DALAAIL U’L KHAYRAAT
of: IMAM AL-JAZULI
(Rahmatullahi ‘alayh )
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1. THE FIRST MAJOR BOOK OF SALAWAAT

Dalaail u’l Khayraat (Proofs of Good Deeds) is a *kitab* (book) of *salawaat* (blessings) on our beloved Holy Prophet Sayyidina wa Mawlana Muhammad al-Mustafa ℓ composed by Imam Muhammad bin Sulayman al-Jazuli ℓ of Morocco. He was a Shaykh in the Shazili *tariqa* (spiritual path) who traced his ancestry to Imam Hasan ibn ‘Ali ℓ, the noble Prophet’s grandson, and left his earthly existence in 870 A.H / 1465 C.E. He is considered to be one of the seven greatest *Awliya’ Allah* (Friends of Allah, *sufi* masters) of Morocco. Al-Habib ‘AbdAllah bin ‘Alawi bin Hasan al-‘Attas ℓ informs us in The Way of Bani ‘Alawi that Imam al-Jazuli had twelve thousand *muridin* (disciples). Seventy seven years after he passed ahead, his body was exhumed for re-burial in Marrakesh and it had not undergone any change. This is one of the miracles that has been recorded in books of history.

The full name of his *kitab* is Dalaail u’l Khayraat wa Shawaraariq u’l Mukhtaaar (Proofs of Good Deeds and the Brilliant Burst of Sunshine in the Recitation of Blessing on the Chosen Prophet ℓ). It is the most acclaimed, the most popular, and the most recited among books of *salawaat* on the beloved Prophet ℓ. Just as al-Muwatta of Imam Malik ℓ is the first major book of Hadith Sharif to be compiled, Dalaail u’l Khayraat is the first major book of *salawaat*. In it, Imam al-Jazuli ℓ presents to us as a gift a precious and spontaneous composition and recitation of *salawaat* that poured out directly from his heart. The recitation is obviously from memory as is the tradition of our ‘*ulama*’ (learned scholars) and the spontaneous composition is from the *waaridaat* (spiritual perceptions) that Allah ℓ poured into his heart as a reward for loving the Prophet ℓ. It does not contain all the *salawaat* that existed in his time because that would have taken many volumes. We can understand this better when we recite the many *salawaat* of just one Imam, the great grandson of the blessed Prophet himself, namely, Imam Zayn al-‘Abidin ‘Ali ibn Husayn ibn ‘Ali ℓ (38-95 A.H / 658-713 C.E) in his huge *kitab* of supplications to Allah ℓ titled As-Sahifa Sajjadiyyah (The Book of the Worshipper).

The mode of presentation of Imam al-Jazuli ℓ is all his own, musk-scented with the love of RasulAllah ℓ. The writing flows smooth and fast with an exhilarating pace. This *kitab* has caught the imagination of Muslims to such an extent that many ‘*ulama*’ have written whole books of explanation or commentary (Arabic: *sharh*) on it. One such *sharh* was written by al-‘Allamah Mahdi Fasi ℓ titled Mataali’ul Masarraat (The Dawns of Happiness), which has been translated into Urdu by al-‘Allamah Muhammad ‘Abdul Hakim Sharaf al-Qadiri. These “*shuruh*” (plural of *sharh*) have been referred to, for example, by Imam Yusuf ibn Isma‘il al-Nabhaani ℓ, another Shaykh in the Shazili *tariqa*, in his book Afdalus-Salawaat (The Best of Blessings). The Dalaail ℓ has been translated into Turkish by Kara Dawud Efendi who also wrote a
commentary on it. And it has also been translated into Urdu by Shaykh Pir Muhammad Karam Shah Saheb in the *kitab* Majmu‘ah Wazaaf‘ Ma‘a Dalaail u‘l Khayraat (A Compendium of Regular Voluntary Invocations Together with Dalaail u‘l Khayraat).

Another pleasing feature of Dalaail u‘l Khayraat (Proofs of Good Deeds) is that its introduction contains *Asma u‘l Husna* (the Most Beautiful Names of Allah ☪) as well as *Asma u‘n Nabi*, (the Blessed Attributive names of the beloved Prophet Muhammad ☪) one of which is *Dalil u‘l Khayraat* (Proof of Good Deeds). Isn’t that remarkable!

Dalaail u‘l Khayraat is presented in eight parts. You are expected to commence recitation on Monday with the Introduction and Part One. Each part is to be recited one day of the week for ease of completion except that on Monday you complete the recitation of Part Eight as well. Each part takes about ten to twenty minutes to recite and with consistent recitation, the book can be completed in a week, and the following week you may start all over again. In this way, many a saalik (traveller on the spiritual path) has made Dalaail u‘l Khayraat a weekly wird (regular voluntary invocation). And of course, at least one juz (part) of the Holy Qur’an is also to be recited every day.

The muhibbin (loving disciples) in Tariqa ash-Shaziliyyah have an annual recitation of the Dalaail in Toronto where it is recited in congregation in one sitting in about two hours. Al-Hamdu Lillah (All Praise is for Allah ☪!). Shaytaan becomes helplessly weak when he encounters love for the Prophet ☪.


The impact of Dalaail u‘l Khayraat on subsequent Muslim scholarship on the subject of *salawaat* has obviously been tremendous. One illustration suffices at this juncture. The *Hizb u‘l A’zam* of Hadrat Mulla ‘Ali al-Qaari ☪, a great Hanafi ‘aalim (scholar), is in seven parts, one part to be recited one day of the week. In fulfillment of the teachings of the beloved Prophet Muhammad ☪ to recite more *salawaat* on Fridays, Friday’s recitation in his *Hizb* consists only of *salawaat*. And almost all of these *salawaat* naturally happen to be from Dalaail u‘l Khayraat! (SubhanAllah! Glorified is Allah ☪!). The language of *salawaat* is the language of the heart and it is based on love.
2. THE IMPORTANCE OF SALAWAAT

The introduction to Dalaail u’l Khayraat explains the importance of love for the Holy Prophet ﷺ and of recitation of salawaat on him. The wording of one Hadith Sharif that is quoted is:

وَعَنْ أَبْنِي أَبَّاهُ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّي اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَيْتَمُّ أَحَدٌ كَمَا حَنَّتَ كَحَنَّى أَنْتَ حَبَّ الْيَوْمِ نَفْسِي وَمَالِيَةٌ وَكَلِمَةٌ وَالْيَوْمِ النَّافِينَ أَجْمَعُونَ

Hadrat Anas ﷺ reported that Allah’s Prophetic Messenger ﷺ said, “None of you truly believes until he loves me more than himself, his wealth, his son, his father, and all people”.

This Hadith has been reported in both Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim with a slightly different wording.

If you invoke Allah’s blessings on the Holy Prophet ﷺ once, Allah ﷺ blesses you ten times, according to a Hadith narrated by Hadrat ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr ibn al-‘Aas ﷺ and reported in Sahih Muslim. According to another Hadith narrated by Sayyidina Ali ﷺ and reported by Imam Tirmidhi, if you hear the name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ibn ‘Abdillah ﷺ mentioned and if you do not invoke Allah’s blessings on him, then you are counted among the bukhala (plural of bakheel, the miserly). As reciting salawaat on the Holy Prophet ﷺ is such a good and meritorious deed, Imam al-Jazuli ﷺ perhaps decided to call his kitab of salawaat Dalaail u’l Khayraat (Proofs of Good Deeds).

3. THE NIYYAH (INTENTION)

The kitab begins with the following niyyah.

أَلْهَا مِّنَا نَعْبُدُ مَنْ يُؤْتِيَنَا رَزْقًا أَبْعَدُنَّاهُ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ لَيْتَمُّنَا نَفْسُهُ وَمَالُهُ وَكَلِمَةُ لَّهُ وَالْيَوْمِ النَّافِينَ أَجْمَعُونَ

O Allah! I make the intention to invoke blessings on the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, in compliance with Your Command and having Faith in Your Prophet, Sayyidina Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace; and with love and yearning for him and with the respect due to him as he merits that. So, accept it from me by Your Grace and Beneficence,
and remove the veil of negligence from my heart
and make me among one of Your righteous servants.

4. SALAWAAT TAUGHT BY THE BELOVED PROPHET ﷺ

The most famous salaat (invocation of blessing) taught by the Holy Prophet ﷺ is of course As-Salaatu Ibrahimiiyya which is recited in Salah (obligatory five times daily Prayer). This salaat has been reported in the blessed Hadith Sharif in Sahih al-Bukhari by Hadrat ‘Abd ar-Rahman ibn Abi Layla رضي الله عنه. We also find it in books of Hadith Sharif compiled by Imam Muslim, Imam Abu Dawud, Imam Tirmidhi and Imam an-Nasai as noted by Imam Yusuf an-Nabhaani ﷺ in Al-Anwar u’l Muhammadiyyah (The Muhammadan Lights). Let us recite it:

أَلْلَهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىِّ عِبَادِهِ مَنْ صَلَّىَّ عَلَىِّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَىِّ آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَأْسَهُمُّ كَمَا صَلَّىَّ عَلَىِّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَىِّ آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَأْسَهُمُّ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad
and the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad
as You blessed Sayyidina Ibrahim
and the Family of Sayyidina Ibrahim.
Surely, You are Praiseworthy, Glorious.
O Allah! Bestow favours on Sayyidina Muhammad
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad
as You bestowed favours on Sayyidina Ibrahim
and on the Family of Sayyidina Ibrahim.
Surely, You are Praiseworthy, Glorious.

Al-Hafiz as-Sakawi ﷺ compiled about forty different ways of reciting As-Salaatu Ibrahimiiyya that have been reported in books of Hadith Sharif, a majority of which we find interspersed in Dalaail u’l Khayraat. An example of one such variation as narrated in a Hadith Sharif by Hadrat ‘Abdullah ibn Mas’ud رضي الله عنه and reported by Imam Haakim is:

أَلْلَهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىِّ عِبَادِهِ مَنْ صَلَّىَّ عَلَىِّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَىِّ آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَأْسَهُمُّ كَمَا صَلَّىَّ عَلَىِّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَىِّ آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَأْسَهُمُّ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad
and the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad,
and bestow favours on Sayyidina Muhammad
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad,
and bestow mercy on Sayyidina Muhammad
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad,
as You blessed, and bestowed favours and bestowed mercy.
on Sayyidina Ibrahim and on the Family of Sayyidina Ibrahim. Surely, You are Praiseworthy, Glorious.

Besides As-Salatu Ibrahimiyyah, RasulAllah ﷺ also taught his sahaba (Companions) many other salawat. We learn of one such salat and its benefits from a blessed Hadith Sharif quoted by Sayyidina al-Imam al-Habib ‘AbdAllah bin ‘Alawi al-Haddad ﷺ (1044-1132 A.H.) in An-Nasaih id-Diniyya (Sincere Religious Advices) as narrated by Hadrat Ruwayfi‘ ibn Thaabit al-Ansari ﷺ and reported by Imam Ahmad ﷺ.

وجبَتْهُ سَتَّائِعْيَةٍ
وَأَلْبَاثُ عَنْذَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

And he said, may blessing and salutation be upon him, “My intercession is obligatory on whoever recites (this salaat):
O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad
and give him a position nearest to You on the Day of Judgement”.

Dalaail u’l Khayraat contains this salaat but with slightly different wording as follows:

أَلْبَاثُ عَنْذَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ
O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad
and give him the nearest place on the Day of Judgement.

5. LABBAYK ALLAHUMMA LABBAYK

Allah ﷺ commands us to go for Hajj if we have the means, and when we are ready to go for Hajj, we say Labbayk (meaning: Here I am, ready to obey Your Command, O Allah). Allah ﷺ also commands us in the Holy Qur’an to invoke blessings and salutations on the Holy Prophet ﷺ and what a pleasant surprise it is to find a salaat in Part 1 of Dalaail u’l Khayraat with the relevant verse (33:56) and the response of Labbayk as follows:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ ﷺ بِنَابِيَةٍ لَّدَيْهِمَا إِنَّهُمَا سَلَوْا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَوْا أَنْثِيَةً
لَبِيبَكَ اللَّهُمَّ رَبِّي وَسَعَادَتُكَ صِلْوَاتُ اللَّهِ وَنُورُ الرُّجُعِ وَ السَّلَامُةُ الْمُقْرَبَةُ وَ النُّعُومُ وَ الصِّيرَافُ وَ السَّهَرَاءُ وَ الصَّلَايَاتُ وَ مَا سَبَحَ لَكَ مِن شَيْءٍ تَأْبَى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ عَلَى سَيِّدِيْنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَيُّوبَ الْخَاِلِقِينَ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad ﷺ
and grant him a position nearest to You on the Day of Judgement.
Indeed, Allah and His angels shower blessings on the Prophet.
O you who believe! Invoke (Allah’s) blessings on him
and salute him with a worthy salutation. (33:56)

I am here and ready to obey You O Allah, my Lord Sustainer.
May the blessings of Allah, the Kind, the Merciful,
and the angels who are closest (to Allah)
and the Prophets, the Truthful, the martyrs and the pious
and those of Your creation that glorify You, O Lord of the worlds,
(may the blessings of all of them)
be on Sayyidina Muhammad son of ‘Abdullah
the Seal of the Prophets, the Master of the (Prophetic) Messengers (of Allah)
and the Leader of the pious,
and a (Prophetic) Messenger of the Lord of the worlds,
the Witness who brought glad tidings and who calls people to You
(O Allah) with Your permission,
who is a Shining light,
and peace be upon him.

6. THE SALAWAAT THAT EXISTED IN HIS TIME

To recapitulate, Dalaail u’l Khayraat is a spontaneous composition, and recitation from memory
of salawaat by Imam al-Jazuli in the tradition of salawaat recitation that prevailed in his
time. That being the case, we are naturally curious to find out which of the salawaat that we
know about, already existed in his time. To find out, we have to reference books such as: Afdal-
u’s-Salawaat (The Best of Blessings) of Imam Yusuf an-Nabhaani, Abwaab al-Faraj (Doors of
Freedom From Sorrow) and Shawaariq u’l-Anwaar (Brilliant Burst of Sunshine) of Imam As-
Sayyid Muhammad bin ‘Alawi al-Hasani, Durud Sharif (Noble Blessings) of Khwaja
Nisaar (Nithaar) Ahmad (in Urdu), and Majmu’ah Wazaaiif (A Compendium of Regular
Voluntary Invocations) of Qaari Ridaa u’l Mustafa A‘zami (in Urdu). Dalaail u’l Khayraat has
thus rejuvenated Muslim scholarship through centuries.

Besides the salawaat taught by the blessed Prophet, Dalaail u’l Khayraat naturally includes
the salawaat composed by luminaries such as Imam Shafi‘i (passed ahead in 204 A.H),
Shaykh Abu’l Hasan al-Karkhi (the companion of Shaykh Ma’ruf al-Karkhi), (passed
ahead in 200 A.H / 815 C.E), and Ghawth u’l A‘zam Shaykh ‘Abdul Qadir al-Jilani (470-561
A.H, 1077-1166 C.E). Some of the salawaat in Dalaail u’l Khayraat are so famous that ‘ulama’
have given them specific names and explained the merits of each of them. Examples of such
salawaat are: “Munjiya” (or “Tunjina”), “Anwaar”, “Kawthar”, “Sa‘adah” and “Ul’il
‘Azm’. As-Salaat ul-Munjiya for example is so meritorious that we have been recommended to recite it at least a thousand times in our life-time.

Allahu Akbar (Allah is Supremely Great!).

The salaat by Shaykh ‘Abdul Qadir al-Jilani has already been presented in the previous chapter and is not repeated here. The rest of the salawaat mentioned are now presented. The wording used here is of Dalaail u’l Khayraat. Some of these salawaat are sometimes reprinted in other books of salawaat with a slightly different wording.

Salaat by Imam Shafi‘i

Imam al-Ghazali (450-505 A.H, 1058-1111 C.E) reports in Ihya’ Ulum id-Deen (Revival of Religious Knowledge, Vol I, Book 2, Chapter 2) that Shaykh Abu’l Hasan al-Shafi‘i saw the Holy Prophet in a dream and asked him how Imam Shafi‘i had been rewarded on his behalf to which he replied that Imam Shafi‘i would enter Paradise without questioning for the sake of the salaat he wrote in his book, Ar-Risalah (The Message).

SubhanAllah (Glorified is Allah ).

The salaat is:

وَصْلِ اللَّهُمَّ عَلَى مُحْمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحْمَّدٍ ﺑَعْلَةٌ نَّا كِرْوَةٌ وَعَقْلٌ عَنَّ ذَٰلِكَ الْعَافِلُونَ

And O Allah, bless Sayyidina Muhammad and the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad, whenever he is remembered by those who remember and whenever he is not remembered by the negligent (that is, not leaving out anyone in the count).

Does anything make for a more total Zikr than this salaat?

Salaat by Shaykh Abi’l Hasan al-Karkhi

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحْمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحْمَّدٍ وَآلِ الْدِّينِ وَآلِ الْأَخْرَةِ وَبَارَكَ عَلَى مُحْمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحْمَّدٍ وَآلِ الْدِّينِ وَآلِ الْأَخْرَةِ وَأَجْزِهِ مُحْمَّدًا وَآلِ مُحْمَّدٍ وَآلِ الْدِّينِ وَآلِ الْأَخْرَةِ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad and the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad (such a blessing) that would fill this world and the next (the Hereafter), and bestow favours on Sayyidina Muhammad
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad
that would fill this world and the next,
and bestow mercy on Sayyidina Muhammad
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad
that would fill this world and the next,
and bestow a reward on Sayyidina Muhammad
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad
that would fill this world and the next,
and bestow peace on Sayyidina Muhammad
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad
that would fill this world and the next.

As-Salaaat u’l Munjiya

اللهُ ﷲ صلَّى ﻋﻠَى سِيَدِيْتَاهُم مَعْجَرًا صلّو تَجِيبَتَاهَا يَبِينَ ﻋَنْهَا ﻣَنْبِيْعَ
الْخَالِجَاتِ ﻭَتَظْهَرُتْ زِيَاءًا ﻣَنْ جَمِيعِ السَّيِّدَاتِ ﻭَتَرْفَعُتْ ﻋَنْهَا ﻋَنْدَكَ أَوْلِيَاءِ ﺔُرْكِجَاتِ ﻭَتَبْلُغُنَّهَا ﺔُقُصُ أَنْبَاءَهَا ﻣَنْ جَمِيعِ ﺔُخْنَارَاتِ ﻓِي ﺔُبْتِيَا وَبَعْدُ ﺔُمَّهَاتِ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad,
such a blessing by means of which
You may save us from all terrors and oppression,
and fulfill all our needs,
and purify us of all evils,
and grant us high ranks in Your Presence,
and make us reach the utmost limit
of whatever is good in this life and after death (in the Hereafter).

Salaatu’l Anwaar

اللهُ ﷲ صلَّى ﻋﻠَى سِيَدِيْتَاهُم مَعْجَرًا ﺔُوْرَكَأَا وَأَوْلِيَاءِ ﺔُكْبَرَ وَسَيِّدَاتِ ﺔُكْبَرَ وَوَزْرَائِ ﺔُمْرَاءِ ﺔُخْنَارَاتِ ﻭَأَكَثِرُ ﻣِنْ أَظْلَمْ عَلَيْهِ ﻦَوْلٌ مَّا قَدْ أَقَلَّ ﻣِنْ آخَرَ ﻦَوْلٍ ﺔُخْنَارَ وَأَكَثِرُ مِنْ ﺔُوْرَكَأَا ﻣِنْ آخَرَ ﻦَوْلٍ ﺔُخْنَارَ ﺔُوْرَكَأَا ﺔُرْكِجَاتِ ﻭَأَوْلِيَاءِ ﺔُخْنَارَاتِ ﻣِنْ آخَرِ ﻦَوْلٍ ﺔُخْنَارَ ﺔُخْنَارَ ﺔُخْنَارَ ﺔُخْنَارَ ﺔُخْنَارَ ﺔُخْنَارَ ﺔُخْنَارَ ﺔُخْنَارَ 

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad,
who is the light of lights, the secret of secrets,
and the master of all the righteous people,
the beauty of all the chosen Prophetic Messengers
who is more noble than all those whom the night covers with darkness
and for whom the day brings brightness;
as many times as the drops of rain that fall
from the beginning of the world to its end,
and as many times as the number of plants and trees
which grow from the beginning of the world to its end;
a perpetual blessing,
as permanent as the Kingdom of Allah, The One and Only, The Subduer.

Salaat u’il Kawthar

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِنَّ وَلِيَبَّنِي وَلَا نَبِيَّ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ نعْمَةً عَلَى تَأَصَّلَّبِي فِي النَّبِيِّينَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad among those of earlier times,
and bless Sayyidina Muhammad among those of later times,
and bless Sayyidina Muhammad among the Prophets,
and bless Sayyidina Muhammad among the Prophetic Messengers,
and bless Sayyidina Muhammad among the angels in the Highest Heavenly Assembly
till the Day of Judgement.

Salaat u’s Sa‘adah

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِنَّ وَلِيَبَّنِي وَلَا نَبِيَّ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad
as much as the (limitless) number which is in Allah’s Knowledge,
a blessing that is forever, as permanent as the Kingdom of Allah.

As-Salaatu Uli’l ‘Azm

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِنَّ وَلِيَبَّنِي وَلَا نَبِيَّ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina
Nabi Muhammad, Nabi Adam, Nabi Nuh, Nabi Ibrahim, Nabi Musa and Nabi ‘Isa
and all the (other) Prophets and Prophetic Messengers who came in-between.
May Allah’s blessings and His peace be upon them all.

This salaat is referred to as As-Salaatu Uli’l ‘Azm because it contains the names of the five
Prophets who are considered Uli’l ‘Azm (the Possessors of Strong Determination). They are
Sayyidina Nabi Muhammad, Sayyidina Nabi Ibrahim, Sayyidina Nabi Musa, Sayyidina Nabi
‘Isa, and Sayyidina Nabi Nuh.
Imam Yusuf ibn Isma’il an-Nab-haa explains in Afdal u’s-Sala that according to Imam al-Jazuli, if someone recites this salaat three times, it is equivalent in merit to reciting the whole of Dalaail u’l Khayraat. For this reason perhaps, we are recommended in Dalaail u’l Khayraat to recite this salaat three times.

At this juncture, let us recite Surah al-Ikhlas eleven times and Surah al-Fatiha once and supplicate to Allah to convey its thawab (heavenly reward) to all the Prophets, the Family and Companions of the Prophet, the Awliya’ Allah (Friends of Allah), and the salihin (the pious) who have been mentioned in this chapter.

In the Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful.
Say! (O Prophet Muhammad): He, Allah, is One.
Allah, The Eternally Besought.
He begets not, nor is He begotten.
And there is none like Him. (112:1-4)

Al-Fatiha!

7. COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE BLESSINGS

A popular form of reciting salawaat is to specify the number of times a particular salaat is intended. For example, in part two of Dalaail u’l Khayraat, we come across this salaat:

O Allah! Bless our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad, as many times as the number of drops of rain.

In the same way, there are salawaat on the Holy Prophet as many times as are the (uncountable) Words of Allah (‘adada Kalimaatika), as many times as the Pen wrote in the Mother of Books (‘adada maa jaraa bihi’l Qalamu fee Ummi’l Kitab), the number of stars in the sky (‘adada nujumi’s samaa’), the number of leaves of trees (‘adada awraaqi’l ashjaar), the number of women and men (‘adad-an-nisaa’i wa’r-rijaal), and so on.

Muslims of course never become satiated in sending salawaat on the blessed Prophet. A form of salaat that occurs most often in Dalaail u’l Khayraat is the one that invokes blessings a thousand times the number of days from the day Allah created the earth till the Day of Judgement. An example of one such salaat is:
O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad
as many times as the number of rain drops
that drop from Your heavens to Your earth
from the day You created the world till the Day of Judgement
a thousand times a day!

8. ALLAH ﷺ IS THE CREATOR

When we recite Dalaail u’l Khayraat we realize that one of the Attributes of Allah ﷺ that is
most close to the heart of Imam al-Jazuli is that Allah ﷺ is the Khaaliq (Creator). In this
salaat, he mentions all of the creations of Allah ﷺ in general.

O Allah! Bless our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad,
as many times as the number of Your creations.

In the same way, he invokes the blessings of Allah ﷺ on the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as
many times as are each of the creations of Allah ﷺ, such as the number of people, the jinn, the
angels and what they witness; the sky, the earth, the sun, the moon, the stars, and the heavens
and what they contain; the plains, mountains, hills and valleys; the breaths, phrases, words, hair,
footsteps, glances and heartbeats of people; the number of two-legged animals and four-legged
animals; the number of fish, birds, bees, reptiles, ants and insects; clouds and winds; the plants,
trees, branches, leaves, crops, fruits and flowers; the seas and what they contain, sweet and salty
waters, rivers, fountains, the waves and the foam on the waves; the grains of sand, pebbles,
stones, mud and clay; drops of rain and the dew; and he goes on and on mentioning the
innumerable creations of Allah ﷺ.

(Glorified is Allah!).

And of course Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is the best creation of Allah ﷺ, better than all the
Prophets ﷺ and all the angels so the Imam has weaved salawaat together with this attribute,
referring to the Prophet ﷺ as:

Atammi Khalqillah (the most Complete creation of Allah),
Ajalli Khalqillah (the most Exalted creation of Allah),
Ajmali Khalqillah (the most Beautiful creation of Allah),
Ahsani Khalqillah (the Best creation of Allah),
A’zami Khalqillah (the Greatest creation of Allah),
Afdali Khalqillah (the most Excellent creation of Allah),
Akrami Khalqillah (the Noblest creation of Allah),
Akmali Khalqillah (the most Perfect creation of Allah), and
Khayri Khalqillah (the Best creation of Allah).

9. SALAWAAT WITH ASMA’ AND SIFAT UN-NABI ﷺ

There is salawaat on Muhammad ‘Arabi ﷺ with the Asma’ un-Nabi ﷺ (his attributive names of praise), for example:

أَلَهُمْ صَلِّ عَلَى الصَّالِحِينَ الْمُحْمَوْدٌ

O Allah! Bless the one raised to the Praised Station.

In the same way, there is salawaat on the one who physically ascended to the heavens to meet Allah (Saahibi’il mi’raaj), on the one who performed miracles (Saahibi’il mu’jizaat), on the Possessor of the means (to Allah’s Mercy) (Saahibi’il Wasilah), on the one Endowed with intercession (Saahibi’sh-Shafa’ah), on the Master of the site of Witnessing (Saahibi’il Makaani’il Mash-hud), and so on. Apart from the miracle of mi’raaj, Imam al-Jazuli ﷺ mentions many other miracles of RasulAllah ﷺ.

Imam al-Jazuli ﷺ also presents simple salawaat easy to recite and memorize with the Asma’ un-Nabi ﷺ as follows:

أَلَهُمْ صَلِّ عَلَى الْبِشَّيرِ الْتَقَدِّيْمِ

O Allah! Bless the Bearer of glad tidings (of Paradise) and the Warner (against hell-fire).

In the same way, there is salawaat with his other sifaat (attributes) such as afdalihim mawlida (the Best of the Prophets in birth), manin shaqqa lahu’l qamar (the one for whom the moon cleaved into two parts), Saaqi li’n-naasi mina’l hawd (the quencher of the thirst of people from his Pond of Kawthar on the Day of Judgement), and so on.

When we count the Asma’ un-Nabi and the Sifat un-Nabi ﷺ in the Dalaail, we find that they amount to more than four hundred. Asma’ un-Nabi ﷺ are Jamali (Majestically Beautiful) and Imam al-Jazuli ﷺ does not wish to miss out on the Jalal (Majestic Might) of Asma’ Allah (the Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷺ), so he refers to them continuously. We should also note that each salaat contains the name of Allah ﷺ and usually begins with the supplication: Allahumma (O Allah!). So, when we recite salawaat, we are doing the zikr (remembrance) of Allah ﷺ as well.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ (All Praise is for Allah).
Imam al-Jazuli is also profuse in mentioning the names of the Prophets and of the angels mentioned in the Holy Qur’ān which is an indication of his special connection with them as well. (Glorified is Allah)

Some of the salawaat combine the praise of RasulAllah in an enriching totality with a flourish of artistry as in this salaat which sparkles on earth as a gem and lights up the sky as does the full moon.

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad, who is the best of Your Prophets and the most noble of Your Purely Sincere people, the leader of Your Friends, and the Seal of Your Prophets, and the beloved of the Lord of the worlds, the witness of the Prophetic Messengers of Allah and the Intercessor for the sinners, the leader of all the children of Prophet Adam; whose remembrance has been exalted among the angels close to Allah, the Bearer of glad tidings (of Paradise), the Warner (against hell-fire), the Shining light, the Truthful, the Trustworthy, the Manifest truth, the compassionate, the merciful, the Guide to the Straight Path (of Islam), to whom You gave the seven often-repeated Verses (of Surah a-Fatiha) and the Magnificent Qur’ān, the Prophet of mercy and the Guide of the Muslim community, the first one for whom the earth will be split open (to be resurrected) and to enter Paradise, and the one supported by angels Jibril and Mikail, glad tidings about him had been given in the Torah and the Gospel, the Chosen one, the Selected one, the Elect, the father of Qasim, Muhammad, son of ‘Abdullah, son of ‘Abdul Muttalib, son of Hashim.
10. PRAISE WITH EACH LETTER IN HIS NAME

It has become traditional for Muslim scholars to praise the beloved Prophet Muhammad al-Mustafa ☪ in association with each letter in his name and Imam al-Jazuli ☪ offers it to us in salawat. The word Muhammad ☪ means "the Praised one" and is formed using the letters "meem", "haa" and "daal". The following salaat uses these letters in the order "haa", "meem", and "daal" which forms the word "hamd", again meaning "praise". We also notice that this salaat has sprinklings from parts of the salawat by Imam Shafi’i and Gawth u’l-A‘ zam Shaykh ‘Abdul Qadir al-Jilani ☪. It is to be recited three times.

أَللٰہُ بَلِّيْلَ عَلَى سَيِّدَيْنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَلِيٍّ ٱلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَٱلْمُلِكِينَ وَقَدْ ذَكَرَ ٱلْدِّوَائِرِ ٱلسَّيِّدِيْنِ ٱلْكَالِيفِ ٱلْقَابِلِ ٱلْقَامِيْنَ

عَدَّ مَا فَتَى عَلِيَّةَ كُلُّ ذِكْرَىٰ كَانَ كُلَّ ذِكْرَىٰ كُنَّةٌ ۖ وَكَثِيرًا مَّعَكَ وَذِكْرُهُ ٱلْغَافِلُونَ صَلُوُّ دَعَاتِيْنِ يَدْوَامُ ۖ وَبِيْتٌ بِتَقْلِبِهِ ۚ غَيْرُكَ لَسْتُمْ قَيْمِيْنَ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad, the letter “haa” (in whose name) is (for) mercy, the letter “meem” is for the Kingdom and the letter “daal” denotes perpetuity; who is the perfect Sayyid (master), the Opener (of the door of Prophet-hood), the Seal (of the Prophets ☪); as many times as is in Your Knowledge of what is happening, will happen or what has happened, whenever You are remembered and he is remembered by those who remember and whenever you are not remembered and he is not remembered by the negligent, (that is, not leaving our anyone in the count), such a blessing that is permanent with Your Everlastingness, preserved with Your Eternity, that does not end at all without Your Knowledge, (as nothing happens without Your Knowledge, O Allah!). Indeed, You are Powerful over all things.

11. BLESSINGS ON HIM, HIS FAMILY AND COMPANIONS ☪

We love the Family of the Beloved Prophet ☪ as well as his Sahaba (Companions) ☪. So, sometimes the salaat is on the Beloved Prophet ☪, his Family as well as his Companions ☪, as in this instance.
May Allah bless him and his Family and his Companions, who migrated to help him and helped him in his migration. How excellent are the Migrants (from Makkah) and how excellent are the Helpers (of Madina)!

12. DU‘A’ BY MEANS OF ASMA’ ALLAH

There is du‘a’ (supplication to Allah م) in each part of the Dalaail. Du‘a’ (supplication) is only and only to Allah م but once in a while, the ‘ulama use tawassul (means, mediation) and Imam al-Jazuli م has also used tawassul, indicating that tawassul is allowed. For example, he suppricates to Allah م using the wasila (mediation) of Asma u’l Husna (the Most Beautiful Names of Allah م), as in this instance.

- فَأَسْأَلُكَ لِبِلَآ إِلٰهَ مِّن دُونِكَ أَلْحَآمَ وَالإِكْرَآمِ
  - إِلَيْهِ أَلَا أَنْتَ شَفَاعَتُكَ إِلَيْهِ كَبِيْرٌ مِّنْ الْطَّلَّابِينِ
  - إِنَّيْ أَسْأَلُكَ بِمَرَّةَ مِنْ عِنْبَتِكَ وَجَلَابِيكَ وَبِهِٰذَا إِلَّا وَقُدُّرَتِكَ وَسَطَاكَ إِلَّا وَقُدُّرَتِكَ وَسَطَاكَ
  - وَيُحْيَبُنَّكَ اثْنَاءَ إِلَّا وَقُدُّرَتِكَ مَنْ تَفْرَعُ إِلَّا وَقُدُّرَتِكَ مَنْ تَفْرَعُ
  - وَيُحْيَبُنَّكَ إِلَّا وَقُدُّرَتِكَ وَقَطَّعُهُ عَلَيْكَ إِلَّا وَقُدُّرَتِكَ وَقَطَّعُهُ عَلَيْكَ
  - وَوَعَلَّلَّهُ عَلَى الْآرَى فَقَـََّتَرْتَ وَإِلَى السُّحُوَاتِ فَاسِطَأْتَ وَوَعَلَّلَّهُ عَلَى الْآرَى فَقَـََّتَرْتَ حَتَّى قَـََّتَيْنَ

- وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِأَنْعَامِي مِّنْ جَنََّّةٍ عِندَ جَنََّّةٍ عِندَ جَنََّّةٍ غَيْرَ جَنََّّةَ عَلَيْكَ السَّلَامُ
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So I beseech You, O Allah, O Allah, O Allah,
O Ever-Living, O Self-Existing, O Lord of Majesty and Honour.

None is to be worshipped but You; Glory is to You! Indeed, I acted improperly. (21:87)

I beseech You (O Allah) by the means of what Your Kursi carries of Your Exaltedness, and Your Majesty, and Your Radiance, and Your Power, and Your Sovereignty;
and by the right of Your hidden, protected, pure Names, which none of Your creation knows about, and by the right of the Name which You placed on the night so that it darkened, and on the day so that it brightened, and on the heavens so that they were raised up, and on the earth so that it was firmly established, and on the seas so that they flowed, and on the water springs so that they gushed forth, and on the clouds so that they rained.

And I beseech You by the Names which are written on the forehead of Sayyidina Jibril َّعَلَى*, and by the Names which are written on the forehead of Sayyidina Israfil َّعَلَى*, and on (the foreheads) of all the angels.

And I beseech You by means of the Names which are written around the Throne, and by the means of the Names which are written around the Kursi.

And I beseech You by the means of Your most Mighty, Exalted Name by which You have named Yourself, and I beseech You by the right of all Your Names, those which I know and those which I do not know.

And I beseech You by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Adam َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Nuh َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Salih َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Yunus َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Musa َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Harun َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Shu'ayb َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Ibrahim َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Isma'il َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Dawud َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Sulayman َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Zakariyya َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Yahya َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Yusha َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (the saint) al-Khadir (Khidr) َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Ilyas َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) al-Yasa َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Dhu’il Kifl َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) ’Isa َّعَلَى beseeched You, and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Muhammad َّعَلَى, Your Prophet and Your Messenger, Your Beloved and Your Selected one, beseeched You.

O You Who said, and His Word is true:  
And Allah has created you and what you do. (37:96)

Here ends the translation of the tawassul.
From whom else can we learn all this except from Imam al-Jazuli، a direct descendant of the Prophet ﷺ?

Imam al-Jazuli ﷺ loves the wasila (means, mediation) of Asma’ Allah (the Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷺ) so much that he has repeated it, with a slight change of wording, in another fasl (part) of the Dalail. In that fasl, he has also included the names of such great Prophets as Sayyidina Nabi Hud ﷺ، Sayyidina Nabi Ayyub ﷺ، Sayyidina Nabi Ya’qub ﷺ، and Sayyidina Nabi Yusuf ﷺ، who also beseeched Allah ﷺ by means of his Most Beautiful Names.

 października (Allah is Supremely Great!)

There is more du’a through the means (mediation) of Asma’ Allah and Sifaat (the Noble Attributes of Allah ﷺ) in which the names of many Prophets have been mentioned as in this instance, indicating his special relationship with the Prophets ﷺ.

O Allah! I beseech You because indeed You are my Owner, and my Master, and my Patron, my Trust and my Hope. I beseech You by the means of the sanctity of the Holy Month, and the Holy Land (of Makkah), and the Holy Sanctuary (the station of Muzdalifa)،
and the tomb of Your Prophet, peace be upon him,
that You give me something from the goodness of which no one has knowledge except You,
and turn away from me evil of which no one has knowledge except You.
O Allah! O the One Who bestowed (Nabi) Shith to (Nabi) Adam, and (Nabi) Isma’il and Nabi Ishaq to (Nabi) Ibrahim, and returned (Nabi) Yusef to (Nabi) Ya’qub.
And O You Who removed the affliction from (Nabi) Ayyub.
And O You Who returned (Nabi) Musa to his mother.
And O You Who increased (the saint) Khadir in his knowledge.
And O You Who bestowed (Nabi) Sulayman to (Nabi) Dawud, and (Nabi) Yahya to (Nabi) Zakariyya, and (Nabi) ‘Isa to Sayyidah Maryam.
And O You Who protected the daughter of (Nabi) Shu’ayb.
I beseech You to bless Sayyidina Muhammad and all the Prophets, and all the Prophetic Messengers.
And O You Who bestowed Intercession and high rank on Sayyidina Muhammad; (I beseech You) that You forgive me my sins, and hide for me all my faults, and protect me from hell-fire; and grant me Your Approval, Safety, Pardon, and Beneficence; and let me savour the delight in Your Paradise with those whom You have favoured among the Prophets, the Truthful, the martyrs and the virtuous.

Indeed You are Powerful over all things. (3:26)

Another du’a’ from the Dalaail, easy to memorize, from which we can surely benefit is:

أَلْهَمْنا إِسْتِفْنِيكَ الْجَهَمِّيْلِ

O Allah! Cover us (our faults) with Your Beautiful Covering.
This du’a’ is to be recited three times.

The kitab ends with a du’a’ for Imam al-Jazuli.

أَلْهَمْ آخِرَ يَعْفِرُ الْعِوْفَيْهِ وَأَرْحَمَهُ وَاجْعَلْهُ مِنَ الْمَحْضُورِينَ فِي رَمَوْةِ الْقَبْيَةَ وَالضَّيْمِيْهِ وَيُؤْمَنَ الْقَبْيَةُ

O Allah! Forgive the author and have mercy on him, and raise him up in the company of the Prophets and the Truthful, on the Day of Judgement, with Your Grace, O the Most Beneficent.
It is but appropriate for us to add:

_Allahumma’j ‘alnaa ma‘ahum_

O Allah! Keep us together with them. Ameen.

_Al-Fatiha!_

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