

Dua for a troubled child

Shaykh Ali al Haddady said: Give importance to the significance of Dua, for surely it has a great effect. The parents supplicating to Allah and imploring Him to rectify their children is from the means and doors to good. It has been narrated that Fudayl ibn Iyad the Imam of Masjid Haram in Mecca during his era said:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي اجْتَهَدْتُ أَنْ أُؤَدِّبَ ابْنِي عَلِيًّا ، فَلَمْ أَقْدِرْ عَلَى تَأْدِيبِهِ ، فَأَدِّبْهُ أَنْتَ لِي

O Allah, surely I tried hard to cultivate my son Ali, but I was not able to cultivate him, so You cultivate him for me. (Siyar A'lam an-Nubala 8/390)

Thus the condition of his son changed such that he became from the major righteous people of his era. He died while praying the Fajr prayer when the Imam recited the statement of Allah the Exalted:

وَلَوْ تَرَى إِذْ وَقَفُوا عَلَى النَّارِ فَقَالُوا يَا لَيْتَنَا نُرَدُّ

If you could but see when they will be held over the (Hell) Fire! They will say: "Would that we were but sent back (to the world)! (Soorah Al-'An`ām 6:27)

End of Shaykh's speech

The Dua of Fudayl ibn Iyad:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي اجْتَهَدْتُ أَنْ أُؤَدِّبَ (insert child's name here) فَلَمْ أَقْدِرْ عَلَى تَأْدِيبِهِ ، فَأَدِّبْهُ أَنْتَ لِي

O Allah, surely I tried hard to cultivate (my son/daughter insert child's name here), but I was not able to cultivate (him/her) so You cultivate him for me.