



### The Third Question of Fatwa no. 5318 :

**Q3: Allah (may He be Exalted) says:** ( And (all) the Most Beautiful Names belong to Allah, so call on Him by them. ) **How can Allah be supplicated to by His Most Beautiful Names; should He be supplicated to by ten of His Names or more, or can it be just by the Name befitting the reason for the Du`a' (supplication)?**

**A:** It is lawful to supplicate to Allah and to do so by His Most Beautiful Names, as Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ( And (all) the Most Beautiful Names belong to Allah, so call on Him by them. ) It is reported by Imam

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Ahmad, in a Hadith narrated by Ibn Mas`ud, that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, ( "If anyone is overcome by sorrow or despondency they should say: 'O Allah! I am Your Servant, son of Your Servant, son of Your Mayservant. My forelock is in Your Hand, Your Judgment over me is assured, and Your Decree over me is just. I ask You by every name You have taken for Yourself, taught to any of Your Creation, revealed in Your Book, or that You have taken unto Yourself in the realm of the Unseen, to make the Qur'an the life of my heart, the light of my breast, the banisher of my sorrow, and the reliever of my despondency.' Allah will substitute their despondency and sorrow with happiness. He (peace be upon him) was asked, 'O Messenger of Allah! Should we learn this?' He said, 'Yes, anyone who hears this should learn it.' )

Anyone who wishes to supplicate to Allah can do so by any of the Most Beautiful Names that Allah calls Himself by or that were used by His Messenger (peace be upon him). It is preferable to choose the Name that suits what is being asked for. These Names can be used for example: "O Helper! Help me;" "O Most Merciful! Have mercy upon me;" or "Lord, forgive me and show mercy upon me, as You are the One Who accepts Tawbah (repentance), the Most Merciful."

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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