SURAH ANBIYA AYAT 89

RABBI LA TAZARNI FARDAN WA ANTA KHAIRUL WARISEEN · THE DUA OF ZAKARIYA

وَزَكَرِيَّآ إِذْ نَادَىٰ رَبَّهُۥ رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِى فَرْدًا وَأَنتَ خَيْرُ ٱلْوَٰرِثِينَ

Wa Zakariyya idh nada Rabbahu: Rabbi la tazarni fardan wa anta khairul-wariseen.

"And [remember] when Zachariah cried out to his Lord, "My Lord! Do not leave me childless, though You are the Best of Successors.""

اور زکریا (کو یاد کرو) جب انہوں نے اپنے پروردگار کو پکارا کہ پروردگار مجھے اکیلا نہ چھوڑ اور تو سب سے بہتر وارث ہے

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THE ASK-AND-ENTRUST PATTERN

1 · ASK

"Rabbi" — My Lord. The call comes first, before any request. One word, and the door is open.

2 · NAME

"La tazarni fardan" — do not leave me alone. Name the one thing, plainly: an heir who stands after you.

3 · ENTRUST

"Wa anta khairul wariseen" — You are the Best of Inheritors. Ask in full, then hand the ending to Him in the same breath.

WORD BY WORD — THE SEVEN WORDS OF THE DUA

#	ARABIC	TRANSLITERATION	MEANING
1	رَبِّ	Rabbi	My Lord
2	لَا	la	do not
3	تَذَرْنِى	tazarni	leave me
4	فَرْدًا	fardan	alone, single, without an heir
5	وَأَنتَ	wa anta	while You
6	خَيْرُ	khairu	the Best
7	ٱلْوَٰرِثِينَ	al-wariseen	of those who inherit, of the Successors

The full verse has eleven words; the dua itself is the last seven. Two words carry the weight: fardan — left as one, with nobody after you; and al-wariseen — those who inherit. Zakariya asks for an heir while calling Allah the best of inheritors: the request and the surrender in one sentence.

THE ANSWER — QURAN 21:90

فَٱسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُۥ وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُۥ يَحْيَىٰ وَأَصْلَحْنَا لَهُۥ زَوْجَهُۥٓ ۚ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا۟
يُسَـٰرِعُونَ فِى ٱلْخَيْرَٰتِ وَيَدْعُونَنَا رَغَبًا وَرَهَبًا ۖ وَكَانُوا۟ لَنَا خَـٰشِعِينَ

"So We answered his prayer, granted him John, and made his wife fertile. Indeed, they used to race in doing good, and call upon Us with hope and fear, totally humbling themselves before Us."

تو ہم نے ان کی پکار سن لی۔ اور ان کو یحییٰ بخشے اور ان کی بیوی کو اُن کے (حسن معاشرت کے) قابل بنا دیا۔ یہ لوگ لپک لپک کر نیکیاں کرتے اور ہمیں امید سے پکارتے اور ہمارے آگے عاجزی کیا کرتے تھے

Quran 21:90 · The gift takes one short clause; the rest of the verse describes the household's habits.

THE ANSWERED HOUSEHOLD CHECKLIST

- ☐ Race to good. One deed done today, not planned for someday — a visit, a charity, a duty finished properly.
- ☐ Call in both keys. Ask with hope for the child and fear of falling short, held together in one dua.
- ☐ Stay humble. Keep the posture of a servant whatever the outcome; the answer is a gift, never a wage.
- ☐ Start tonight. After Isha, raise your hands, send salawat, say the seven words slowly, then ask in your own words.

SEVEN-DAY TRACKER

DAY	DUA SAID SLOWLY	ONE GOOD DEED DONE	HOPE-AND-FEAR CALL
Day 1			
Day 2			
Day 3			
Day 4			
Day 5			
Day 6			
Day 7			

The tracker counts your practice, never your result. No number of days is a deadline for Allah.

THE COMPANION DUA — SAHIH AL-BUKHARI 141

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُمَّ جَنِّبْنَا الشَّيْطَانَ وَجَنِّبِ الشَّيْطَانَ مَا رَزَقْتَنَا

Bismillah. Allahumma jannibnash-shaytana wa jannibish-shaytana ma razaqtana.

“In the name of Allah. O Allah! Protect us from Satan and also protect what you bestow upon us (i.e. the coming offspring) from Satan.”

The dua the Prophet ﷺ taught for the moment of intimacy — Sahih al-Bukhari 141. The seven-word dua asks; this one guards the asking.

AN HONEST WORD ABOUT COUNTS

> No count for this dua exists in the Quran or in any authentic hadith — not 100 times, not 313, not 300 for 14 days. Those numbers come from websites, not from the Prophet ﷺ. Repeat the dua as often as your heart wishes, on your own behalf, and let no one sell you a formula or promise you a son. Pair the dua with the means Allah has placed in the world, including medical care; dua sits alongside the means, never instead of them.

DUAS TO PRAY BESIDE IT

Zakariya's first telling (3:38): Rabbi habli min ladunka dhurriyyatan tayyibah, innaka Sami'ud-du'a — “My Lord, grant me from Yourself a righteous offspring; You truly hear prayer.”

The servants' prayer (25:74): Rabbana hab lana min azwajina wa dhurriyyatina qurrata a'yun — “Our Lord, grant us in our spouses and offspring the coolness of our eyes.”

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