

Rewind and reflect

Episode 9

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Forgiveness

Allah is **Al-Ghaafir (The Forgiver)** and **Al-Ghaffar (The Oft-Forgiving)**. His forgiveness is beyond measure: individual sins, repeated sins, the greatest sins, and even those we have forgotten. A sin does not have to mean we are forever distant from Allah; it can be an invitation or a door to humility, brokenness, and sincere return to Allah.

Beyond forgiveness, Allah is **At-Tawwaab (The Acceptor of Repentance)**, the One who turns toward His servant before the servant turns back to Him. He opens the path back and rejoices in His servant's return. So every time you say, "O Allah, forgive me," you are not just asking to avoid punishment. Instead, you are asking for a fresh start with your Lord, **Al-Ghafur (The All-Forgiving)** who loves to pardon.

Arabic
root letters
غ ف ر
Ghayn - Fa - Ra
To cover or protect

الْغَافِرُ
Al-Ghaafir
The Forgiver

الْغَفَّارُ
Al-Ghaffar
The Oft-Forgiving

الْغَفُورُ
Al-Ghafur
The All-Forgiving

التَّوَّابُ
At-Tawwaab
The Acceptor of Repentance

Conversation prompt

Allah is **At-Tawwaab**, the One who turns to you before you turn to Him. Can you think of a time in your life when Allah made it easier for you to return to Him, maybe by sending a reminder, a person, or a situation that softened your heart? How did that experience feel?

Reflection

Allah's forgiveness is expansive and generous. Reflect on your deeds during this past year and ask Allah to forgive all of your short-comings. The ones you remember and those that you may have forgotten. **Ask Al-Ghaafir (The Forgiver)** and **Al-Ghaffar (The Oft-Forgiving)** to renew you through forgiveness.

DIY *du'a* builder

Build **your own *du'a*** by filling in **the Name you need**, its meaning to you, and how you're calling upon Allah to meet a personal need.

O Allah, You are [the Name] _____
the One who _____

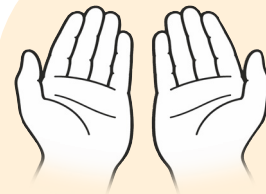
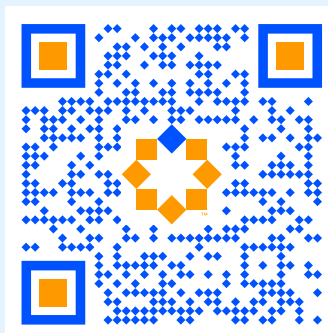
Please help me with _____

Example:

O Allah, You are **Al-Ghaffar**, the One who forgives again and again. Help me overcome any sins I keep repeating and guide me to turn back to You.

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Du'a from the Qur'an

***Du'a* of the believers:**

رَبَّنَا فَاعْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَكَفِّرْ عَنَّا سَيِّئَاتِنَا
وَتَوَفَّنَا مَعَ الْأَبْرَارِ

Our Lord! Forgive us our sins, wipe out our bad deeds, and allow us to die among the righteous.

[From Surah Ali 'Imran, 3:193]