Amen, Lord of the worlds!