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Dua for a Job

RABBI INNI LIMA ANZALTA — THE DUA OF MUSA (SURAH AL-QASAS 28:24)

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Quick Answer

- The dua for a job is Musa's prayer in Surah Al-Qasas 28:24: Rabbi inni lima anzalta ilayya min khayrin faqir — "My Lord! I am truly in desperate need of whatever provision You may have in store for me."
- No fixed recitation count exists for it in the Quran or Sunnah — not 100, not 313. Recite it as a dua, as often as you wish.
- Follow Musa's order: he helped others first, then prayed — and the Prophet ﷺ taught, "Tie it and rely (upon Allah)" (Tirmidhi 2517).

The Verse — Arabic, English & Urdu

فَسَقَىٰ لَهُمَا ثُمَّ تَوَلَّىٰٓ إِلَى ٱلظِّلِّ فَقَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّى لِمَآ أَنزَلْتَ إِلَىَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ

Fasqaa lahumaa thumma tawallaa ilaz-zilli faqaala: Rabbi innee limaa anzalta ilayya min khayrin faqeer.

"So he watered [their herd] for them, then withdrew to the shade and prayed, "My Lord! I am truly in [desperate] need of whatever provision You may have in store for me."" (Khattab, The Clear Quran)

تو موسیٰ نے اُن کے لئے (بکریوں کو) پانی پلا دیا پھر سائے کی طرف چلے گئے۔ اور کہنے لگے کہ پروردگار میں اس کا محتاج ہوں کہ تو مجھ پر اپنی نعمت نازل فرمائے

Musa had fled Egypt and reached Madyan with nothing. At the well he watered the flock of two women who could not push through the crowd of shepherds — then sat in the shade and prayed these words. The same chapter records the answer: an invitation, work for eight years (ten if he completed them willingly), safety, and marriage (28:23–27).

Word by Word — The Dua

Arabic	Transliteration	English
رَبِّ	Rabbi	My Lord
إِنِّى	Inni	Indeed I
لِمَآ	Lima	For whatever
أَنزَلْتَ	Anzalta	You send down
إِلَىَّ	Ilayya	To me
مِنْ	Min	From / of

مِنْ		
خَيْرٍ	Khayrin	Good, provision
فَقِيرٌ	Faqir	In desperate need, poor

The Madyan Loop — Print This

☐ Serve. Help one person before you ask — a contact shared, a CV reviewed, a skill volunteered.

☐ Shade. Step away from the noise. Two quiet minutes, phone down, after Fajr or on the commute.

☐ Ask. Recite 28:24 slowly, then name your real need: the rent, the visa, Thursday's interview.

☐ Step. One visible action before the day ends — an application sent, a follow-up chased, a skill learned.

7-Day Job-Search Tracker

Day	Dua focus	One step	Done ✓
Day 1	28:24 after every prayer	Send 2 applications	
Day 2	Ibn Majah 925 after Fajr	Ask one person for a referral	
Day 3	28:24 in the last third of the night	Improve one CV section	
Day 4	20:25–28 before any call or interview	Practise interview answers aloud	
Day 5	28:24 + gratitude for one past blessing	Help one person, Musa-style	
Day 6	17:80 for new beginnings	Apply outside your usual list	
Day 7	Review the week with 65:3	Rest, then plan next week's loop	

Two More Duas for the Search

After Fajr — the Prophet's ﷺ own rizq dua. Allahumma inni as'aluka 'ilman nafi'an, wa rizqan tayyiban, wa 'amalan mutaqabbalan — "O Allah, I ask You for beneficial knowledge, goodly provision and acceptable deeds" (Sunan Ibn Majah 925, Sahih — Darussalam).

Before an interview — Musa's confidence dua. Rabbi-shrah li sadri wa yassir li amri — "My Lord! Uplift my heart for me, and make my task easy" (Surah Taha 20:25–26). And for a delayed answer: "...and provide for them from sources they could never imagine. And whoever puts their trust in Allah, then He [alone] is sufficient for them" (Surah At-Talaq 65:3, Khattab).

Honest Note — Read Before You Forward

No authentic source gives a fixed count, a set time, or a guaranteed job for reciting this dua a specific number of times. Popular totals such as 313 come with no chain and no classical source. What the sources do give is a prophet who served first and prayed with empty hands, and a Prophet ﷺ who tied his camel and trusted Allah. Recite the dua often, work lawfully and persistently, and leave the timing of the answer to Allah.

نوٹ: اس دعا کے لیے کسی مستند ماخذ میں کوئی مقررہ تعداد ثابت نہیں — نہ ۱۰۰، نہ ۳۱۳۔ اسے دعا کے طور پر پڑھیں، جتنی بار چاہیں، اور اسے کوشش اور حلال اسباب کے ساتھ جوڑیں۔ (یہ نوٹ کرنٹ اسلام کا ادارتی ترجمہ ہے۔)

Quick Questions

How many times should I recite Rabbi inni lima anzalta?

As often as you like. No count is fixed in the Quran or Sunnah; spend the counting time on the search itself — one sincere dua with action behind it outweighs a distracted thousand.

Can I recite it for marriage as well?

Yes. Musa asked for whatever good Allah would send, and the answer at Madyan included both work and marriage (28:27). The wording covers every need.

What if months pass and nothing changes?

Keep going. The Prophet ﷺ said a supplication is granted unless a person grows impatient and says, "I supplicated but it was not granted" (Sahih Muslim 2735a). Hold the loop: serve, shade, ask, step.

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