

Rewind and reflect

Episode 27

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I NEED

Laylatul Qadr

When our mother A'ishah رضي الله عنها asked the Prophet ﷺ what to say if we reach Laylatul Qadr, he taught her one name of Allah and one *du'a* that captures our greatest need:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

“O Allah, indeed You are **‘Afuww** (Pardoning). You love pardon, so pardon me.”

Al-‘Afuww (The Pardoner) is the One who does not just cover sins, but wipes them away entirely, like a wind that erases every footprint from the desert sand. *Maghfirah* (forgiveness) conceals the sin and shields us from its consequences, but *‘afw* (pardon) removes every trace altogether, as if the sin had never been recorded.

On this night, Allah loves to pardon those who sincerely ask Him. Calling upon **Al-‘Afuww** is asking Allah for a cleared record and for the burden of sin to be lifted from our hearts. Through the pardon of **Al-‘Afuww**, we hope for a future that is no longer weighed down by our past mistakes.

العَفُوُّ
Al-‘Afuww
The
Pardoner

Conversation prompt

Allah does not simply cover over our shortcomings but erases them from existence. Imagine asking **Al-‘Afuww** for a completely fresh start!

If you could begin one habit or project again from scratch with a clean slate, what would it be?

Share your reflections with each other to learn better ways forward. Then write down your intention and place it somewhere visible to remind yourself that Allah loves those who ask for a fresh start.

Reflection

We all make mistakes and fall short. Reflect on your past year: what sins or regrets can you bring before Allah tonight, trusting in His Name **Al-‘Afuww** and love for *‘afw*?

What are some ways you will regularly seek His pardon in your daily life? Try setting a daily reminder to seek Allah’s pardon.

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 _____

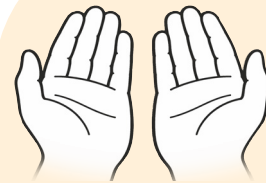
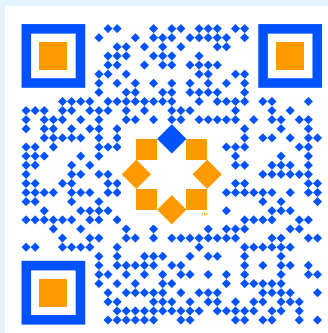
Please help me with _____

Example:

O Allah, You are **Al-'Afuww**, who loves to pardon. Erase my sins, remove their trace from my record and my heart, and grant me a future unburdened by my past.

We would love to hear from you

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Du'a from the Sunnah

***Du'a* of the Prophet ﷺ on Laylatul Qadr**

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