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to Mama and Abah

If all my tears, blood, and sweat are gathered, it will be nothing compared to your love and mercy...

I can only recompense it with this eternal prayer

in every breath I take...

With love ...

"...My Lord! Have mercy on them both as they did care for me when I
was little." (Q.S. Al-Israa: 24)

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remembering God. Surely hearts feel tranquil
whenever God is mentioned!"

(Q.S. Ar-Ra'd: 28)

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—Ibn al-Qayyim al-Jawziyya—