

God is the best advocate.

Forgiveness:

Another way in which God helps individuals and communities to succeed is through forgiveness. On the path to success and utilizing their talents, people and communities inevitably make mistakes and encounter impurities, and the only way out of them is through God's forgiveness. Forgiveness is one of the essential elements of life and success. Those who are not granted God's forgiveness are certainly among the losers. However, those who make use of God's forgiveness draw much closer to success. The greatest successful person in the world, the Prophet of Islam, used God's forgiveness seventy times a day.

'Addat al-Da'i wa Najah al-Sa'i, p. 265, narrates from Imam al-Ridha: "The Messenger of God (peace be upon him) would not rise from a gathering, even if it was brief, without seeking God's forgiveness twenty-five times."

Imam al-Ridha said: "The Messenger of God (peace be upon him) sought forgiveness from God seventy times every morning and repented seventy times to God." They asked, "When he sought forgiveness, what would he say? Would he say, *Astaghfirullah wa atubu ilayh*?" Imam al-Ridha responded: "The Prophet (peace be upon him) would say *Astaghfirullah* seventy times and *Atubu ila Allah* seventy times," even though there was no impurity in him.

Stay in your houses and do not flaunt your finery like the former [days of pagan] ignorance. Maintain the prayer and pay the zakat, and obey Allah and His Apostle. Indeed Allah desires to repel all impurity from you, O People of the Household, and purify you with a thorough purification. (*Al-Ahzab*, 33)

They said, 'Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves! If You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers.' (*Al-A'raf*, 23)

Forgiveness is essential for human life.

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