Duas for Students
Dua before class

O GOD, please bring me out of the darkness of doubt and favour me with the light of comprehension,

O GOD open to us the doors of your mercy and unfold for us the treasure of your knowledge by your mercy O the most merciful of the merciful ones.

Allhumma Akhrijni min zulumatil vahmi ,wa akrimni be nuril fahmi . Al- lahumma afta alayna abwaba rahmateka, wa anshur alyna khazaena uloomeka be rahmateka ya arrahamar rahemeen.
Dua Before Studying 1

Oh Allah! Make useful for me what you have taught me and teach me knowledge that will be useful to me.

Oh Allah! I ask you for the understanding of the prophets and the memory of the messengers, and those nearest to you.

Oh Allah! Make my tongue full of your remembrance and my heart with awe of you.

Oh Allah! You do whatever you wish, and you are my availer and protector and best of aid.

“ALLAHUMMA INFA’NII BIMAA ‘ALLAMTANII WA’ALLIMNII MAA YANFA’UUNII.
ALLAHUMMA INII AS’ALUKA FAHMAL-NABIYYEN WA HIFZAL MURSALEAN AL-MUQARRABEEN.
ALLAHUMMA IJAL LEESANEE ‘AIMAN BI DHIKRIKA WA QALBI BI KHASHYATIKA.
INNAAKA ‘ALA MA-TASHA’U QADEER WA ANTA HASBUN-ALLAHHU WA NA’MAL WAKEEL.”
Chapter 3

Dua before study 2

O Allah, honor me by the light of understanding and take me out from the darkneses of doubt and open upon us the doors of Your knowledge and open upon us the treasure of Your recognition, O the best of the Merciful ones.

O Allah, and give me Tawfeeq to the study and solving all the difficult problems through books. By Your mercy, O the best of the merciful ones.

Allaahumma akrimnee binooril fahmi wa kharrajanee min z’ulumaatil wahmi waftah’ a’lainaa abwaaba i’lmak. Wan shur a’lainaa khuzzaanu ma’rifatiya yaa arh’amar raah’imeen. Allaahumma waffiqnee fil mut’aala’ti bih’ablee jamee-i’ mushkilaatil masaa-ilim minal kutubi birah’matika yaa arh’amar raah’imeen.

Source:Zubtat al-Asraar, Ancient Manuscript. The name of the compiler and the introduction pages are missing. Inscribed in 1229 A.H.
Chapter 4

Du`a for removing Anxiety

Oh Allah, I seek refuge in You from worry and grief,
from helplessness and laziness,
from cowardice and stinginess,
and from overpowering of debt and from oppression of men.

Allâhumma innî a`ûdhu bika min al-hammi wa al-hazan. Wa a`ûdhu bika min al-`ajzi wa al-kasal.
Wa a`ûdhu bika min al-jubni wa al-bukhl. Wa a`ûdhu bika min ghalabat id-dayni wa qahr ir-rijal.

This is a short dua found in Mafateehul Jinaan useful for acquiring better understanding and more insight into the ocean of light of knowledge. It can be recited regularly in Qunoot of Namaaz. This is specially beneficial for students for achieving maximum output from their efforts in studies.

O Allah let my heart be filled with light & insight & understanding & knowledge, verily u control everything.
Chapter 5

Dua After Studying

Oh Allah! I entrust you with what I have read and I have studied. Oh Allah! Bring it back to me when I am in need of it. Oh Allah! You do whatever you wish, you are my availer and protector and the best of aid.

"ALLAHUMMA INNI ASTAODEEKA MA QARA’TU WAMA HAFAZ-TU. FARUDDUHU ‘ALLAYA INDA HAJATI ELAHI. INNAAKA ‘ALA MA-TASHA’-U QADEER WA ANTA HASBEeya WA NA’MAL WAKEEL"

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Dua While Studying Something Difficult

Oh Allah! Nothing is easy except what You have made easy. If You wish, You can make the difficult easy.

أَنْفُكْ تُحِلِّلُ وَكَيْلَتُكُمُ الْقُدُورَ

Allâhumma lâ sahla illâ mà ja’altahu sahlâ wa anta taj’alu al-hazana idhâ shi’ta sahlâ.
Chapter 7

Dua For Concentration

Blessings of God be upon Muhammad and his progeny. O God, I ask you, the one who mentions goodness and actualizes it and commands it, remind me of that which the shaytan makes me forget.

SALLA-L-LAAHU ALAA MUHAMMAD WA AAL-E MUHAMMAD. ALLAHUMMA INNI AS’ALUKA YAA MUDHAKKIRA-L KHAYR WA FAA’ILAHU WA-L-AAMIRA BIHI DHAKIR-NI MAA ANSAANI-HI-SHAYTAN.
Dua For Victory And Prosperity

O’ the chief of all chiefs! O’ the acceptor of prayers! O’ the elevator of ranks! O’ the master of virtues! O’ the forgiver of sins! O’ the granter of requests! O’ the excerptor of penance! O’ the hearer of all voices! O’ the one who knows all mysteries! O’ the remover of calamities!

“YA SAYYEDAS-SADA-TE, YA MOJEEBAD-DA’VATE, YA RAFE’AD-DARAJATE, YA VALI-YAL HASANATE, YA GHAFERAL-KHATI’ATE, YA MO’TI-YAL MAS’ALATE, YA QABI-LAT-TAVBATE, YA SAME’AL-ASVATE, YA ‘ALEMAL-KHAFIYATE, YA DAFE’AL BALI YATE.”
Dua for increase in knowledge

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful,

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his family

O Allah I ask You for beneficial knowledge and good deeds and a strong memory and a perfect understanding

and a sound intellect by Your mercy, O the most Merciful of the merciful ones

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his family.

Bismillāhir rahmānir raheem -
Allāhumma Swalli ‘alā Muhammadiin wa aali Muhammad -
Allāhumma inni asaluka ‘amalan nāfi‘ā -
Wa ‘amalan swālihā -

hifzan qawiyyā -

wa fahman kāmilā -
wa aqlan sālimā - birahmatika yā arhamar rāhimeen -
Allāhumma Swalli ‘alā Muhammadiin wa aali Muhammad-
Chapter 10

Duʿā Before Starting Class

In the Name of AllÁh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
Take me out of the darkness of doubt, . And favor me with the light of understanding.
O’ AllÁh! Upon for us, the doors of Your Mercy, And unfold for us, the treasures of Your Knowledge, !With your Mercy, O’ the Most Merciful of the Merciful! O’ AllÁh! Send Your blessings upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad.
Dua'a for Memory and Speech

**DUA'A 10**

If one fails to remember an event or written text or spoken words, according to Imam Jafar bin Muhammad al Sadiq one should put the right hand on the forehead and recite:

INNEE AS-ALUKA YAA MUD'AKKIRAL KHAYRI WA FAAILAHOO WAL AAMIRA BIHEE AN TUS'ALLIYA A'LAA MUHAMMADIN WA AALI MUHAMMADIN WA TUD'AKKIRANEE MAA ANSAANEHISH SHAYT'AAN

I beseech You, O He who reminds about doing good, does good and commands to do good. Send blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammed and let me remember what shaytan makes me forget.

**DUA'A 11**

According to Imam Ali ibn abi Talib to retain in memory whatever one listens or reads, recite the following dua'a after every obligatory salat.

In the name of Allah the most kind the most merciful.
Glory be to Him who does not treat the citizens of His kingdom unjustly.
Glory be to Him who does not let the torment and pain come suddenly upon mankind.
Glory be to the compassionate the merciful.
O Allah, fill my heart with true enlightenment, wisdom, understanding and knowledge.
Surely you are able to do all things.

SUBH'AANA MAN LAA YA-TADEE AALI MALAKATIHEE SUBH'AANA MAN LAA YAAKHUD'U AHLAL ARZ'I BILWAANIL A'D'AAI SUBH'AANAR RA-OOFIR RAHEEMI ALLAAHUMMAJ-A'L LEE FEE QALBEE NOORAN WA BAS'ARAN WA FAHMAN WA ILMAN INNAA A'LAA KULLI SHAY-IN QADEER
DUA'A 12
Recite the following dua’a 7 times after obligatory salat to increase knowledge
RABBI ZIDNEE I’LMAA

DUA'A 13
To learn the holy Quran by heart (or remember its important verses) recite the following dua’a by Imam Ali ibn abi Talib written in Sahifa Alawiyyah
O Allah have mercy on me to be able to leave disobeying you till I am alive. Show mercy on me by not imposing a troublesome and difficult task on me. Make me do good deeds that please you. Make me learn your book by heart, just like you have taught me.Give me the ability to recite it in a manner that pleases you. O Allah (through the quran) enlighten my wisdom, open the doors of understanding and liberate my heart. Loosen my tongue, let my body be active and give me strength for it. No one can help me save you. There is no god except you.

DUA'A 14
Whoever writes surah Bani Israil with saffron, washes it with pure water and drinks it will grow in wisdom and have fluent speech.

DUA'A 15
To speak clearly and fluently recite surah al Jumu-ah a great deal, and to have a photographic memory learn surah al A-laa by heart.
**Memory and Retention**  Ayatullah ‘Ali Qadhi al-Tabataba’i would advise one to recite Ayat al-Kursi [2:255-257] and Ma’udhatayn (Surat al-Falaq and Surat al-Nas) for strengthening one’s memory.

Reciting regularly Salwaat on the holy prophet & his household is also a method to improve one’s memory.

Take 4 or 7 almonds and pray salwat then pray "Ya Zul Jallale wal Ikraam" 11times, again salwat then and blow (breathe on the almonds with the breath of the Zikr as you recite it) on the almonds and eat them first thing every morning. Inshallah it will help your memory.
From Baqiyyatus slaehat (margins of Mafatih):-

It is reported in 'Makaarimul Akhlaq' from Imam Muhammad Baqir (a.s.) and Imam Sadiq (a.s.) that one should write on a clean vessel with safron the Chapter of Al-Hamd, Ayatul Kursi, the Chapters of Qadr, Yasin, Waqiah, Hashr, Mulk, Ikhlas, Falaq and Nas and should then wash them with Zamzam water, rain water or clean water and add in the water about two grams of 'kandaroo', fifty grams of sugar and fifty grams of honey. At night it should be kept under open sky on iron.

At the end of the night one should recite two rakaats in each of which after the recitation of the Chapter of Al-Hamd, the chapter of Ikhlas be recited fifty times.

On completion of the salaat, one should drink the water which is good and tested

The following dua’a was taught by the Holy Prophet (S.A.) to Imam Ali (A.S.), to be recited after every obligatory Salaat, for developing a flawless memory:

Glory be to Him who does not treat the citizens of His Kingdom unjustly and harshly, Glory be to Him who does not let torment and pain come suddenly upon mankind, Glory be to the Compassionate, the Merciful. O Allah fill my heart and mind with true enlightenment, discerning intelligence, quick understanding and knowledge, Verily Thou art able to do all things.
Chapter 13

Proven Supplication for increasing memory (Tohfatul Hashmiya)

Write on seven pieces of sugar and eat a piece everyday. Write on the first one:

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Fataa’alallaahul malikul haqq
Supremely exalted is therefore Allah, the King, the Truth,[1]
and eat it on Saturday, and on the second write:
?? ???? ?????? ????????? ????????.
Wa qur rabbi zidnee i’lmaa.
And say: O my Lord! Increase me in knowledge.[2]
and eat it on Sunday, and on the third write:
??? ????????? ?????? ??????????.
Laa tuh’arrik-bihi lisaanak.
Do not move your tongue with it[3]
and eat it on Monday, and on the fourth piece write
????? ?????????? ???????? ?? ??????????.
Inna a’lainaa jam-a’hu wa qur-aanah.
Surely on Us (devolves) the collecting of it and the reciting of it.[4]
and eat it on Tuesday, and on the fifth piece write:
??????? ?????????? ?????????? ??????????.
Fa-idhaa qaraa-nahu fattabi’ qur-aanah.
Therefore when We have recited it, follow its recitation.[5]
and eat it on Wednesday, and on the sixth piece write:
??????????? ???? ???????.
Sanuqri-uka falaa tansaa.
We will make you recite so you shall not forget,[6]
and eat it on Thursday, and on the seventh piece write:
????? ???????? ????????? ?? ?? ???????.
Innahu ya’lamul jahra wa maa yakhfaa.
Surely He knows the manifest, and what is hidden.[7]
and eat it on Friday.

Memorization would became easy for one who does this for seven days, and his tongue would become eloquent and his memory will increase.

Another Supplication for Memory[8]
The Prophet (s.a.w.s.) said to Ali (a.s.): If you intend that you retain all that you hear, then recite the following after every ritual prayer:

Sub-h’aana mallaa ya’tadee a’laa ahli mamlikatih. Sub-h’aana mallaa yaa-khudhu ahlal arz”i bi-alwaanil adhaab. Sub-h’aanar ra-oofur rah’eem. Allaahummaj-a’l fee qalbee nooranw wa bas’araa. Wa fahimaw wa i’lmaa. Innaka a’laa kulli shai-in qadeer.

Glory be to the One who does not oppress His subjects, Glory be to the One Who does not subject the people of the earth to various punishments, Glory be to the forgiving and the Merciful, O Allah, put in my heart a light and perception and understanding. Indeed You are powerful over all things.

[1] Surah Taha 20:114
[3] Surah Qiyamah 75:16
[4] Surah Qiyamah 75:17
[5] Surah Qiyamah 75:18
[8] Tibb al-Aaimma, As-Sayyid Shubbar, Pg. 388
Du’ā for increase in knowledge

Bismillāhir rahmānir raheem
In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful
Allāhumma Swalli ‘alā Muhammādin wa aali
Muhammad O Allah, bless Muhammad and his family
Allāhumma inni asaluka ‘amalan nāfi’ā
O Allah I ask You for beneficial knowledge
Wa ‘amalan swālihā
and good deeds
wa hifzan qawiyyā
and a strong memory
wa fahman kāmilā
and a perfect understanding
wa aqlan sālimā
and a sound intellect
birahmatika yā arhamar rāhimeen
by Your mercy, O the most Merciful of the merciful one
Allāhumma Swalli ‘alā Muhammādin wa aali
Muhammad O Allah, bless Muhammad and his family.
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