

ETIQUETTES OF THE (ISHA) EVENING PRAYERS

When the twilight sets, you may utter the adhan and iqamah statements for the Evening Prayer, observing all the aforesaid etiquettes. You may then perform the Evening Prayer, observing all of its etiquettes and meeting all of its conditions. It is highly advisable to prolong the Qunut in this prayer and the post-prayer utterances, because there is enough time to do so. Accordingly, you may say all the supplications of mornings and evenings as well as all supplications dedicated to evenings, which are numerous. One of these is the sustenance-seeking supplication, which is mentioned in Mafatih al-Jinan. The supplication begins with these statements:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّهُ لَيْسَ بِي عِلْمٌ بِمَوْضِعِ رِزْقِي---

It is also recommended to recite Surah al-Qadr six times and then say the following supplicatory prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَمَا أَظَلَّتْ وَرَبَّ الْأَرْضِينَ
السَّبْعِ وَمَا أَقَلَّتْ وَرَبَّ الشَّيَاطِينِ وَمَا أَضَلَّتْ وَرَبَّ
الرِّيَاحِ وَمَا ذَرَّتْ اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَإِلَهَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَ
مَلِيكَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ الْمُقْتَدِرُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ
الْأَوَّلُ فَلَا شَيْءَ قَبْلَكَ وَأَنْتَ الْآخِرُ فَلَا شَيْءَ بَعْدَكَ وَ

أَنْتَ الظَّاهِرُ فَلَا شَيْءَ فَوْقَكَ وَ أَنْتَ البَّاطِنُ فَلَا شَيْءَ
 دُونَكَ رَبِّ جَبْرَائِيلَ وَمِيكَائِيلَ وَإِسْرَافِيلَ وَالله
 إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطَ
 أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَنْ تَوَلَّانِي
 بِرَحْمَتِكَ وَلَا تُسَلِّطَ عَلَيَّ أَحَدًا مِّنْ خَلْقِكَ مِمَّنْ لَا طَاقَةَ لِي
 بِهِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَتَحَبَّبُ إِلَيْكَ فَحَبِّبْنِي وَ فِي النَّاسِ فَعَزِّزْنِي وَ
 مِنْ شَرِّ الشَّيَاطِينِ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنْسِ فَسَلِّمْنِي يَا رَبِّ
 الْعَالَمِينَ وَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ-

You may then pray Almighty Allah for any thing you wish.

You may thereafter do the thanksgiving prostration after which you may offer the Wutayrah Prayer, which is a supererogatory (mustahab / nafilah) prayer that is offered in the sitting position after the Evening Prayer and consisting of two units of prayer in both of which it is recommended to recite one hundred verses of the Holy Qur'an. It is therefore preferable to recite Surah al-Faatehah and Surah al-Waqiah (No. 56) in the first unit and Surah al-Faatehah and Surah al-Tawheed in the second.

Upon accomplishment, you may say any supplication you wish to say.