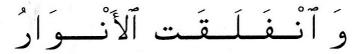
As-Salat al-Mashishiyya

As-Salatul-Mashishiyyah of the Qutb Sidi Moulay Abdas-salam ibn Mashish (the student of Sidi Abu Madyan Shu`ayb ibn al-Husayn al-Ghawth). Sidi ibn Mashish was the master of the great Imam of tasawwuf Sidi Abul Hasan as-Shadhili (RA) and regarded as the Qutb of his time. As-Salatul-Mashish is a beautiful litany summarizing the sufi understanding of the greatness of the rank of the Blessed Prophet (upon him be Peace and Blessings). This is only text which has come down from Ibn Mashish, a metaphysical paraphrase of a widely known prayer, in which the believer calls on God to bless the Prophet as if to thank him for having received Islam through him.

Shaykh Muhammad `Abdu 's-Salam ibn Mashish whose full name was ibn Mansur ibn Ibrahim al-Hasani al-Idrisi, ash-sharif of the Bani `Arus of the Jabal `Alam, to the south-east of Tetuan in the Maghrib.



Allahumma salli 'ala man minhu-n-shaqqati-l-asrar O Allah shower Your blessings upon him from whom burst open the secrets,



wa-n-falaqati-l-anwar from whom stream forth the lights,

and in whom rise up the realities,

wa tanazalat 'ulum Adama fa-a'jaza-l-khala'iq

and upon whom descended the sciences of Adam, by which all creatures are made powerless,

wa lahu tada'alati-l-fuhum

and blessings upon him before whom all understanding is diminished.

fa-lam yudrik-hu minna sabiqun wa la lahiqa None of us totally comprehend him, whether in the past or the future

fa-riyadu-l-malakuti bi-zahri jamalihi muniqa

The gardens of the spiritual kingdom blossom ornately with the resplendence of his beauty,

wa hiyadu-l-jabaruti bi-faydi anwarihi mutadafiqah

and the reservoirs of the World of Dominion overflow with the outpouring of his light.

wa la shay'a illa wa huwa bihi manuta

There is nothing that is not connected to him,

idh lawla-l-wasitatu la-dhhaba kama qila mawsut

because if there were no intercessor, everything to be interceded for would vanish, as it is said.

salatan taligu bika minka ilayhi kama huwa ahluhu

So bless him with a prayer that is worthy of You, from You, as befits his stature.

Allahumma innahu sirruka-l-jami'u-d-dallu bika 'alayk

O Allah indeed he is Your all-encompassing secret that leads through You to You

wa hijabuka-l-a'azamu-l-qa'imu laka bayna yadayk

and he is Your Supreme Veil raised before You, between Your Hands.

Allahumma alhiqni bi-nasabihi wa haqqiqni bi-hasabihi

O Allah include me among his descendants and confirm me through his account

wa 'arifni iyyahu ma'rifatan aslamu biha min mawaridi-l-jahl and let me know him with a deep knowledge that keeps me safe from the wells of ignorance,

wa akra'u biha min mawaridi-l-fadl so that I might drink to fullness from the wells of excellence

wa-hmilni 'ala sabilihi ila Hadratik Carry me on his path to Your Presence

hamlan mahfufam bi-nusratik encompassed by Your Victory,

wa aqadhif bi 'ala-l-batil fa-admaghuhu and strike through me at the false so that I may destroy it.

wa zujja bi fi bihari-l-Ahadiyya Plunge me into the seas of Oneness,

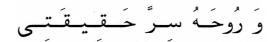
wa-nshulni min ahwali-tawhid pull me out of the morass of metaphorical Unity,

wa-ghriqni fi 'ayni bahri-l-Wahda and drown me in the Essence of the Ocean of Unicity

hatta la ara wa la asma'a wa la ajida wa la uhissa illa biha until I neither see, nor hear, nor find, nor sense, except through It.

وَ آجْعَلِ ٱللَّهُمَّ ٱلْحِجَابَ ٱلْأَعْظَمَ حَيَاةً رُوحِي

wa-j'ali Allahumma-l-hijaba-l-a'zama hayata ruhi O Allah make the Supreme Veil the life of my spirit



wa ruhahu sirra haqiqati and his soul the secret of my reality

وَ حَقِيقَتُهُ جَامِعَ عَوَ المي

wa haqiqatahu jami'a 'awalimi and his reality the conflux of my worlds

بِتَحْقِيقِ ٱلْحَقِّ ٱلْأُوَّلِ

bi-tahqiqi-l-Haqqi-l-Awwal through the realization of the First Truth.

يَا أَوَّلُ ، يَا آخِرُ ، يَا ظَاهِرُ ، يَا بَاطِنُ

Ya Awwal Ya Akhir Ya Zahir Ya Batin O First! O Last! O Manifest! O Most Hidden!

إِسْمَعْ نِدَ آئِي بِمَا سَمِعْتَ بِهِ نِدَ آءَ عَبْدِكَ زِكَرِياً

Isma' nida'iy bima sami'ta bihi nida'a abdika Zakariyya Hear my call as You heard the call of your servant Zachary

وَ ٱنْصُرْ نِي بِكَ لَكَ

wa-nsurni bika laka and grant me victory through You, for You

وَ أَيِّدْ نِي بِكَ لَكَ

wa ayyidni bika Laka and support me through You, for You وَ ٱجْمَعْ بَيْنِي وَ بَيْنِكَ wa ajma' bayni wa Baynak and join me to You

وَ حُلُ بَيْنِي وَ بَيْنِ غَيْرِكَ

wa hul bayni wa bayna ghayrik and come between myself and anything other than You—



{ Hold each ' $\bar{A}\bar{A}\bar{A}$ ' for twelve slow measures }

Allaaah! Allaaah! Allaaah!

[According to some, each "-aaa" is extended for approximately **12 counts**] This is the end of salatul-mashishiyyah - it is customary to read the following:



Inna-l-ladhi farada 'alayka-l-qur'ana la-radduka 'ila ma'ad [Qur'an 28.85] Indeed He, Who ordained the Qur'an for you, will return you to the station of your Ultimate Destiny.

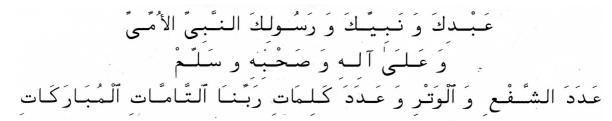
Rabbana 'atina min ladunka Rahmatan wa haiy' lana min 'amrina Rashada [Qur'an 18.10] O Lord grant us from Your Presence Mercy and endow us, whatever our outward condition, with sure Guidance!

Inna-Llaha wa malai'katahu yusalluna 'ala-n-nabi ya ayyuha-lladhina 'amanu sallu 'alayhi wa sallimu taslima [Qur'an 33.65]

Indeed Allah and His angels shower blessings upon the Prophet. O you who believe, shower blessings on him and greet him abundantly.

Salawatu-Llahi wa sallamuhu wa tahiyyatuhu wa Rahmatuhu wa barakatuhu 'ala sayyidina Muhammadin

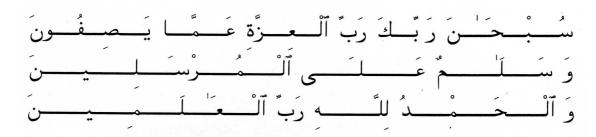
May the Sublime Blessings of Allah, His Peace, Greetings, Mercy, and Grace, be upon our Master Muhammad,



'abdika wa nabiyyika wa rasulikan-Nabiyyil-Ummi wa 'ala alihi wa sahbihi

Your Servant, Prophet and Messenger, the Unlettered Prophet — and also upon his family and companions.

wa sallim 'adada-sh-shaf'i wa-l-watri wa 'adada kalimati Rabbina-t-tammati-l-mubarakat Upon him be Peace multiplied by all even and odd numbers, and multiplied also by the inconceivable number of the perfect and blessed words of our Lord.



Subhana rabbika rabbil izzati 'ammaa yasifoon wasalamun 'alal mursaleen waal-hamdu lillahi rabbil 'alameena [Qur'an 37:180-183]

Glorified be your Sustainer, the Lord of Glory and mercy, beyond all which they attribute and Peace be upon the Messengers and Praise be Allah, Lords of the Worlds.

Alfu salaam - Alfu salaam - Alfu Alfi sallaamin fi qulubina

Thousand fold Peace, Thousand fold Peace, Thousand Thousand fold Peace in our Hearts

wala hawla wala quwwata 'illaa billahil 'aliyyil 'adheem and there is no Power and no strength except with Allah, The High The Exalted

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