**Some Virtues and Benefits of sending our Salawat**

* **You are following the way of Allāh azza wa jal and His Honorable Angels.Â *“Allāh and His angels send blessings on the Prophet.”* (33:56)**
* **Your ṣalāh on him reaches him sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam. We have lost our chance in this life to see and interact with our Messenger sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam, but out of Allāh\'s Great Mercy He has allowed our duaa to reach him no matter how far or close we are to his grave. It was narrated that Abdullah ibn Mas\'ood (may Allāh be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allāh sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam said: â€œAllāh has angels who go around on earth, conveying to me the salaam of my ummah.â€ [Sunan Nasaa'i, Saheeh Al-Albani]**
* **The Prophet sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam will return your greeting. Abu Hurayrah (May Allāh be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allāh sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam said, “There is not one of you who sends his greetings upon me except that Allāh returns the soul to my body (in the grave) and I return his greeting.” [Abu Dawood, Saheeh Al-Albani]**
* **Amplification of reward, removal of sins and receiving the blessings of Allāh. Abdullah bin 'Amr bin Al-'As (May Allāh be pleased with them) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allāh sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam saying: “Whoever supplicates Allāh to exalt my mention (*i.e., send ṣalāh)*, Allāh will exalt his mention (*i.e., send ṣalāh)*ten times and remove from him ten sins and raise him ten degrees.” [Muslim]**
* **Jibreel alayhi salaam will send ṣalāh and salaam upon you. AbdurRahman ibn Awf (may Allāh be pleased with him) said, I came to the Prophet sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam while he was in prostration and he elongated his prostration and then said, “Jibreel came to me and he said, 'whoever sends blessings (ṣalāh) upon you, I will send blessings on him, and whoever sends greetings (salaam) upon you, I will send greetings upon him,' so I prostrated out of thankfulness to Allāh.'” [Haakim, Saheeh Al-Albani]**
* **Answering of one\'s duaa. Most of us do not know that duaa is suspended between the heavens and earthÂ until we send salawat on the Prophet sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam. Umar radi Allahu anhu said, “â€œDuaa is suspended between heaven and earth and none of it is taken up until you send blessings upon your Prophet sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam.â€ [At-Tirmidhi, Hasan Al-Albani] The scholars state that it is recommended (mustahabb) to include salawat in our duaa for the Prophet sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam.**
* **The Prophet sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam invited the believers to make ṣalāh on him. It was narrated that Abu Hurayrah (may Allāh be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allāh sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam said: Do not take your houses as graves and do not take my grave as a place of festivity (which you visit repeatedly). Send blessings upon me for your greeting will reach me no matter where you are.â€ [Abu Dawood, Saheeh Al-Albani]**
* **You will not be among the humiliated. Abu Hurayrah (May Allāh be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allāh sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam said, “May his nose soil with dust in whose presence mention is made of me and he does not supplicate for me.” [At-Tirmidhi, Saheeh Al-Albaani] imām Nawawi rahimahullah states the saying 'may his nose be rubbed in dust' means to suffer humiliation and disgrace. That isÂ *“may such person be humiliated and disgraced who hears my name and does not invoke Allāh's blessings upon me.”***
* **You will not be among the miserly. Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allāh sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam said, “The miser is the one in whose presence I am mentioned but he does not supplicate for me.” [At-Tirmidhi, Saheeh Al-Albani]**
* **You will be among the closest to the rophet sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam on a Day that will cause a child's hair to become grey. Ibn Mas'ood (May Allāh be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allāh sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam said: “The people who will be nearest to me on the Day of Resurrection will be those who supplicate Allāh more often for me.” [At-Tirmidhi, Hasan li ghayrihi Al-Albani] imām Nawawi rahimahullah states, “Nearest to me” signifies “those who are most entitled to my intercession”.**
* **Allāh will love you and forgive you because following the sunnah of the Prophet sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam. Allāh says, “*Say (O Muḥammad to mankind): “If you (really) love Allāh then follow me , Allāh will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allāh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful*.” (3:31)**
* **Your love for the Prophet sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam will increase. When you love someone, your mind is filled with thoughts of them. By constantly making duaa for the Prophet sal Allahu alayhi wa sallam whenever his name is mentioned, you are making a conscious effort to remember him. Put in the effort to internalize the salawat whenever you make them and understand *who* you are making duaa for, and inshā'Allāh your love for him will increase tremendously, alayhi salaatu wa salaam.**