

Prayers from the Quran

Seeking Knowledge

قَالَ رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي ۖ وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي ۖ وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِّنْ لِّسَانِي ۖ

“Moses Said ‘My Lord, open out for me my breast and make my task easy for me and loose the knot of my tongue” (20.26)



Hadhrat Moses' prayer:

This is a prayer that we may have learnt from a very young age. We say this prayer when we want Allah to help us “increase our knowledge”. So we may have said it when we were learning the Qaedah, or the Quran, Or to ask for Allah’s help to be successful in our school work or in our exams.

We mustn’t forget that seeking ‘worldly’ knowledge shouldn’t be our only aim, ‘religious’ knowledge is also extremely important. So when we say this prayer before we read the Holy Quran, we are

asking Allah to open our minds, so that we truly understand the message of the Holy Quran.

It was Hadhrat Moses who first said this prayer. Allah told Hadhrat Moses to go to Pharaoh and warn him that if he did not reform, Allah would punish him.

At first, for various reasons, Hadhrat Moses felt hesitant about carrying out such a great task. So he turned to Allah, to make his task easier and asked Allah to 'loose the knot of his tongue' and 'open out for me my breast'. This means that Hadhrat Moses prayed that Allah would open his heart and mind, and that his speech would become clear and inspiring, so that when he spoke before Pharaohs court, they would understand the message that Allah had asked him to convey.