Divination with Prayer Beads

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In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our master Muhammad

This document is called *Haaji juuberaŋo* (*Divination for Needs*). You should state your needs on prayer beads and recite this [in Arabic]: *huwa l-Lāhu ladhī lā ilahā illā huwa ʿĀlimu l-Ghayb, wa l-shahādati, huwa al-* Raḥmāni al-Raḥīmi, huwa l-Lāhu l-ladhī lā ilahā illā huwa al-Māliku l-Quddūsu, al-Salāmu l-Muʿuminu, al-Muhayminu, al-ʿAzīzu, al-Jabbāru, al-Mutakabbiru. Subhāna l-Lāhi ʿ amma yushrikūn, huwa l-Lāhu, al-Khāliqu, al-Bāri ʿu, al-Muṣawwiru, lahu al-asmāʿu al-husnā, yusabbihu lahu mā fi al-samāwāti, wa mā fi l-ar di, wa huwal-ʿAzīzu l- Ḥakīmu.¹

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To be recited seven or three times at dawn. Blow on the prayer beads, put them down and ask the patient to choose a prayer bead. Immediately count the beads that are between the chosen bead and the knot of the prayer beads. If eight remain, it will be section eight. **Section 8**: The first information given in section eight concerns a patient. His illness will be very trying. If he wants to start a livestock project, it will be a failure. However, if he plans to go into farming, his business will be successful, God willing. The plants will take root in fertile soil.

¹ Translation into English: "He is the Most Merciful God. There is no God apart from Him. He is All-Knowing of the unknown and The Witness of transparent facts. He is Most Merciful and the Most Merciful. He is the Most Elegant. There is no god apart from Him. He is the King, the Saint, the Peacekeeper, the Faithful, the Dominant, the Most Powerful. Glory to God, whatever we associate with Him, He is the Creator. He is the holder of the most beautiful names. We implore him from heaven to earth. He is the Dear, The Judge."

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If he plans to get married, it will be done in peace. The woman will make him happy. He will have a lot of children. If he thinks to settle in another village, he must never go there because he will only find conflicts, disagreements, regrets, and difficulties. If he thinks about getting into business, he will find happiness, wealth, and growth. If it concerns one of his relatives who is elsewhere, in the name of God, The Most Powerful, he will earn a lot of money. If he lost something, he will find it in the hands of a man

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with black skin. If his request concerns a job he plans to start, he must be careful. If he does so anyway, he might regret it. It will lead only to problems such as contempt and ruin. He must throw a piece of iron into the river or into a well on a Tuesday as an offering, and give a black loincloth to a woman on a Tuesday. The eighth section ends there. **Section 7:** If the person chooses the seventh bead of the prayer beads, his first concern is with a woman. The prediction announces his success and good health.

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If it is a livestock project, it will be a success. He will find happiness. If it is a female patient, it is about her first periods after childbirth. If it is a woman who gets her period three times a month, it is the postpartum period. But she has a chance to heal. If it is a man who plans to take a trip, he must give it up. If he leaves, he will experience pain in his right flank. The predictions are not good. But if it is a livestock project, it will materialize and his animals will multiply in peace.

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If it is an agricultural project, it will not succeed. The seventh section ends there. He must make an offering of one kilogram of meat and three packets of candles to be given on Monday, Sunday, or Thursday. End of the seventh section. **Section 6**: The first information given by the sixth section (if the person chooses the sixth bead of the prayer beads) concerns regrets and a family member who will soon leave home. If the family member runs away, he will be unhappy. However, if it is a travel plan, it will go smoothly.

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If it is a sick person, he will suffer a little, but he will recover. If it is a project for a woman, it will never be successful. If it is a lost item, it will never be found. If someone owes him something, they won't pay him back. If he is moving to a new home, he should not enter the house until he has made the appropriate sacrifices. He must give as an offering three bowls of cooked rice, a bowl of couscous, two bowls of rice grains and seven white kola nuts on Thursday, Friday or Monday. The food should be eaten by many Muslims, including children and the elderly.

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End of section 6. Section 5: If he chooses the fifth bead of the prayer beads, it indicates that God will help him and his business will work. He won't have much to worry about. First, it is predicted that he will have a long life. He will soon go on a trip and his journey will go smoothly. He will be lucky. He will leave and come back in peace. Nothing bad will happen to him or his family while he is away. The prediction announces an imminent trip during which he will be lucky. He will acquire goods [material wealth].

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The patient will have responsibilities. He will also have problems, but he will have full support. He will be successful in his business. In addition, it shows his desire to find a wife. It assures him that he will marry her in good conditions, and have many children. When the prediction shows a lot of the fabrics that women use to carry babies on their backs, it signals the urge to have a baby. It also announces the loss of an object. If anyone were to tell him that he found it, it would probably be a man with a black complexion. But if it is someone else, it would be very difficult to find the lost item.

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But, if it is a sick woman, her illness will start with a headache before it reaches her whole body. She will start to have pain in her throat and then the pain will spread throughout her body. If it is a man, he will suffer from stomach aches, flank pain and pubic pain. But if it is a child, he or she will wet the bed. If it pleases God, the patient will heal. The prediction announces a long life. In his life, he will have enemies. If it is a woman, her worst enemy will be a woman. If it is a man, his worst enemy will be a man. But the patient will also have an important person in their life.

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This person will help them a lot. One of his children or family members will become famous. This person will help him a lot. You must give as a sacrifice one kilogram of sugar, one kilogram of salt and one kilogram of beans. Give them to a famous old person with white hair on Friday, Thursday, Monday, or Sunday. End of section 5. **Section 4:** If the patient takes the fourth bead of the prayer beads, a marriage is in his future. The predicted marriage will take place in very good health and lead to a long life.

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It also predicts that he will have a long and wealthy life. It announces that he will receive [a gift of] fabrics. But if he has travel plans, he will have to postpone it a bit. If it is a question of trade, everything will take place under the best possible conditions. If it is a sick person, the disease will make him suffer greatly. Without God's help, he will not survive. If it is a place where he plans to settle, it will be done in good conditions. If he wants to get into fishing, everything will be fine. The prediction announces that he will become rich there. If he wants to invest in livestock, he must do so. He will earn a great profit from it, if it pleases God. End of section 4. Section 3:

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The third section announces great things to come. The patient will receive some very good news. His sufferings will soon ease, and God will assist him. First, it announces that he would like to marry a woman of either light or dark skin. He will be happy, and everything will be fine. It announces the loss of an object, but he will find it. If a member of his family has run away, he will see him again. If it is a question of trade, it will be carried out under good conditions. If he has travel plans, they will materialize, and everything will be fine for him. He will be lucky on this trip. If he plans to move to a new place, he will find peace and happiness there. But if a member of his family has run away, they won't come back. If he is ill, his illness will be trying.

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But he will recover. If it is wickedness of which he is the victim, God will help him so that he is spared. He will do the same for the difficulties he is going to encounter. If it is a question of success during a trip, the conditions will be met for everything to happen in peace, with good health and long life. End of section 3. **Section 2**: If he holds the second bead of the prayer beads, the first prediction announces a long life, many children, and much wealth. It is predicted that the person will

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receive a lot of money from someone. If there are difficulties, he will not find a solution. It will be difficult. If it is a lost item, it will be found quickly. If it is a member of his family who is far away, he will return in peace.

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If it is an acquisition or a job, there is a good chance it will happen. If it is a place where he intends to settle, he should never move there; he would be very unhappy there. If this is someone he relies on for financial help, it will be okay. The patient will get his help, but his fortune will disappear. What the patient gets from him will last until he dies. If it is about a marriage plan, it should not be done because there will never be happiness. If it is about longevity, he will have a long life, good health, good luck and many children, both boys and girls. **Section 1:**

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The first thing it predicts is long life, health, and luck. It informs him that he has enemies among his family members. But if it pleases God, God will help him to counter these enemies within the family. If it is a marriage project, it will take place in good conditions. If it is a lost item, it will be found. If it is happy news from elsewhere, he will receive it very quickly along with fortune. If it is cattle, he will get them. If it is something he wants to acquire, he will get it. If it is a question of starting a family or a large sum of money that he has difficulty in recovering, it will be done. A visitor will come to him in good conditions.

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If it is a livestock project, it will happen and it will fill him with happiness and luck, improving his life. He will reap lots of profits. If it is a travel plan, the trip will go well and he will find work. He will start a family with many children; there will be good luck, health and understanding between the Citation: Fallou Ngom (PI), Ablaye Diakite, Bala Saho, Daivi Rodima-Taylor, Ousmane Cisse, Martin Aucoin, and other contributors. 2022. "Divination with Prayer Beads." https://sites.bu.edu/nehajami/the-four-languages/mandinka/mandinka-manuscripts/jubeerano-1/.

members of his family. It will be necessary to give as an offering a tricolor goat. He must divide the upper part of the goat into seven parts to distribute, and the part that touches the ground must be prepared for his family.

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If he cannot afford it, he can give nine white kola nuts, nine candles and nine white sheets of paper divided into three parts to give to three marabouts (religious leaders). He will give each marabout three kola nuts, three candles, and three white sheets of papers. If he cannot give them on Saturday or Tuesday, he can give them every other day.