

# *Honour Thy Parents*

*'Verily Paradise is at the feet of the Mother'*

*'The Pleasure of Allah Ta'aala is in the pleasure of the Father  
and the Displeasure of Allah Ta'aala is in the displeasure of  
the Father'*  
(AHADITH)

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# FOREWORD

This small booklet has been prepared on the request of Haafiz Muhammad Arif, Principal, Jamia Islamia, Hazrat Sultan Bahu Trust.

Many have long felt the need for the Muslim community in the UK, especially the Youth, to be reminded of the status and rank of their parents. A major cause of the strife the Muslim Ummah faces today stems from the breakdown of the social order prescribed by our All Knowing and All Wise Creator. How can this Ummah expect blessings when it no longer respects its parents, when wives no longer fulfil the rights of husbands, when parents neglect the rights of their children? Insha'Allah It is hoped that similar booklets will be produced to remind ourselves of all these issues.

This booklet does not attempt to provide an exhaustive account of all the narrations on this topic but for brevity and clarity only a few sources have been selected. It does however try to emphasise two aspects;

**1) Respect of the father.** The rights of the mother are well propagated and sometimes to an extent that can leave the vulnerable mind to conclude the father to be unimportant. Furthermore in the western society most young men see themselves as 'ahead' of their fathers, they feel they understand this society better than their fathers who are immigrants not fully averse with the host society. This attitude leads many to disregard their fathers and the results of this misconception are before us all.

**2) Respecting Parents after their death.** In this materialistic and myopic society that promotes the idea of death signifying termination it is important to emphasise serving parents after death. In addition a few misinformed voices amongst the Muslims spread ideas against Dua and Sadaqah for the deceased.

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## CHAPTER 1

# Importance of Respecting Parents

Respecting, obeying and pleasing parents is an important part of a Muslim's life. Its importance is demonstrated by the fact that wherever in the Quran Allah Ta'ala has ordered mankind to worship Him and join no partners with Him he has also ordered him to obey his parents. For example, Our Most Beneficent Lord states in Surah Bani Israil

وَقَضَىٰ رَبِّيكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا  
إِذَا بَلَغْتَ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَيْهِمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا  
أُفٍّ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا وَأَخْفِصْ لَهُمَا  
جَنَاحَ الذَّلِيلِ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيْتَنِي  
صَغِيرًا

*And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him and that you be good to your Parents. If one or both of them reach old age with you do not say 'Uff' (sound of despair), nor shout at them but speak to them with honour. And lower before them the wing of submission and humility through mercy and say 'My Lord, Bestow upon them mercy like they bestowed upon me when I was small'.*

The pleasing and obeying of parents is important because in Islam obedience to parents is tantamount to the obedience of Allah and the displeasure of parents is tantamount to the displeasure of Allah.

Abu Hurayra narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said

**'Obeying Allah is the Obeying of the father and Disobeying Allah is the Disobeying of the father'** (Tibraani)

طَاعَةُ اللَّهِ طَاعَةُ الْوَالِدِ وَ  
مَعْصِيَةُ اللَّهِ مَعْصِيَةُ الْوَالِدِ

Abdullah ibn Umar narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said

**'Allah's pleasure is in the pleasure of the father and the displeasure of Allah is in the displeasure of the father'**  
(Tirmidhi, Haakim, Ibn Habbaan)

رِضَا اللَّهِ فِي رِضَا الْوَالِدِ وَ  
سَخِطُ اللَّهِ فِي سَخِطِ الْوَالِدِ

Abdullah ibn Masood narrates

**'I asked the Prophet which act is most beloved to Allah Ta'aala, he said 'Prayer at its time', I asked 'After that?' He said 'Being good to Parents' I asked 'After that?' He said 'Jihaad in the path of Allah'**  
(Abu Dawud, Nisai)

أَيُّ الْعَمَلِ أَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى  
قَالَ الصَّلَاةُ عَلَى وَقْتِهَا قُلْتُ ثُمَّ  
أَيُّ قَالَ بِرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ قُلْتُ ثُمَّ  
أَيُّ قَالَ الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

Obedience to parents is superior to Jihaad! If a Muslim has to choose between serving his parents or going to Jihaad, he must serve his parents. Furthermore, a Muslim should never leave for Jihaad when his parents do not allow him.

Abdullah ibn Umar narrates that a man came to the Prophet ﷺ and said

**'I promise to migrate and do Jihad and seek reward from Allah'. The Prophet ﷺ asked 'Is any one of your parents alive?' He replied 'Yes' The Prophet ﷺ then asked 'Do you desire reward from Allah?' He said 'Yes' The Prophet ﷺ ordered 'Then return to your parents and be good to them'**  
(Muslim)

أَبَايَعُكَ عَلَى الْهَجْرَةِ وَالْجِهَادِ  
أَبْتَغِي الْأَجْرَ مِنَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى  
قَالَ فَهَلْ مِنْ وَالِدَيْكَ  
أَحَدٌ قَالَ نَعَمْ كِلَاهُمَا  
حَى قَالَ فَتَبْتَغِي الْأَجْرَ مِنَ  
اللَّهِ تَعَالَى قَالَ نَعَمْ قَالَ  
فَارْجِعْ إِلَى وَالِدَيْكَ  
فَأَحْسِنْ صَبَاتَهُمَا-

Abdullah ibn Umar narrates that a man came to the Prophet ﷺ and said

**'I have come to pledge (and to) migrate and have left my parents weeping' The Prophet ordered him 'Return to both of them and make them happy just as you have made them cry' (Abu Dawud)**

جِئْتُ اَبَايَكَ عَلَى الْهِجْرَةِ  
وَتَرَكْتُ اَبْوَى يَتْلِيَانِ قَالَ  
فَارْجِعْ اِلَيْهِمَا فَاُضِحْ كِهْمَا  
اَبْلَيْتَهُمَا - (ابو داود)

Abu Saeed Khudri narrates that a man from Yemen migrated towards the Prophet ﷺ. The Prophet ﷺ asked

**'Do you have anyone in Yemen?' He replied 'My two parents'. The Prophet ﷺ asked 'Did they give you permission (to migrate)?' He replied 'No'. The Prophet ﷺ ordered 'Return to them and seek their permission, if they permit you, do Jihad and if they do not (stay and) serve them.' (Abu Dawud)**

الى رسول الله صلى الله تعالى  
عليه وسلم فقال هل لك  
احد باليمن قال ابواى  
قال اذا ناك قال لا قال  
فارجع اليهما فاستاذنهما  
فان اذنا فجاهد و  
الافبرهما -

**Muaawiya bin Jaahima narrates 'I came to the Prophet ﷺ to discuss going to Jihaad, The Prophet asked 'Do you have a mother?' I said 'Yes' He said 'Stay with her because surely Jannah is beneath her feet'. (Nisai, Ibn Majah)**

ان جاهمه رضى الله تعالى  
عنه جاء الى النبي صلى الله تعالى  
عليه وسلم فقال يا رسول  
الله اردت ان تحوز وقد جئتك  
استشيرك فقال هل  
لك من ام قال نعم قال  
فالزمها فان الجنة عند  
رجليها -



## CHAPTER 2

# Rewards of Respecting Parents

By obeying and pleasing parents not only does a Muslim fulfil this important commandment he also earns great reward

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ مَنْ وَكَّدَ بَابًا يَنْظُرُ وَالِدَيْهِ نَظْرَةً رَحْمَةً إِلَّا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَهُ بِكُلِّ نَظْرَةٍ حَجَّةً مَبْرُورَةً قَالُوا وَإِنْ نُظِرَ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ مِائَةً مَرَّةً قَالَ نَعَمْ! اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَأَطْيَبُ - (رواه البيهقي في شعب الایمان، مخطوطة ص ۴۲۱)

*Ibn Abbaas narrates the Prophet ﷺ statement ' (Nothing arises) from the obedient child looking at his parents with a merciful glance except that Allah writes for him (the reward of) an accepted Hajj for each glance. The people asked 'Even if he glances at them 100 times each day ?' He replied 'Yes, Allah is great and Pure' (Bayhaqi, Mishkaat)*

*Anas narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said 'Whoever wishes for Allah to bless his age and increase his livelihood should be good to his parents and maintain links with his relatives' (Bayhaqi)*

The wise Muslims know that pleasing and obeying parents is an excellent way of pleasing Allah and achieving paradise. Only the most unfortunate Muslim misses out!

عن ابى هريرة رضى الله عنه، عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ ثُمَّ رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ ثُمَّ رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ قِيلَ مَنْ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ مَنْ أَدْرَكَ وَالِدَيْهِ عِنْدَ الْكِبَرِ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ جِلَاهُمَا ثُمَّ لَمْ يَدْخُلِ الْجَنَّةَ

*Abu Hurayra narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said 'Wretched is he, then (further) wretched, then (further) wretched!' He was asked 'Who Yaa Rasoolallah?' He replied 'Whoever finds both or one of his parents in old age and does not (achieve) enter paradise' (Muslim)*

This is because when the Parents are old and frail, they are in greater need of help and there is greater opportunity for the son or daughter to serve them and earn rewards.

Another benefit of obeying parents is that it compensates for and leads to the forgiveness of any sins and mistakes a person may have committed.

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا أَنَّ  
رَجُلًا أَتَى النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ يَا  
رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِنَّي أَصَبْتُ ذَنْبًا عَظِيمًا فَبَلِّغْ لِي مِنْ تَوْبَةٍ  
قَالَ هَلْ لَكَ مِنْ أُمِّ قَالٍ لَوْ قَالَ وَهَلْ لَكَ مِنْ خَالَةٍ  
قَالَ نَعَمْ قَالَ فَبَيِّرْهُمَا -

*Ibn Umar narrates that A man came to the Prophet ﷺ and said 'Verily I have committed a major sin, is there repentance for me? The Prophet asked 'Do you have a mother (is she still alive)?' He replied 'No' The Prophet asked 'Do you have a maternal aunt?' He replied 'Yes' The Prophet ordered 'Be good to her' (Tirmidhi)*

In explaining why Allah Ta'aala said about Syeduna Yahya alaihi salaam 'Salaam upon the day he was born, upon the day he will die and the day he will be raised (on Qiyaamah)' Ibn Katheer states that it means that whilst death is a painful and frightening obstacle, Yahya will have peace (ease) on that day. Qiyaamah is also a terrifying prospect full of trials and tribulations but Allah has promised Yahya peace on that day too. Ibn Katheer reveals that Yahya was bestowed these bounties because of his service to his parents! He always obeyed them and never did anything without their permission. (*Tafseer Ibn Katheer Surah Maryam v14-15*)

### A Source of Longevity!

*Thowbaan narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said 'Nothing changes destiny except Dua and nothing increases one's life except doing good, And Surely a Man's sins limit his livelihood (Rizq) (Ibn Majah)*  
What greater good can a man do than be good to his parents.

## CHAPTER 3

# Punishments for Disrespecting Parents

Because Disobeying parents is equivalent to disobeying Allah there is severe punishment for those who disobey and upset their parents.

Will get the severest punishment in Akhirah

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا قَالَ قَالَ  
رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِنَّ أَشَدَّ النَّاسِ  
عَذَابًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مَنْ قَتَلَ نَبِيًّا أَوْ قَتَلَهُ شَيْئًا أَوْ قَتَلَ  
أَحَدَ وَالِدَيْهِ وَالْمُصَوِّرُونَ وَ عَالِمٌ لَمْ يُتَفَيِّحْ  
بِعِلْمِهِ -

*Ibn Abbaas narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said 'Those receiving the severest punishment on the Day of Judgement will be those*

- 1) *who killed a Prophet or*
  - 2) *were killed by a Prophet or*
  - 3) *killed one of his parents or*
  - 4) *drew pictures or*
  - 5) *the Scholars who did not benefit from their knowledge.*
- (Bayhaqi)*

Will be punished in this world

*Abu Bakr narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said 'If Allah wishes He can delay the punishment of all sins until the Day of Qiyaamah but He will surely punish the (sin of) disobeying Parents in this world'*  
*(Haakim, Tibraani)*

The Dua of the Angry Father is always accepted!

*Abu Huayra narrates the Prophets ﷺ statement 'There is no doubt in the acceptance of three supplications (Duas); the Dua of the oppressed; the Dua of the traveller and the Dua of the father against his son'*  
*(Tirmidhi)*

## Swearing at other's parents is to swear at your own parents

Abdullah ibn Amr narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said 'Of the major sins a man can do is to swear at his own parents. The people queried 'Yaa Rasoolallah, can a man ever swear at his parents? He explained 'Yes, when he swears at the father of another man who in return swears back at his father and when he swears at the mother of another man who in return swears back at his mother' (Bukhaari, Muslim, Tirmidhi)

## Major Sin

Abdullah ibn Amr narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said 'The major sins are Shirk with Allah; disobeying parents; killing a person and taking false oaths'. (Bukhaari)

## He will not enter Paradise

Ibn Umar narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said

'Three people will not enter Jannah; the one who disobeys his parents; the shameless man and the woman who acts masculine' (Nisai, Bazaar, Haakim)

ثَلَاثَةٌ لَا يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ  
الْعَاقُ لِوَالِدَيْهِ وَالذَّيُّوتُ  
وَالرَّجُلَةُ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ -

## It is the worst of all sins

Abu Bakr narrates that the Prophet ﷺ asked 'Shall I not tell you of the gravest of grave sins? Shall I not tell you of the gravest of grave sins? Shall I not tell you of the gravest of grave sins? The People said 'Yes' He revealed 'To join partners with Allah and to upset Parents'. (Tirmidhi)

## He is cursed !

Abu Hurayra narrates The Prophet ﷺ proclaimed

'Cursed is the one who upsets his Parents,  
Cursed is the one who upsets his Parents,  
Cursed is the one who upsets his Parents.' (Tabraani, Haakim)

مَلْعُونٌ مَنْ عَقَّ وَالِدَيْهِ،  
مَلْعُونٌ مَنْ عَقَّ وَالِدَيْهِ،  
مَلْعُونٌ مَنْ عَقَّ وَالِدَيْهِ -

### Be light years away from Paradise

*Abu Hurayra narrates that the Prophet ﷺ advised 'Protect yourself from disobeying Parents because the fragrance of paradise can be found at a distance of a thousand years but the one who disobeys his parents won't even smell it'. (Tafseer Mudaarik)*

### Your Children will treat you the same you treat your parents!

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ قَالَ قَالَ  
رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَفُّوا عَنِ نِسَاءِ النَّاسِ  
تَعَفُّ نِسَاءُكُمْ وَيُرُوا آبَاءَكُمْ تَبِرُّكُمْ أَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَمَنْ  
أَتَاهُ أَخُوهُ مُتَنَصِّلاً فَلْيَقْبَلْ ذَلِكَ مِنْهُ مُحِقًّا كَانَ أَوْ  
مُيْطَلًّا فَإِنْ لَمْ يَفْعَلْ لَمْ يَرِدْ عَلَى الْعَوْضِ -

*Abu Hurayra narrates the Prophet ﷺ advised 'Refrain from the women of others so that your women are refrained from, be good to your fathers so that your sons are good to you and whosoever's brother comes to him in reconciliation he should reconcile, irrespective of who was right or wrong. Whoever does not do this should not (bother) coming to my fountain (of kauthar on the day of Judgement)' (Mustadrak Haakim)*

### Will not enter Jannah

*Abdullah ibn Amr states that the Prophet ﷺ said 'The one who recalls his favours, the one who is disobedient to his parents and the one who constantly drinks wine will not enter Paradise. (Nisaii)*

## CHAPTER 4

# Specific rights of the Mother

The mother has the greatest right over a Man !

*Aisha narates ; I asked the Prophet ﷺ*

**Who has the greatest right over a woman? He replied 'Her Husband'. I asked who has the greatest right over a man? He replied 'His mother' (Bazaar)**

أَيُّ النَّاسِ أَعْظَمُ حَقًّا  
عَلَى الْمَرْأَةِ قَالَتْ دَعَوْنِي  
قُلْتُ أَيُّ النَّاسِ أَعْظَمُ  
حَقًّا عَلَى الرَّجُلِ قَالَتْ  
أُمُّهُ .

*Abu Hurayra narrates*

**A man came to the Prophet ﷺ and asked 'Which person has the greatest right to my kindness? The Prophet said 'Your mother' The man then asked 'Who after that?' The Prophet said 'Your mother' The man then asked 'Who after that?' The Prophet replied 'Your mother' The man asked 'Who after that?' He said 'Your father'. (Bukhaari)**

جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ  
صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ  
فَقَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ مَنْ  
أَحَقُّ النَّاسِ بِحَسَنِ صَحَابَتِي  
قَالَ أُمَّكَ قَالَتْ لِمَنْ  
قَالَ أُمَّكَ قَالَتْ شِمٌّ مَنْ  
قَالَ أُمَّكَ قَالَتْ شِمٌّ مَنْ  
قَالَ أَبُوكَ . (رواه الشيخان)

*Abu Salama AsSalami narrates the Prophets ﷺ advise*

**'I advise the man to fulfil the right of his mother. I advise the man to fulfil the right of his mother. I advise the man to fulfil the right of his mother. I advise the man to fulfil the right of his father' (Ibn Majah)**

أَوْصِي الرَّجُلَ بِأُمِّهِ  
أَوْصِي الرَّجُلَ بِأُمِّهِ أَوْصِي  
الرَّجُلَ بِأُمِّهِ أَوْصِي الرَّجُلَ  
بِأَبِيهِ . (رواه الإمام احمد وابن ماجه)

Disobeying the Mother is Haraam!

*Mugeera narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said 'Verily Allah has made it haraam upon you to disobey the mother and bury alive daughters' (Bukhaari)*

## CHAPTER 5

# Specific rights of the Father

*Abu Darda narrates that he heard the Prophet ﷺ state*

**'The father is the middle gate of Paradise an, if you wish you may lose it or secure it'** (Ibn Majah, Tirmidhi)

أَلْوَالِدُ أَوْسَطُ أَبْوَابِ  
الْجَنَّةِ فَإِنْ شِئْتَ فَاصْرَعْ  
ذَلِكَ الْبَابَ أَوْ احْفَظْ -

The favours of the father cannot be repaid!

*Abu Hurayra narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said 'The son can never repay the favours of his father except if he finds him as a slave and frees him'* (Abu Dawud)

Do not call the father by his name and do not walk ahead of him.

*Abu Hurayra met two people and asked one of them who the other was. The one explained 'My Father' Abu Hurayra then advised 'Do not call him by his name, do not walk in front of him and do not sit before him'. (Bukhari's Al Adab al Mufrad)*

Be Good to the friends of your father

*Ibn Umar narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said 'From the greatest of greatest deeds is for a man to be good to the friends of his father'* (Muslim)

*Abdullah bin Dinaar narrates 'Abdullah ibn Umar once met a Bedouin in the streets of Makkah. He greeted him and sat him on the donkey he was riding and gave him the Amaamah (turban) he was wearing on his head. Abdullah ibn Umar states that people (on seeing this) commented 'May Allah grant you ability, he was a Bedouin, they are easily pleased (you didn't have to do all this!). Abdullah ibn Umar explained 'His father was a friend of Umar ibn Khattaab (my father) and I have heard the Prophet ﷺ state 'The greatest of deeds is for a man to be good to the friends of his father'. (Muslim)*

Do not look at your father in an angry way!

*Aisha narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said **Whosoever looked towards his father with a sharp gaze has not been good to his father'** (Bayhaqi)*

Perform Good Deeds on behalf of your Parents

*Abu Razeen Uqaili narrates that **He came to the Prophet ﷺ and asked 'Yaa Rasoolallah ﷺ, my father is very old and does not have the strength for Hajj or Umrah or a journey. The Prophet advised 'Perform Haj and Umrah on his behalf'** (Tirmidhi, Abu Dawud, Nisai)*

صلى الله  
عليه وسلم



## CHAPTER 6

# Honour Them After Their Death

Don't think that once you have performed the funeral that is the end of things; you must still continue to be good to your parents.

*Abu Asyad Saadi states 'We were with the Prophet ﷺ when a man of the Banu Salaama tribe came and asked him 'Is there any good deed I can do for my parents after their death?'*

The Prophet explained

**'Yes, four. Pray their funeral (Do Dua for them), seek forgiveness for them, fulfil their commitments, be good to their relatives and respect their friends'** (Ibn Majah)

نَعْمَ أَرْبَعَةٌ الصَّلَاةُ عَلَيْهِمَا وَ  
الِاسْتِغْفَارُ لَهُمَا وَإِنْفَاءُ عَمَلِهِمَا  
مِنْ بَعْدِهَا وَكَوَامُ صِدْقَيْهِمَا  
وَصَلَاةُ الرَّحِمِ الَّتِي لَدَرَجِمِ  
لِلْكَرَامِ الْأَمْنِ قَبْلِهِمَا فَبِهَذَا  
الشَّذِي بَقِيَ بَرُّهُمَا بَعْدَ  
مَوْتِهِمَا.

### The Great Effects of Dua

*Abu Hurayra states that the Prophet ﷺ said 'Verily Allah raises the status of a pious person in Paradise. The Person will ask 'O Lord, How is this (increased) status for me? Allah will explain 'Through the dua of your son' (Ahmad) There is a similar worded hadith in Ibn Majah.*

**'Of the good deeds is the son performing Dua seeking forgiveness for his parents'** (Ibn Najjaar)

اسْتِغْفَارُ الْوَالِدِ لِأَبِيهِ بَعْدَ  
الْمَوْتِ مِنَ السَّبْرِ

*Anas bin Malik narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said*

**'When a man ceases doing Dua for his parents, verily his livelihood is cut off'** (Tibraani in Taareekh, Daylmi)

إِذَا تَرَكَ الْعَبْدُ الدُّعَاءَ  
بِلِوَالِدَيْهِ فَإِنَّهُ يَنْقَطِعُ  
عَنْهُ السَّرِقُ

Offering Sadaqah on behalf of deceased parents is an excellent way of serving Parents. Furthermore, make it habitual that whenever you give Sadaqah you make the intention of it being on behalf of your parents. This way they will benefit and so will you !

*Abdullah ibn Umar narrates that the Prophet ﷺ recommended*

**'When anyone of you gives voluntary Sadaqah he should make it from his parents (because) both they will be rewarded and you will not have your reward reduced. (Tibraani, Ibn Asaakir, Daylmi)**

إِذَا تَصَدَّقَ أَحَدُكُمْ بِصَدَقَةٍ  
تَطَوُّعًا فَلْيَجْعَلْهَا عَنْ  
أَبَوَيْهِ فَيَكُونَ لَهُمَا  
أَجْرُهَا وَلَا يَنْقُصُ مِنْ  
أَجْرِهِ شَيْئًا.

Give the Best Sadaqah for your deceased Parent

Don't just be content on giving Sadaqah, but try to give the Best Sadaqah!

*Saad bin Ubaada asked the Prophet ﷺ 'Verily my mother has died, so which is the best Sadaqah (I can give)? The Prophet revealed 'Water'. So he dug a well and proclaimed 'This (well) is for the mother of Saad'. (Abu Dawud/Nisai)*

*Ibn Umar narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said*

**'Whoever visits the graves of both or one of his parents with the intention of reward he will be rewarded (equivalent to) an accepted Hajj and whoever repeatedly visits their graves an angel will visit his own grave' (Haakim Tibraani, Ibn Adee)**