

GOOD CONDUCT TOWARDS ONES PARENTS

Parent's rights

Alhumdulillahi rabbil aalameen wal aaqebatu lil muttaqeen was salaatu wassalaamu alaa rasoolehi muhammadir rehmatillil aalameen wa alaa aalehi wa ashabehi ajmaeen,

Amma baad

Islam is a perfect way of life. It has very clearly highlighted the rights and duties, which needs to be performed. Rights and duties are divided into two categories. Firstly the rights of Allah and secondly the rights of the creation of Allah. By just performing the duties towards his Lord for example Salaah, Fasting, Hajj, Zakaah etc one is unable to reach the status as a perfect servant of his Lord, unless and until he starts performing his duties towards the creation of Allah Almighty. In serving this unique creation of Allah the first and foremost priority is fulfilling the rights of ones parents. In the social and upbringing of a child, parents play the most important role that has an enormous impact on our lives. The importance given to fulfilling the rights of one's parents is contained in the Holy Quran where Allah Almighty commands one to be well behaved towards one's parents and to fulfill their rights.

Allah Almighty states in the Holy Quran:

“Wa qada rabboka al laa taabudu illa iyyahu wa bil waledaine ihsaana imma yablo ganna endakal kibar ahado huma aw kila huma fala taqul lahuma uff wala tanhar huma wa qul lahuma qawlan kareema. Wakh fid lahuma janahaz zulle minar rahmah wa qur rabbir hamhuma kama rabba yani sagira”.

“And your Lord has commanded that worship none except him and do good to parents. If one or both of them reach old age before you, utter not even a faint cry to them and chide them not and speak to them with the word of respect. And spread for them the arm of humility with tender heart and say, ‘O my Lord; have mercy on both as they both have brought me up in my childhood.’”

Allah Almighty states in the Holy Quran in Surah Baqarah:

“La taabudu illallah wa bil waledaine ihsaana”

“And worship none besides Allah and be kind towards your parents.”

Allah Almighty states in the Holy Quran in Surah Luqmaan:

“Wa wassainal insaana be waledaihe hamalathu ummuhu wahnann alaa wahn wa fisalihu fee aamaine anish kurli wa le waledaika ilaiyyal maseer”.

“And we have placed an emphasis in treating one’s parents. His mother left her comfort after comfort to bring him in this world and over a period of two years breast-feeding had taken place. So mankind fulfill your rights toward your Lord and your parents, as you have to return to me one day.”

Allah Almighty states in the Holy Quran:

“*Wa wassainal insaana be waledaihi husna*”

“And we have commanded mankind to be good towards their parents.”

First we need to understand what good and polite treatment is:

Allah Almighty states in the Holy Quran:

“*Innallaha yamuru bil adle wal ihsaan*”

Undoubtedly Allah Almighty commands you to be just and good.

Justice and good behaviour are two things. To be just means you completely without any partiality pass the judgement of truth and justice, you take what needs to be taken and give what needs to be given, while to practice Ihsaan (Good) means you give more than what you have to give and take less than what you have to take and you are satisfied with it. Justice is whatever you like for yourself you like for others, while Ihsaan is whatever you like for yourself you sacrifice it for others. Ihsaan is full of good deeds, virtue and satisfaction whether it is with a man or beast.

Allah has ordered us to perform Ihsaan and not Adl or justice, and Ihsaan means to be good and thankful towards our parents. There are numerous Hadith (Sayings of Prophet Muhammad “S.A.W”) as to how one should perform Ihsaan towards our parents.

It is narrated by Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar (R.A):

“*Qala Rasoolullahi sallallahu alaihi wa sallam inna min akbaril kabaairi ay yalanar rajulo waledaihi qila ya rasoolallah wa kaifa yal anor rajulo waledaihi qala ya subbu bir rajule fa ya subbo abaahu wa mumuh*”. (Muslim, Abu Dawood, Tirmizi).

“The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) has said that amongst the big sins is that one uses bad words towards ones parents. It was requested in the court of Holy Prophet (S.A.W) as to how it is possible for one to swear at ones own parents? The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) replied that if a man swears at someone’s parents and in return he swears at his parents it is as if he swore at his/her own parents.”

Hadith Shareef:

“An Abi Hurairah Radi allahu taala anhu jaa rajulin ilan Nabi sallallahu alaihi wa sallam fa qala man ahaqqun naasa be husne sahabati qala ummuka qala summa man? Qala summa ummuka qala summa man? Qala summa ummuka qala summa man? Qala summa abuka”.

“It is narrated by Hazrat Abu Huraira (R.A) that a man came in the court of Holy Prophet (S.A.W) and asked who deserves more rights to be treated with Birr (good treatment, kindness)? The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) replied: “Your mother.” The man then asked after that who? The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) replied: “Your mother.” The man then asked after that who is more deserving? The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) replied: Your mother.” The man then asked after that who is more deserving? The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said “Your father.”

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) has reported to have said when asked what action is best in the sight of Allah Almighty? The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said: “Perform your Salaah at its prescribed time, be good towards your parents and fight in the cause of Allah.”

To give your wife preference over your mother is cursed:

Once the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) was giving a Khutbah (Lecture) and said: “O people of Muhajireen (Migrants) and Ansaars (Helpers), whosoever gives his wife preference over his mother Allah’s anger descends on him, neither his Farz (Compulsory) nor his Nafil (Voluntary) acts of worship will be accepted.” (Tirmizi, Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Dawood)

It is reported in Tafseer (Commentary of Holy Quran) Ibn-e-Katheer, a man was performing Tawaaf (Circumambulating) of Kaabah Shareef with his mother on his back. He asked in the court of Holy Prophet (S.A.W) “Have I fulfilled my rights and duty towards my mother after performing this act?” The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) replied: “You have not even fulfilled the rights of even one breath of hers.”

It is reported that the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) has said: “Allah Almighty is happy if your parents are happy with you and Allah Almighty is angry if your parents are angry with you.”

Hadith Shareef:

“An Abi Umamah Radi allahu taala anhu inna rajulan qala ya Rasoolullah sallallahu alaihi wa sallam ma haqqul waledaine alaa awladehema qala huma jannatuka wa naroka”.

It is narrated by Hazrat Abu Umamah (R.A) that a man requested in the court of Holy Prophet (S.A.W) “What rights does one’s parents have over their children?” The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) replied: “They are your Paradise or Hell.” (Meaning if you are good towards your parents then your abode is Paradise and if you treat them bad then Hell is your final destination).

Hadith Shareef:

“An Abi Bakrata qala qala Rasool ullahi sallallahu alaihi wa sallama alla ukhberokum be akbaril kabaairil qulna balaa ya rasool allah sallallahu alaihi wa sallam qala al ishraku billahi wa uqooqul waledain. (Bukhari).”

It is narrated by Hazrat Abu Bakr (R.A) that the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said: “Should I not tell you about one of the biggest sins?” The companions of Holy Prophet (S.A.W) replied: Why not O Prophet of Allah (S.A.W), inform us.” The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said: “Amongst the biggest sins is that you associate partners with Allah and disobey your parents.”

Hadith Shareef:

“An Ibne Abbas Radi Allahu taala anhu anna Rasool lallahi sallallahu alaihi wa sallam qala ma min waladin yanzuru ilaa waledaihi nazrata rahmatin illa kataballaho lahu be kulle nazratin hajjatan mabroorah qalu wa in nazara kulla yaumin meata marratin qala na am. Allahhu Akbar WA atyab”. (Mishkat shareef).

It is narrated by Hazrat Ibne Abbas (R.A) that the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) has said: “If a person treats his parents well and looks at his parents with love, Allah Almighty will grant him for his every sight a reward of one complete and accepted Hajj.” The Companions (R.A) then requested: What if he looks towards his parents hundred times a day?” The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said: “Allah Almighty is the greatest and purest and nothing is beyond His power.” (Meaning Allah will grant him rewards of hundred Hajj if he does so).

Hadith Shareef:

“An Abi Bakrata Radi Allahu taala anhu qala qala Rasoolullahi Sallahu alaihi wa sallama kullu zunoobin yagfirullaho minha ma sha illa uqooqul waledaine fa innahu yo ajjelo sahebahu fil hayate qablal mamaat”. (Mishkat Shareef)

It is narrated by Hazrat Abu Bakr (R.A) that the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said: “Allah Almighty forgives whoever he wishes and punishes those who disobey their parents in this world before they die.”

To serve one’s parents has more rewards than fighting in the way of Allah.

“An Muawiyata bin Jaahamah anna jaa ilan Nabi Sallahu alahi wa sallam fa qala ya Rasool Allah sallallahu alaihi wa sallam arattu an agzuwa wa qad jeytu astaishiruka fa qala hal laka min mummin qala na am qala na am qala fa alzemuha fa innal jannata enda rijleha”.

It is narrated by Hazrat Muawiya bin Jahema (R.A) that when Jahema (R.A) came in the court of Holy Prophet (S.A.W) and sought permission to participate in Jihad (Holy war). The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) asked: "Is your mother alive?" When he replied yes, The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said: "Go and serve your Mother as Paradise lies under her feet." (Baihaqi)

It is narrated by Hazrat Abu Huraira (R.A) that Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said: "There are three Duas that are guaranteed to be accepted in the court of Allah Almighty. (1) Dua of an oppressed man. (2) Dua made by a traveller. (3) Dua made by one's parents for their children." (Abu Dawood, Tirmidhi)

Hadith Shareef:

"An Ayesha Radi Allahu taala anha qalat qala Rasool Ullahi sallahu alaihi wa sallam dakhaltul jannata fa sameytu feeha qiraatan fa qultu man haza qalu harith bin noman kazalekumul birru kazalekumul birru wa kana abarrun naase be ummehi".

It is narrated by Hazrat Ayesha (R.A) that the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) reported that He entered Paradise and heard someone reciting the Holy Quran and asked: "Who is this person reciting the Holy Quran?" He (S.A.W) was informed that it is Harith bin Noman (R.A)" The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) then twice said: "This is your reward; this is your reward," as Harith (R.A) was one of the leading people in serving his mother.

Disobedient children's are worthy of Allah's anger

"An Ibne Abbas Radi Allahu taala anhu qala qala Rasool ullahi sallahu alaihi wa sallam man asbaha mutiann lillahi fee waledaihi asbaha lahu baa bane maftoohana minal jannah wa in kaana waahedan fa wahedun wa man asbaha aasiyan lillahi fee waledaihi asbaha lahu baa bane maftoohane minnan naar in kana wahedan fa wahedun qala rajulun wa in zalamahu qala wa in zalamahu wa in zalama wa in zalamahu".

It is narrated by Hazrat Abdullah Bin Abbas (R.A) that the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said: "If a man for the pleasure of Allah Almighty is obedient towards his parents in the morning, for him two doors of Paradise are opened and if he pleases one of his parents then one door of Paradise is opened, and if a man is disobedient towards his parents in the morning, for him two doors of Hell are opened and if disobeys one of his parents then one door of Hell is opened." A companion (R.A) then requested: "What if his parents are unjust towards him?" The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) replied: "Even then he should be obedient, even if they are unjust towards him, even if they are unjust towards him, even if they are unjust towards him."

"An Abi Huraira Radi Allahu taala anhu annin Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam qala ragema anfuhi rafema anfuhi ragema anfuhi qalu ya rasool ullahi sallallahu alaihi wa sallam man? Qala man adraka waledaihi indahul kibar aw ahadehuma wa dakhalan naar".

It is narrated by Hazrat Abu Huraira (R.A) that the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said: Let his nose be rubbed in dust, let his nose be rubbed in dust, let his nose be rubbed in dust.” The Companions (R.A) then requested: “Whose, O Messenger of Allah (S.A.W)?” The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) replied: “He who found his parents or even one of his parents in their old age and still ended up in Hell.” (Because of not serving them).

The rights of one’s parents after their demise

“An Abi Rabiyyatis Saadi Radi Allahu taala anhu bainama ana jalesun enda Rasool ullahi sallallahu alaihi wa sallam iz jaa ahu rajulun minal ansaar fa qala ya Rasool Allah sallallahu alaihi wa sallam hal baqiya alayya min birre abuwayya shaiun baada mautehima abarra huma behi qala na am hisaalul arbaus salato alaihim wal istigfaru lahuma wa injazu ahde hima wa ikraamo sadiqehuma wa selatur rahme allati arhama laka illa min qiblehima fa huwallazi baqiya alaika min birre hima baada maute hima”.

Narrated by Hazrat Rabiyyah Saadi (R.A) that when she was seated in the blessed court of Holy Prophet (S.A.W), a man from the Ansar (Helpers) tribe came and asked: “My parents have departed from this world and after their demise do I have any duty left to perform towards them?” The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) replied: “Yes, there are four things which needs to be performed:

1. Perform their Janaza Salaah.
2. Make Dua for their forgiveness.
3. To fulfill the promise they had made to others and to respect and honour their friends.
4. To maintain the ties of kinship with their relatives who are now related to you as well because of your parents.

It is reported that the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) has said that after a person’s demise all the ties and deeds are cut off but three:

- (1) Sadqah-e-Jariya (Special form of Charity)
- (2) Valuable Knowledge.
- (3) Obedient person who makes Dua for the forgiveness of his parents.

One who is disobedient to one’s parents is cursed:

“An Abi Huraira Radi Allahu taala anhu qala Rasool ullahi sallallahu alaihi wa sallam qalallahu azza wa jalla maloonun man aqqa waledaihi maloonun man aqqa waledaihi maloonun man aqqa waledaihi”.

Narrated by Hazrat Abu Huraira (R.A) that the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) reported that Allah Almighty said: “He is cursed who troubles his parents, he is cursed who troubles his parents, he is cursed who troubles one’s parents.”

Kissing of parents graves:

Hazrat Maulana Naeemuddin Muradabadi (R.A) states in his book Aadabul Akhiyaar Fee Tazimul Asraar on page no. 36 that, Maulana Abdul Hay Luckhnawi's father Maulana Abdul Aleem Saheb reports in his book Matalebul Momineen:

“Wala baasa be taqbeele qabre waledaihi kama fee kifayatis shaabi anna rajulan jaa ilan nabi sallallahu alaihi wa sallam inni halaftu an uqabbela utbatu baabil jannate fa amarani nabi sallallahu alaihi wa sallam an yoqabbela rijalal umma wa jabhattal abbe wa yarwi annahu qala ya rasool Allah sallallahu alahi wa sallam in lam yakun lee abwane faqala qabbil qabra huma qala fa inlam aarif qabra huma qala khatte khattain wa anwi anna ahdahuma qabrul umme wal aakhir qabrul abbe fa qabbil huma fala tahnasu yameenuka. Kaza fee magferatil gafoor fee ziyaratil Quboor”.

It is permissible to kiss the grave of one's parents. It is reported in Kifayat As-Shabi, a man came to Holy Prophet (S.A.W) and said: “I have taken a vow that I will kiss the doors of Paradise.” The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) replied: “Go and kiss your Mother's feet and the forehead of your father.” It is also reported that this person asked: What if, O Messenger of Allah (S.A.W), my parents have passed away?” The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) replied: “Then go and kiss your parents graves.” The man then asked: O Messenger of Allah (S.A.W), what if I do not know their burial site?” The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) then replied: “Draw two lines and imagine one is your Mother's grave while the second is your father's grave and then kiss the two lines, this action of yours will fulfill your vow.”

An eye-opening incident

Hazrat Imaam Jauzi (R.A) states in his book Al-Muntazim Fee Tawarikhul Umam, Hazrat Musa (A.S), a Messenger of Allah, asked Allah Almighty: “Who would be my companion in Paradise?” Allah Almighty replied his name will be so and so, he is a butcher by profession and resides in such a town. Hazrat Musa (A.S) then travelled to that town and stood in front of this man's shop watching him doing his business as butcher selling meat. After watching him for quite a while and not witnessing any virtuous act decided to witness his actions at home and approached this butcher and requested if he could be his guest that night? The butcher agreed and sent a message home to cook supper for one extra person. After the shop was closed he took Hazrat Musa (A.S) to his house. After they reached home, Hazrat Musa (A.S) noticed the butcher at once without any delay cleaned himself up, dished some food in a plate and went towards an old lady who was resting on a bed. He then washed that lady and slowly started feeding her till she made a gesture with her hand that now she has eaten enough. Then he offered the lady some water with a spoon and then cleaned her mouth. After the lady was fed she started to move her mouth, noticing this Hazrat Musa (A.S) brought his ear closer to this lady's mouth and heard her praying “O Allah grant this child of mine a place in paradise, in the company of Musa (A.S).” It is then when Hazrat Musa (A.S) gave the butcher the glad tiding that your mother's duas has been accepted in the court of Allah Almighty, and you are chosen to be my companion in Paradise.

It is also reported that a man performed seven Hajj with his mother on his back. That is he went to Arafat, Mina, Muzdalefah etc with his mother on his back. After performing

his seventh Hajj he thought to himself that he has performed his duty towards his Mother. That night when he slept he heard a Divine voice saying, “O man, once there was a severe storm, you were a small child sleeping next to your mother and your bed became wet. Your mother woke up in the middle of the night and washed the dirt away that had gathered on your bed, and as they were the days of poverty and there was no extra bed available. She slept on the wet bed while you were transferred to a warm and dry bed tucked safely under her arms, O man you haven’t fulfilled your duty towards her even of that one night.”

Not to pray for one’s parents is a sign of stinginess:

“An Anas Ibne Malik Radi Allahu taala anhu qala qala Rasool ullahi sallallahu alaihi wa sallam iza tara kal abdud dua lil waledaine fa innahu yan qatey anhur rizq”.

It is narrated by Hazrat Anas Bin Malik (R.A) that Holy Prophet (S.A.W) has said that when one does not pray for one’s parents his provision gets blocked by Allah Almighty.

“An anas radi allahu taala anhu (R.A) qala qala rasool ullahi sallallahu alaihi wa sallam minal birre an tasela siddiqa abika”. (Tibrani)

It is narrated by Hazrat Anas (R.A) that Holy Prophet (S.A.W) has said: “One of the virtuous act towards your father is to be good towards his friends.” (Tibrani)

Result of a disobedient son:

Hazrat Allamah Jalal Uddin Suyuti (R.A) says in his world famous book, Shar-Us-Sudoor, that Hazrat Awaam bin Hoshab (R.A) said: “Once I went to a village that had a cemetery in its outskirts. At the time of Asr Salah I saw a grave split open, from which emerged a man whose face had turned into a face of a donkey while the rest of his body was in the shape of a human, he made three sounds of a donkey and then went back into his grave, and the grave closed again. Nearby there was an old lady seated weaving some clothes; I then inquired from another lady as to what the matter was? She replied, “Do you see the old lady weaving clothes; she is the mother of the one who is in this grave. Her son was an alcoholic, when he used to return home in the state of intoxication his mother used to advise him to fear the wrath of Allah Almighty. “Till when will you continue to drink this evil drink.”? In response her son used to ask her why she was screaming like a donkey. He died during the time of Asr. Since the day he was buried his grave splits open during Asr time, he comes out of his grave, gives three sounds of a donkey and then goes back inside his grave”.

How to serve ones parents after their demise?

One of the Companions (R.A) of Holy Prophet (S.A.W) who was among the Ansar tribe (Helpers) came in the court of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) and asked: “Is there any way to do virtue towards my parents after their demise so that I may act on it now?” The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) replied: “Yes, there are four things:

1. To perform their Janazah Salaah.
2. To pray for their forgiveness.
3. To fulfill their will and to be good towards their friends and family members and
4. To maintain the ties which had come into being because of them. These are the things and virtuous acts that needs to be fulfilled even after their demise. (Ibne Najjar).”

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) has said that if anyone of you gives optional charity, then he should do it on behalf of his parents as they will get its reward and there won't be any decrease in your rewards.

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) has said that if anyone performs Hajj on behalf of one's parents or pays off the debt that they had left, he will be raised on the day of judgement with these acts counting as virtuous deeds.

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) has said that if anyone performs Hajj on behalf of his parents and it is accepted in the court of Allah Almighty and their souls are satisfied with the action of their son/daughter then it will be written down as one who has fulfilled his duties towards his parents.

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) has said that if one wants to perform a virtuous act towards ones father after his demise, then one should be good towards his family and friends.

When Holy Prophet (S.A.W) says Ameen thrice:

An Kaab bin Ujrata Radi Allahu taala anhu qala qala Rasool ullahi sallallahu alaihi wa sallam ahduro mimbara fa hadarna fa lamma artaqa darjatan qala ameen summar taqas saniya fa qala ameen summar taqas salisata fa qala ameen fa lamma anzala qulna ya Rasool Allah qad sameyna minkal yauma shaia ma kunna nasmaohu fa qala inna jibraeela arada li fa qala baoda man adraka Ramadan fa lam yugfara lahu qultu ameen fa lamma ra faitu as saniya qala baoda man zukirta indahu falam yu salli alaika fa qultu ameen fa lamma ra qaitus salisa qala baoda man adraka abawaihil kibar indahu aw ahada huma fa lam yud khilahul jannata qultu ameen. (Bukhari)

It is narrated by Hazrat Kaab bin Ujrah (R.A) that the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) commanded all companions to come close to the Mimber (Pulpit), we all came close to the Mimber. Then the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) stepped onto the first step of the Pulpit and said Ameen, He (S.A.W) then stepped onto the second step of the pulpit and said Ameen, He (S.A.W) then stepped onto the third step of the pulpit and said Ameen. When the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) stepped down from the pulpit the companions said: “O Messenger of Allah (S.A.W), today we witnessed which we had never witnessed or heard before.” The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) then replied: “Hazrat Jibrael (A.S) came to me when I stepped on the first step of the pulpit and said, he is deprived of the mercy of Allah who witnessed the Holy month of Ramadan and failed to ask for forgiveness, so I said Ameen. When I stepped onto the second step of the pulpit Hazrat Jibrael (A.S) said, he is deprived of the mercy of Allah Almighty in who's presence your blessed name is mentioned and he fails

to send Peace and Salutations upon you, so I said Ameen. When I stepped onto the third step of the pulpit Hazrat Jibrael (A.S) said, he is deprived of the mercy of Allah Almighty who finds his parents or even one of them in their old age and fails to serve them in order to enter Paradise, so I said Ameen. On hearing this message of Allah Almighty through Hazrat Jibrael (A.S), I said Ameen thrice.”

- Hazrat Abdul Qadir Jilani (R.A) states in his book *Guniyyatut Talibeen*: “To serves one’s parents, one may leave his voluntary prayers as this is better if acted upon.

Hazrat Khwaja Moin-ud-Din Chishti (R.A) says to look at the following five things is a form of worship:

- (1) One’s parents.
- (2) Holy Quran.
- (3) Scholar of Islam.
- (4) Kaabah.
- (5) One’s Peer (Spiritual Guide).

Advice:

- While walking do not walk in front of your parents.
- While talking do not call them by their names, but use respectful words.
- Never try to avoid serving them.
- After the demise of one’s parents always remember to ask for their forgiveness from Allah Almighty.
- If possible visit their graves every Friday and recite Surah Yaseen and Surah Mulk and convey its rewards to them.

Conclusion:

When one’s parents are young and their health is in good condition and stable they can look after themselves and their needs. Their children are also obedient to them because then they are under the shelter and need of their parents. But when parents reach old age, become weak and, their health starts deteriorating, they become dependent on the young shoulders and in need of their children’s support, it is the duty of each and every responsible child to serve and look after their well being and to win over their hearts. Even if their parent’s nature (because of old age) becomes childish, try to fulfill and complete any needs possible for their pleasure. Beware when they reach old age not to run out of patience, self control and not to utter words that may hurt their feelings or offend them. Try to remember the commands of Allah Almighty and his Beloved Prophet (S.A.W). Thank Allah Almighty that he has granted you this opportunity to serve them and confirm your place in Paradise. When having a conversation with them, speak to them with a broad smile so that their heart may fill with happiness and that they may give their matchless blessings to you. Be humble and lower your gaze when you approach them so that they may give you the fragrance of love. The reality in this is that even if one does all this good towards one’s parents one cannot fulfill the rights of the sacrifices ones parents has made. If one ever wishes to do good towards one’s parents then one

should seek for mercy and their pardon in the court of Allah Almighty with total humbleness and respect.

“O Allah Almighty our parents brought us up with love and care and took total care in our upbringing, suffered numerous hardships for our sake, we owe them the same now when they need it the most in their old age. O Allah grant us that strength, ability and guidance to fulfill our duty towards them and open your doors of mercy unto them. Ameen.”

Always remember the command of Allah Almighty in the Holy Quran regarding your parents.

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