



## Prayer for Rain The First Sermon

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أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ الْقَيُّومَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ.

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**I seek the forgiveness of Allah, the Ever-Living, the Self-Sustaining, and I repent to Him.**

All praise belongs to Allah, who revives the lands with His rain and extends His provision to all creation. I bear witness that nothing is worthy of worship except Allah, and that our master Muḥammad is the Messenger of Allah. May Allah bless him, grant him peace, and bestow His blessings upon him, his family, his Companions, and those who follow him.

**To proceed:** Servants of Allah, I counsel you and myself to be mindful of Allah. He, exalted in His majesty, says:

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا \* وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ

**“Whoever is mindful of Allah, He will make a way out for them and provide for them from where they do not expect.”**  
(Qur’ān ٦٥:٢-٣)

Believers who are asking your Lord for rain: seeking rain is a great act of worship and a noble Sunnah through which we recognise our need of our Lord. We are part of His creation and servants among His servants. We come to Him with humble and imploring hearts, placing the seeking of forgiveness before supplication. This is the guidance of the prophets when seeking rain. Noah (peace be upon him) said to his people:

**اَسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا \* يُرْسِلِ السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِدْرَارًا**

**“Seek forgiveness from your Lord, for He is ever Forgiving. He will send the sky upon you in abundant rain.”** (Qur’ān ٧١:١٠-١١)

Seeking forgiveness means asking for sins to be erased and faults to be concealed. So when you seek forgiveness, you are saying: “My Lord, overlook my lapse and do not take me to account for what I have done, for I cannot do without Your pardon.” Call to mind the meaning of seeking forgiveness, for it is the key and gateway to goodness.

When the Companions (may Allah be pleased with them) went out to seek rain, they would seek Allah’s forgiveness abundantly. ‘Abd Allāh ibn Yazīd al-Anṣārī went out accompanied by al-Barā’ ibn ‘Azib and Zayd ibn Arqam (may Allah be pleased with them). He sought rain, standing with them on his feet without a pulpit, and sought Allah’s forgiveness (al-Bukhārī, no. ١٠٢٢). ‘Umar ibn al-Khaṭṭāb (may Allah be pleased with him) also went out to seek rain and did no more than seek Allah’s forgiveness (*Muṣannaf Ibn Abī Shaybah*, no. ٢٩٤٨٦).

Indeed, they knew that among the greatest keys to mercy are a broken heart and a tongue that seeks forgiveness. They were



certain that what sins had withheld would be released by seeking forgiveness.

We follow the guidance of the prophets and the righteous: we seek rain and seek forgiveness. The season of winter and rain has arrived, so we ask our Lord for rain as an act of worship and a means of drawing near to Him. We call upon Him in all our circumstances and raise our hands to Him during our sermons and prayers, hoping for His rain, mercy, and favour. Goodness is in His hand, and whoever places hope in Him will not be disappointed.

I say these words and seek Allah's forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness.

### **The Second Sermon**

I seek Allah's forgiveness.

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I seek Allah's forgiveness. I seek the forgiveness of Allah, the Ever-Living, the Self-Sustaining, and I repent to Him.

All praise belongs to Allah, who brings relief to those who seek relief. May blessings and peace be upon the Seal of the Messengers, his family, his Companions, and those who follow them.

**To proceed:** You who are asking for rain, when the people complained of drought to your beloved Muḥammad ﷺ, he raised his hands to his Lord and asked Him for rain, as related by al-Bukhārī and Muslim.

Following the guidance of our Prophet ﷺ and responding to the direction of the President of our nation, we turn humbly towards



Allah Most High in this prayer, reversing our cloaks and raising our hands, saying:

*[Here the imam turns towards the qiblah.]*

O Allah, O Merciful, O Magnificent, O Forbearing, O Generous; O You whose mercy encompasses everything; O You in whose hand are the treasures of the heavens and the earth: we ask You as those who acknowledge Your favour and hope for Your generosity to give us rain from the abundance of Your gifts, Your generous beneficence, and the rain of Your kindness.

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O Allah, send us rain. O Allah, send us rain.

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Grant us relieving, wholesome, and beneficial rain through which You revive the lands, show mercy to Your servants, and make it a source of strength and provision for a time.

O Allah, give us rain and do not make us among those who despair. O Allah, cause the crops to grow for us, make the udders flow abundantly for us, give us water from the blessings of the sky, and bring forth for us from the blessings of the earth.

O Allah, we seek Your forgiveness, for You are ever Forgiving. Send the sky upon us in abundant rain, spread Your mercy over Your creation, and complete Your blessings upon Your servants.

O Allah, perpetuate prosperity and stability in the United Arab Emirates, preserve it through Your protection, and perpetuate Your favour upon it.