Dua for tahajjud

What the Prophet ﷺ said at night, with the source under each.

When the Prophet ﷺ got up at night for tahajjud, he said Allahumma lakal-hamd, anta qayyimus-samawati wal-ard, a long dua of praise reported by Ibn Abbas in Sahih al-Bukhari 1120. Aishah reported a second dua he opened the night prayer with, in Sahih Muslim. Both are below, with the words for waking in the night and the best time to ask.

The wording is the wording on our page, with its source under each dua. Quran ayat: Tanzil Project (tanzil.net), Uthmani script. Quran English: Sahih International. Reviewed by Hafez Mawlana Abu Darda and Mawlana Akramul Haque Fenwi, Islamic scholars. For a more accurate answer to your own situation, consult a scholar. Full guide: amalkit.com/duas/dua-for-tahajjud.

When you stand for tahajjud

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ، أَنْتَ قَيِّمُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ، وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ، لَكَ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ، وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ، أَنْتَ نُورُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ، وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ، أَنْتَ الْحَقُّ، وَوَعْدُكَ الْحَقُّ، وَلِقَاؤُكَ حَقٌّ، وَقَوْلُكَ حَقٌّ، وَالْجَنَّةُ حَقٌّ، وَالنَّارُ حَقٌّ، وَالنَّبِيُّونَ حَقٌّ، وَمُحَمَّدٌ ﷺ حَقٌّ، وَالسَّاعَةُ حَقٌّ، اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ أَسْلَمْتُ، وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ، وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ، وَإِلَيْكَ أَنَبْتُ، وَبِكَ خَاصَمْتُ، وَإِلَيْكَ حَاكَمْتُ، فَاغْفِرْ لِي مَا قَدَّمْتُ وَمَا أَخَّرْتُ، وَمَا أَسْرَرْتُ وَمَا أَعْلَنْتُ، أَنْتَ الْمُقَدِّمُ وَأَنْتَ الْمُؤَخِّرُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

Allāhumma lakal-ḥamd, anta qayyimus-samāwāti wal-arḍi wa man fīhinn. Wa lakal-ḥamd, laka mulkus-samāwāti wal-arḍi wa man fīhinn. Wa lakal-ḥamd, anta nūrus-samāwāti wal-arḍ. Wa lakal-ḥamd, antal-ḥaqq, wa waʿdukal-ḥaqq, wa liqāʾuka ḥaqq, wa qawluka ḥaqq, wal-jannatu ḥaqq, wan-nāru ḥaqq, wan-nabiyyūna ḥaqq, wa Muḥammadun ṣallallāhu ʿalayhi wa sallama ḥaqq, was-sāʿatu ḥaqq. Allāhumma laka aslamt, wa bika āmant, wa ʿalayka tawakkalt, wa ilayka anabt, wa bika khāṣamt, wa ilayka ḥākamt, faghfir lī mā qaddamtu wa mā akhkhart, wa mā asrartu wa mā aʿlant, antal-muqaddimu wa antal-muʾakhkhir, lā ilāha illā ant.

O Allah, to You belongs all praise. You are the Sustainer of the heavens and the earth and all within them. To You belongs all praise: Yours is the dominion of the heavens and the earth and all within them. To You belongs all praise: You are the Light of the heavens and the earth. To You belongs all praise: You are the Truth, Your promise is true, the meeting with You is true, Your word is true, Paradise is true, the Fire is true, the prophets are true, Muhammad ﷺ is true, and the Hour is true. O Allah, to You I submit, in You I believe, on You I rely, to You I turn, by You I argue and to You I bring my case. So forgive me what I have done before and what I have left, what I have hidden and what I have done openly. You are the One who brings forward and the One who holds back. There is no god but You.

Sahih al-Bukhari 1120

Opening the night prayer

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ جِبْرَائِيلَ وَمِيكَائِيلَ وَإِسْرَافِيلَ، فَاطِرَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ، عَالِمَ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ، أَنْتَ تَحْكُمُ بَيْنَ عِبَادِكَ فِيمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ، اهْدِنِي لِمَا اخْتُلِفَ فِيهِ مِنَ الْحَقِّ بِإِذْنِكَ، إِنَّكَ تَهْدِي مَنْ تَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

Allāhumma rabba Jibrāʾīla wa Mīkāʾīla wa Isrāfīl, fāṭiras-samāwāti wal-arḍ, ʿālimal-ghaybi wash-shahādah, anta taḥkumu bayna ʿibādika fīmā kānū fīhi yakhtalifūn. Ihdinī limakh-tulifa fīhi minal-ḥaqqi bi-idhnik, innaka tahdī man tashāʾu ilā ṣirāṭim-mustaqīm.

O Allah, Lord of Jibril, Mika'il and Israfil, Creator of the heavens and the earth, Knower of the unseen and the seen, You judge between Your servants in what they used to differ over. Guide me, by Your permission, to the truth in what has been disputed. You guide whom You will to a straight path.

Sahih Muslim 770

If you wake in the night

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ، الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ، وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ، اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي

Lā ilāha illallāhu waḥdahū lā sharīka lah, lahul-mulku wa lahul-ḥamdu wa huwa ʿalā kulli shayʾin qadīr. Al-ḥamdu lillāh, wa subḥānallāh, wa lā ilāha illallāh, wallāhu akbar, wa lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā billāh. Allāhummagh-fir lī.

There is no god but Allah alone, with no partner. His is the dominion and His is the praise, and He has power over all things. All praise is for Allah, glory be to Allah, there is no god but Allah, Allah is the Greatest, and there is no power and no strength except with Allah. O Allah, forgive me. (Whoever wakes in the night and says this, then asks forgiveness or makes dua, is answered.)

Sahih al-Bukhari 1154