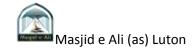
# Ama'al for the month of Shaba'an



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## MONTH OF SHA'BAAN

The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم used to say, "Sha`ban is my month; hence, Paradise will be incumbently decided for him who observe fasting on one day of my month."

It is recommended to repeat as much as possible the invocation of blessings (salwaat) upon The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم and his Household.

It is also recommended to observe fasting on Thursdays in Sha`ban. In this respect, a hadith reads that the skies decorate themselves each Thursday in Sha`ban and the angels pray Almighty Allah, saying, "O our God, (please do) forgive those who observe fasting on this day and respond to their prayers."

The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم is also reported as saying, "If one observes fasting each Monday and Thursday in Sha`ban, Almighty Allah will grant

forty of his needs—twenty appertained to the worldly life and twenty to the Hereafter."

According to narrations, the best words that are advisably said in Sha`ban are the implorations for the forgiveness of Almighty Allah (i.e. istighfar). Hence, to implore for Almighty Allah's forgiveness seventy times a day in Sha`ban is equal to imploring for His forgiveness seventy thousand times a day in the other months.

It is recommended to give alms in this month even if it is as small as a half date. Almsgiving in this month brings about rescue from Hellfire.

In this respect, it has been narrated that when Imam al-Sadiq عليه السلام was asked about the merits of observing fasting in Rajab, he answered, "Why do you not ask about the merits of observing fasting in Sha`ban?"

"What is then the reward of one who observes fasting on one day in Sha`ban?" asked the narrator. The Imam عليه السلام answered, "The reward will be Paradise. I swear it by Allah."

The narrator then asked again, "What are the best deeds that should be done in Sha`ban." The Imam عليه السلام answered, "Almsgiving and imploring for forgiveness are the best deeds in Sha`ban. Verily, if anyone of you gives alms in Sha`ban, Almighty Allah will breed that alms in the very same way as you breed your small camels. Hence, this alms will be as huge as Mount Uhud on the Resurrection Day."

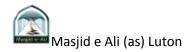
# General Invocations for the Month of Sha'ban

It is recommended to say the following imploration for forgiveness 70 times each day in Sha`ban:

I implore for the forgiveness of Allah and I pray Him for approval of my repentance.

It is recommended to recite the following imploration for forgiveness 70 times each day in Sha`ban:

I implore for the forgiveness of Allah. There is no god save Whom, the All-beneficent, the All-merciful, the Ever-living, the Everlasting, and to Him I turn repentant.

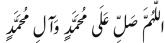


It is recommended to repeat the following litany 1000 times in Sha`ban: The reward of one who repeats this litany in Sha`ban is that one is awarded the reward of serving (Almighty Allah) for 1000 years.

There is no god save Allah and we serve none save Him, being sincere to Him in obedience, though the unbelievers are averse.

# Salwaat Sha'baaniyah

It is recommended to say the following form of invocation of blessings upon The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم and his Household that is reported from Imam `Ali ibn al-Husain al-Sajjad عليه السلام each midday (Dhuhr) in Sha`ban and on the fifteenth night of it:



allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

O Allah: (please do) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad—

شَجِرة النبوة.

shajarati alnnbuwwati the tree of Prophethood;

وَمُوضِعِ الرِّسَالَةِ،

wa mawzi`i alrrisalati

and the trustees of the (Divine) Mission;

ومُختَّلَف المُلائكة،

wa mukhtalafi almala'ikati

and the frequently visited by the angels;

وَمُعَدِنِ الْعِلْمِ،

wa ma`dini al`ilmi and the core of knowledge;

. وَإِبْلِ بِينتِ الْوَحْيِ

wa ahli bayti alwahai

and the Household of the Divine Revelation.

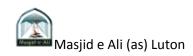
اللُّمْ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَدَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَدَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

O Allah: (please do) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Family of Muhammad—

الفُّكُّكِ الْجَارِيةِ فِي اللَّجِ الْغَامِرَةِ،

alfulki aljariyati fa allujaji alghamirati the sailing ships through the abysmal waves.



تأمنن من ركبها،

yamanu man rakibaha

He who embarks on them will be saved

وَيُغْرُقُ مَنْ تَرْكُهَا،

wa yaghraqu man tarakaha

but he who abandons them will be drowned.

الْمُتَقَدِّمُ لَهُمُّ مَارِقٌ،

almutaqaddmu lahum mariqun

He who precedes them will miss the Right Path

وَالْمِتَاخِرُ عَنْهُمْ زَابِقٍ،

wal-mutakhkhru `anhum zahiqun

and he who misses them will lose,

. وَاللازِمُ لَهُمُ لاحِقٌ

wal-lazimu lahum lahigun

but he who adheres to them will win.

اللَّهُمُّ صَلَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

O Allah: (please do) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad-

alkahfi alhasani

the impregnable shelter;

wa ghiyathi almuztarr almustakani

and the succorers of the helpless, distressed ones;

وَمُلِحًا الْهَارِ مِينَ،

wa malja alharibana

and the haven of the fugitives;

wa `ismati almu`tasimana

and the asylum of those who seek refuge.

اللَّهُ صَلَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآل مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

O Allah: (please do) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

صَلاةً كَثِيرةً بَكُونُ لَهُمْ رِضاً،



## salatan katharatan takunu lahum rizan

so much blessings that please them

# wa lihaqq muhammadin wa ali muhammadin ada'an wa qaza'an

and settle all (our) duties towards Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

# bihawlin minka wa quwwatin ya rabb al`alamana

by Your might and power; O the Lord of the worlds.

#### allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

O Allah: (please do) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad—

#### alttayyibana alabrari al-akhyari

the pure, the pious, the righteous

#### alladhana awjabta huquqahum

whose rights have been made incumbent upon us by You

#### wa farazta ta`atahum wa wilaiyatahum

and the obedience to whom has been deemed obligatory upon us by You and whose (divinely commissioned) leadership has been (also) deemed obligatory upon us by You.

#### allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

O Allah: (please do) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad;

# wa a`mur qalby bita`atika

and fill in my heart with the obedience to You;

#### wa la tukhziny bima`siyatika

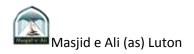
and do not disgrace me by acts of disobedience to You;

#### warzugny mwasata

and grant me the feeling of sympathy

#### man gattrta `alayhi min rizgika

towards those whom You have decided to straiten their sustenance



# بِمَا وَسَّعِنْتُ عَلَيٌّ مِنْ فَصْلَكُ،

#### bima wa ss`ta `alayy min fazlika

by means of Your favors that You have decided to make expansive for me

#### wa nasharta `alayy min `adlika

and by means of that with which You have covered me out of Your fairness;

#### wa ahiyaytany tahta zillka

and make me live under Your shade. Charity image

#### wa hadha shahru nabiyyka sayyidi rusulika

This is the month of Your Prophet and the Master of Your Messengers.

#### sha`banu alladhy hafaftahu

It is Sha`ban, which You have encompassed,

مِنْكَ بِالرَّحْمُةِ وَالرِّضُوانِ

minka bilrrahmati wal-rrizwani with Your mercy and pleasure,

# alladhy kana rasulu allahi salla allahu `alayhi wa alihi wa sallama

and on which the Messenger of Allah—peace and blessings be upon him and his Family

#### yad'abu fa saamihi wa qaamihi

-used to observe fasting painstakingly and used to spend it with acts of worship

#### fa layalahi wa ayyamihi

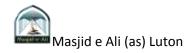
on all of its days and nights

#### bukhu`an laka fa ikramihi wa i`zamihi ila mahall himamihi

on account of Your honoring and dignifying this month, up to his death.

#### allahumma fa`inna `ala alastinani bisunntihi fahi

O Allah: (please do) help us follow the example of him (i.e. the Holy Prophet as regards the honoring of this month)



#### wa nayli alshshfa`ati ladayhi and help us attain nearness to him.

اللُّمُّ وَاجْعَلُهُ لِي شَفِيعاً مُشَفَّعاً،

#### allahumma waj`alhu la shafa`an mushaffa`an

O Allah: (please do) decide him as my interceder (before You) whose intercession for me is acceptable

وطريقاً إليك منيعاً،

wa taraqan ilayka mahiya`an

and as my clear path toward You; وَاجْعَلُنِي لَهُ مُنَّبِعاً تَحْتَى إِلْقَاكَ يُومَ القِّيَامَةِ عَنِّى رَاضِياً،

waj`alny lahu muttbi`an hatta alqaka yawma alqaamati `anna raziyan

and make me follow him until I meet You on the Resurrection Day enjoying Your pleasure with me

وعن وُنُوبِي غَاضِياً،

wa `an dhunuby ghaziyan and Your overlooking my sins

قَدْ إَوْجَبْتَ لِي مِنْكَ الرَّحْمَةَ وَالرِّضُوانَ

qad awjabta la minka alrrahmata wal-rrizwana

and thus You will confer upon me with Your mercy and pleasure

وَإِنْرَ لَتُنِي وَارَ القَّرَارِ وَمُحَلِّ الأَخْيَارِ

wa anzaltany dara alqarari wa mahall al-akhyari

and allow me to reside in the Eternal Abode and the Place of the Righteous.

# Munajat Sha'baniyah

It is recommended to say the following confidential prayer (munajat) that has been narrated by Ibn Khalawayh who commented on it, saying, "This is the confidential prayer of Imam `Ali Amir al-Mu'minin عليه السلام and the Holy Imams who used to say it in the month of Sha`ban."

ٱللُّهُ ۖ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَدَّدٍ وَٱلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

O Allah, (please do) send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

وَٱسْمَعُ دُعَالِي إِدّادَعُوثُكَ

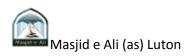
wasma` du`a'i idha da`awtuka

You listen to my prayer whenever I pray,

وأسمّعُ بَد إِنَّى إِذَا نَادَيُّكُ

wasma` nida'i idha nadaytuka

listen to my call whenever I call upon you,



وَا قُبِلُ عَلَى إِذَا نَاجَيْتُكَ

#### wa aqbil `alayya idha najaytuka

and accept from me whenever I confidentially whisper to You,

فَقَدُ مَرَ بْتُ إِلَيْكَ

# faqad harabtu ilayka

for here I am fleeing in to You,

وَوَقَفْتُ مَيْنَ يَدِيْكَ مُسْتَكِيناًلَّكَ

wa waqaftu bayna yadayka mustakinan laka

standing before You, showing submission to You,

مُتَفَرِّ عَالِلْكُ

mutadarri`an ilayka

imploring You,

رَاجِياً لِمَالدُ يُكُ ثُولِل

rajiyan lima ladayka thawabi

and hoping for the reward that You have.

وتعكم مافى نَفْسِي

wa ta`lamu ma fi nafsi

You know what is in my inner self,

وتخبرُ حَاجَتِی

wa takhburu hajati

recognize my needs,

وتغرِف ضميرِي

wa ta`rifu damiri

recognize my hidden affairs,

وَلَا يَحْقُلُ عَلَيْكَ امرُ مُنْتَقَلِّي وَمَثْوَايَ

wa la yakhfa `alayka amru munqalabi wa mathwaya

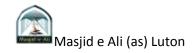
and all my moves and stillness are known by You.

ومًا ارِيدُانُ ابْدِي بِهِ مِنْ مُنْطِقِى

wa ma uridu an ubdi'a bihi min mantigi

So are all the utterances which I want to begin with,

وَاتَّفُوَّهُ بِرِمِنْ طَلِبَتِي



#### wa atafawwaha bihi min talibati all the requests that I want to express,

وَارُجُوهُ لِعَاقِبَتِي

#### wa arjuhu li`agibati

and all the expectation that I hope for my future.

#### wa qad jarat magadiruka `alayya ya sayyidi

All that which You, O my Master, have decided for me

# fima yakunu minni ila akhiri `umri

up to the end of my life,

#### min sarirati wa `alaniyati

including my secret and open matters, shall be experienced by me.

#### wa biyadika la biyadi ghayrika ziyadati wa nagsi

And it is in Your hand, not anybody else's, that are all increase and decrease,

#### wa naf`i wa darri

and all my benefits and harms that come upon me.

#### ilahi in haramtani faman dha alladhi yarzuguni

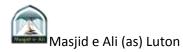
O my God, if You deprive me (of Your sustenance), then who else can ever provide me with sustenance?

#### wa in khadhaltani faman dha alladhi yansuruni

If You disappoint me, then who else can ever back me?

#### ilahi a`udhu bika min ghadabika wa hululi sakhatika

O my God, I do seek Your protection against Your wrath and against the befalling of Your ire upon me.



# ilahi in kuntu ghayra musta'hilin lirahmatika

O my God, if I do not deserve Your mercy,

فَانْتَ الْإِنَّ انْ تَجُودَ عَلَيَّ بِفُصْلِ سَعَتَنِكَ

# fa-anta ahlun an tajuda `alayya bifadli sa`atika

You are still expected to confer upon me with Your expansive favor.

إِلَى كَانَّى بِنَفْسِي وَاقْفِيةٌ يَدُنُ يَدُنُكُ

#### ilahi ka-anni binafsi waqifatun bayna yadayka

O my God, I now imagine how I will stand before You,

وَقَدُ اظَلَّهَا حُسنُ تُوكِّلِي عَلَيْكِ

#### wa qad azallaha husnu tawakkuli `alayka

shaded by my good idea about You on account of my trust in You,

فَقُلْتَ مَا انْتَ اللَّهُ وَتَغَمَّدُ تَنِي بِعَفُوكَ

#### faqulta ma anta ahluhu wa taghammadtani bi`afwika

and You will decide for me that which befit You and You will include me with Your forgiveness.

إِلْهِي إِنْ عَفُونَ فَمَنْ اوْلَىٰ مِنْكُ بِذَلِكِ

ilahi in `afawta faman awla minka bidhalika O my God, if you pardon me, then who else is worthier than You are in pardoning.

وَإِنْ كَانَ قَدُ دَنَا اجْلِي وَلَمْ يُدُنِّنِي مِنْكَ عُمِلِي

#### wa in kana gad dana ajali wa lam yudnini minka `amali

If my time of death is approaching while my deeds are still too short to approach me to

نَقَدُ جَعَلُتُ ٱلإِقْرُارَبِ ٱلذَّنَّ نُبِ إِلَيْكَ وَسِيلَتِي

#### faqad ja`altu al-iqrara bildhdhanbi ilayka wasilati

I am then considering my confession of being guilty to be my means towards You.

إِلَى قَدُ جُرُتُ عَلَىٰ نَفُسِي فِي ٱلنَّظُرِلَهَا

#### ilahi gad jurtu `ala nafsi fi alnnazari laha

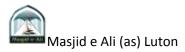
O my God, I have wronged myself when I allowed myself to behave unrestrainedly;

فَلَهَا ٱلْوَيْلُ إِنْ لَمُ تَغَفِّرُ لَهَا

#### falaha alwaylu in lam taghfir laha

therefore, woe will betide me if You do not forgive.

إِلٰى لَمْ يَرُلُ بِرُّ كَ عَلَى اتَّامَ حَمَاتِي



#### ilahi lam yazal birruka `alayya ayyama hayati

O my God, You have never ceased Your favors from me all my lifetime;

فَلَا تَقْطُعُ بِرَّ كَ عَنِّي فِي مَمَاتِي

#### fala taqta` birraka `anni fi mamati

so, (please) do not stop Your favors from covering me after my death.

إِلَى سَيفَ آيسُ مِن مُسنِ نَظرِك لِي بَعَدُ مَمَاتِي

#### ilahi kayfa ayasu min husni nazarika li ba`da mamati

O my God, how can I despair of Your nice custody over me after my death

ُوانتُ لَمْ تُولِّنِي إِلَّا ٱلْحَمِيلَ فِي حَيَاتِي<sup>.</sup>

#### wa anta lam tuwallini illa aljamila fi hayati

while You have not shown me but the good throughout my lifetime?

إِلٰى تَوَلَّ مِنْ امْرِى مَا انْتَ اہْلُهُ

#### ilahi tawalla min amri ma anta ahluhu

O my God, (please) manage my affairs in the very way that befits You,

وَعُدُ عَلَيَّ بِفَضُلِكَ عَلَىٰ مُدَّنبِ قَدْ غُمْرَهُ جَمْلُهُ

#### wa `ud `alayya bifadlika `ala mudhnibin qad ghamarahu jahluhu

and confer upon me—a sinful person who is covered by his ignorance—with Your favors.

#### ilahi qad satarta `alayya dhunuban fi alddunya

O my God, You have concealed my sins in my worldly life,

#### wa ana ahwaju ila satriha `alayya minka fi al-ukhra

but I need Your concealment more urgently in the Next Life.

#### idh lam tuzhirha li-ahadin min `ibadika alssalihina

You have thus not disclosed my sins before any of Your righteous servants;

#### fala tafdahni yawma alqiyamati `ala ru'usi al-ashhadi

therefore, (please) do not expose me on the Resurrection Day before all the witnesses.

إلٰى جُودُ كَ بَسَطَامِلَى

#### ilahi juduka basata amali

O my God, it is Your magnanimity that expanded my hope,



وَعَفْوُ كَ افْضُلُ مِنْ عُمُلِي

#### wa `afwuka afdalu min `amali

and surely Your pardon is more preferable than my deeds.

#### ilahi fasurrani biliqa'ika yawma taqdi fihi bayna `ibadika

O my God, so (please) delight me when I meet You on the day when You shall judge between Your servants.

# ilahi i`tidhari ilayka i`tidharu man lam yastaghni `an qabuli `udhrihi

O my God, I submit to You the apology of one who cannot dispense with the acceptance of his excuse;

#### faqbal `udhri ya akrama man i`tadhara ilayhi almusi'una

so, (please) accept my excuse, O most Magnanimous of all those before whom the guilty make an apology.

#### ilahi la tarudda hajati

O my God, (please) do not reject my request,

#### wa la tukhayyib tama`i

do not fail my big hope for You,

# wa la taqta` minka raja'i wa amali

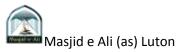
and do not disappoint my desire and expectation for You.

#### ilahi law aradta hawani lam tahdini

O my God, had You wanted to humiliate me, You would not have guided me (to You).

#### wa law aradta fadihati lam tu`afini

Had You decided to disclose me, You would not have saved me.



ilahi ma azunnuka tarudduni fi hajatin qad afnaytu `umri fi talabiha minka O my God, I do not expect You to reject my request that I spent my whole lifetime asking for it from You.

إِلَى فَلَكَ ٱلْحَمَّدُ ابَدااً بَدادًا وَابْمَا سَسر مَداً

ilahi falaka alhamdu abadan abadan da'iman sarmadan

O my God, all praise be to You, forever, forever, perpetually, everlastingly,

يَزِيدُ وَلَا يَبِيدُ كُمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَىٰ

yazidu wa la yabidu kama tuhibbu wa tarda

increasingly, and imperishably, as exactly as You like and please.

إِلْهِي إِنْ اخَدْ تَنِي بِجُرُمِي اخَدْ تُكَ بِعَفُوكَ

ilahi in akhadhtani bijurmi akhadhtuka bi`afwika

O my God, if You punish me for my offense, I shall demand with Your pardon,

وَإِنْ اخَدْ تَنِي بِدُنُوبِي اخَدُ تُك بِمُغَفَرِ تِك

wa in akhadhtani bidhunubi akhadhtuka bimaghfiratika

if You punish me for my sins, I shall demand with Your forgiveness,

وَإِنُ ادْخُلْتُنِي ٱلنَّارَ اعْلَمْتُ اللَّمَا إِنِّي احِبُّكُ

wa in adkhaltani alnnara a`lamtu ahlaha anni uhibbuka

and if You decide to send me to Hell. I shall declare to its inhabitants that I love You.

إِلْهِي إِنْ كَانَ صَغْرَ فِي جَنْبِ طَاعَتَكِ عَمْلِي

ilahi in kana saghura fi janbi ta`atika `amali

O my God, if my deed is too little when compared to the true obedience to You,

فَقَدُ كَبُرُ فِي جَنْبِ رَجَا كِكَ اللَّي

faqad kabura fi janbi raja'ika amali

then my hope for You is too big when compared to my prospect from You.

إِلٰى كَيْفَ انْقَابِ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ بِٱلْخَيْبَةِ مَحْرُوماً

ilahi kayfa anqalibu min `indika bilkhaybati mahruman

O my God, how can it be that I return from You with disappointment and deprivation

وَقَدُ كَانَ حُسَنُ ظَنِّي بِجُودِ كَ انْ تَقْلِبَنِي بِ ٱلنِّجَاقِ مَرْحُوماً

wa gad kana husnu zanni bijudika an taglibani bilnnajati marhuman

while I expect, depending upon Your magnanimity, that You will endow me with safety

إِلَى وَقَدُ افْنَيْتُ غُمْرِي فِي شِيرٌ قِرْ ٱلسَّهُو عَنْكَ



#### ilahi wa qad afnaytu `umri fi shirrati alssahwi `anka

O my God, I have spent my whole lifetime with the vigor of being negligent to You

#### wa ablaytu shababi fi sakrati alttaba`udi minka

and I have spent my whole youth with the inebriety of being far away from You.

#### ilahi falam astaygiz ayyama ightirari bika

O my God, I have not thus woken up to myself during the period when I seductively felt safe from Your punishment

#### wa rukuni ila sabili sakhatika

and when I was taking the path that ends with Your ire.

# ilahi wa ana `abduka wabnu `abdika qa'imun bayna yadayka

O my God, nevertheless, I am—Your servant and the son of Your servant—now standing before You

#### mutawassilun bikaramika ilayka

and begging You in the name of Your generosity.

#### ilahi ana `abdun atanassalu ilayka mimma kuntu uwajihuka bihi

O my God, I am, being Your servant, disowning all that with which I used to face You;

#### min qillati istihya'i min nazarika

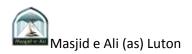
namely, my shameless inconsideration of You,

#### wa atlubu al`afwa minka idh al`afwu na`tun likaramika

and I am hereby appealing for Your pardon since pardon is one feature of Your generosity.

#### ilahi lam yakun li hawlun fa-antaqila bihi `an ma`siyatika

O my God, I had no strength by which I would rid myself of the acts of disobedience to



إِلَّا فِي وَقُتٍ إِنْقَطْتَنِي لِ مُحِبَّتِكَ

illa fi waqtin ayqaztani limahabbatika

except after You aroused me to love You.

وَ كَمَا ارَدْتَ انْ الُونَ كُنْتُ

wa kama aradta an akuna kuntu

Hence, I have become as exactly as You want me to be.

فَشَكُرُ ثُكَ بِإِدْ خَالِي فِي كَرَمِكَ

fashakartuka bi-idkhali fi karamika

I have thus thanked You, for You have included me with Your generosity

وَلِنَظْهِيرِ قَلْبِي مِنْ اوْسَاحْ ٱلْغَفَّلَةِ عَنْكَ

wa litathiri qalbi min awsakhi alghaflati `anka

and You have purified my heart from the filths of being inattentive to You.

إِلٰى ٱنْظُرْإِلَىٰ نَظرُ مَنْ نَاوَيْتُهُ فَاجَا بِكَ

ilahi unzur ilayya nazara man nadaytahu fa-ajabaka

O my God, (please) look at me in the same way as You have looked at one whom You called and he has responded to You

وَٱسْتَغَمَلْتُهُ بِمَعُوتَتِكَ فَاطَاعَكَ

wasta`maltahu bima`unatika fa-ata`aka

and whom You have conferred with Your aid and he thus has obeyed You.

يَا قَرِياً لَا يَنْعُدُ عَنِ ٱلْمُغْرِّبِ

ya qariban la yab`udu `an almughtarri bihi

O He Who is too close to depart from one who is inadvertent to Him!

وَيَاجُواداً لَا يَبْخُلُ عُمَنْ رَجَا ثُوابَهُ

wa ya jawadan la yabkhalu `amman raja thawabahu

O He Who is too magnanimous to deprive one who hopes for His reward!

إِلٰى ہَبْ لِي قَلْباً يُدُنِيهِ مِنْكَ شُوقُهُ

ilahi hab li galban yudnihi minka shawguhu

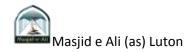
O my God, (please) grant me a heart whose longing for You will approach it to You,

وَلِسَاناً يُرْفَعُ إِلَيْكَ صِدْقُهُ

wa lisanan yurfa`u ilayka sidquhu

a tongue whose truthfulness is directed to You,

وَنَظُراً يُقَسِّرُيُهُ مِنْكَ حَقَّهُ



#### wa nazaran yuqarribuhu minka haqquhu

and a sight whose righteousness advances towards You.

#### ilahi inna man ta`arrafa bika ghayru majhulin

O my God, he who recognizes You shall never be anonymous,

#### wa man ladha bika ghayru makhdhulin

he who seeks Your shelter shall never be disappointed,

#### wa man agbalta `alayhi ghayru mamlulin

and he whom is attended by You shall never be boring.

# ilahi inna man intahaja bika lamustanirun

O my God, he who abides by Your Path shall be enlightened, وَإِنَّ مَن ٱعْنَصْمَ بِكُ لُمُسْتَجِيرٌ

#### wa inna man i`tasama bika lamustajirun

and he who resorts to You shall be succored.

#### wa gad ludhtu bika ya ilahi fala tukhayyib zanni min rahmatika

I am thus having recourse to You, O my God! So, (please) do not disappoint me as regards Your having mercy upon me

#### wa la tahjubni `an ra'fatika

and do not divest me of Your kindness.

#### ilahi aqimni fi ahli wilayatika

O my God, grant me, among those who show servitude to You,

#### muqama man raja alzziyadata min mahabbatika

the position of one who (incessantly) longs for more love for You.

#### ilahi wa alhimni walahan bidhikrika ila dhikrika

O my God, (please) inspire me with passionate love for ceaseless reference to You,



# وَبِمَّتِي فِي رَوْحٍ نَجَاحِ اسْمَا كِكَ وَمَحَلِّ قُدُسِكَ

#### wa himmati fi rawhi najahi asma'ika wa mahalli qudsika

and (please) devote all my pursuit to my attaining the delight of the success that is achieved through Your names and the amount of Your Holiness.

إِلَى بِكَ عَلَيْكَ إِلَّا الْحَقْتُنِي بِمُحَلِّ ابْلِ طَاعَتَكِ

#### ilahi bika `alayka illa alhaqtani bimahalli ahli ta`atika

O my God, I beseech You in Your name to put me in the position of those who are obedient to You

وَٱلْمُنُوىٰ ٱلصَّالِحِ مِنْ مَرْضَاتِكَ

#### walmathwa alssalihi min mardatika

and in an honorable standing of Your pleasure,

فَإِنَّى لَا اقْدِرُ لِنَفْسِي وَفَعاً

#### fa'inni la agdiru linafsi daf`an

for I, verily, have no power to rescue

وَلَا الْمُكِثُ لَهَا نَفْعًا

#### wa la amliku laha naf`an

or to benefit myself.

إِلَى انَاعَبُدُ كَ ٱلصَّعِيفُ ٱلْمُدُنِبُ

#### ilahi ana `abduka aldda`ifu almudhnibu

O my God, I am Your servant—the feeble and sinful—

ومَمْلُوكُكَ ٱلْمُنِيبُ

#### wa mamlukuka almunibu

and Your slave—the penitent.

فَلَا تَجْعَلُنِي مِنَّنَ صَرَفَتَ عَنْهُ وَجُمَّكَ

#### fala taj`alni mimman sarafta `anhu wajhaka

So, (please) do not include me with those against whom You have turned Your face

وُحَجِبُهُ سَهُوهُ عَنْ عَفْوِكَ

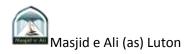
#### wa hajabahu sahwuhu `an `afwika

or those whom are deprived of Your pardon because of their inattentiveness to You.

إِلَى بَبْ لِي كَمَالَ ٱلِانْقِطَاعِ إِلَيْكَ

#### ilahi hab li kamala alingita`i ilayka

O my God, (please) grant me absolute devotion to You



# وَانِرُ ابْصَارَ قُلُوبِنَا بِضِيَاءٍ نَظَرِ بِالِيُكَ

#### wa anir absara qulubina bidiya'i nazariha ilayka

and illuminate the sights of our hearts with the light of observing of You

#### hatta takhriga absaru algulubi hujuba alnnuri

so that the sights of the hearts will penetrate the Screens of Light

#### fatasila ila ma`dini al`azamati

and arrive at the Core of Magnificence,

#### wa tasira arwahuna mu`allagatan bi`izzi gudsika

and that our souls hang to the majesty of Your Holiness.

#### ilahi waj`alni mimman nadaytahu fa-ajabaka

O my God, (please) make me of those who responded to You when You called them,

#### wa lahaztahu fasa`iga lijalalika

those who were shocked for Your Majesty when You observed them

#### fanajaytahu sirran wa `amila laka jahran

and You have thus taken into their confidence and they acted for You openly.

#### ilahi lam usallit `ala husni zanni qunuta al-ayasi

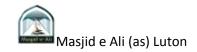
O my God, I have shaded neither despair nor gloom over my good idea about You

#### wa la inqata`a raja'i min jamili karamika

and I have never lost hope in Your excellent magnanimity.

#### ilahi in kanat alkhataya qad asqatatni ladayka

O my God, if my sins have overthrown me in Your sight,



#### fasfah `anni bihusni tawakkuli `alayka

then please pardon me for my excellent trust in You.

#### ilahi in hattatni aldhdhunubu min makarimi lutfika

O my God, if my wrongdoings have caused me to lose Your honorable kindness,

#### faqad nabbahani alyaqinu ila karami `atfika

then my belief in You has called my attention to the generosity of Your sympathy.

# ilahi in anamatni alghaflatu `an alisti`dadi liliqa'ika

O my God, if my inadvertence has screened me against readying myself for meeting You,

#### faqad nabbahatni alma`rifatu bikarami ala'ika

then my recognition of the generosity of Your bounties has awakened me.

# ilahi in da`ani ila alnnari `azimu `iqabika

O my God, if Your grave chastisement has drawn me to Hellfire,

#### faqad da`ani ila aljannati jazilu thawabika

then Your opulent reward has drawn me to Paradise.

# ilahi falaka as'alu wa ilayka abtahilu wa arghabu

O my God, You alone do I pray and You alone do I implore and desire.

#### wa as'aluka an tusalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

I beseech You to bless Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

#### wa an taj`alani mimman yudimu dhikraka

and to include me with those who always mention You,

#### wa la yangudu `ahdaka

who never breach their covenant to You,



وَلَا يَغْفُلُ عَنْ شُكْرِكَ

wa la yaghfulu `an shukrika

who never fail to thank You,

وَلَا يُسْتَخْفِتُ بِامْرِكَ

wa la yastakhiffu bi-amrika

and who never belittle Your affairs.

إِلَى وَالْحِقْنِي بِنُورِ عِزِكَ ٱلانجُ

ilahi wa alhiqni binuri `izzika al-abhaji

O my God, (please do) connect me with the most brilliant Light of Your Dignity

فَأَكُونَ لَكَ عَارِ فَأَ

fa-akuna laka `arifan

so that I will recognize You

وَعَنْ سِوَاكُ مُنْحَرِ فَأَ

wa `an siwaka munharifan

and I will leave everybody else,

ومِنْكُ خَانِفاً مُرَاقِباً

wa minka kha'ifan muragiban

and that I will be fearful of and careful with You.

يَا ذَا ٱلْجُلَالِ وَٱلْإِكْرَامِ

ya dha aljalali wal-ikrami

O Lord of Majesty and Honor!

وَصَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولِهِ وَٱلهِ ٱلطَّابِرِينَ

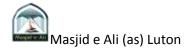
wa salla allahu `ala muhammadin rasulihi wa alihi alttahirina

May Allah send blessings to Muhammad, His Messenger, and upon his Household the Infallible,

وسنتم تسليما كثيرا

wa sallama tasliman kathiran

and exalt them very much.



# Salaah for Every Thursday in Sha'ban

It is recommended to offer a two unit prayer each Thursday in Sha`ban.

In each unit, it is recommended to recite Surah al-Fatihah once and repeat Surah al-Tawhid one hundred times.

After accomplishment, one should invoke God's blessings upon The Holy Prophet صلى الله and his Household 100 times.

This rite achieves the granting of all worldly and religious needs.

#### 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sha'ban

On the Night of 1st Sha'ban recite a 12 unit prayer in each unit of which Surah al-Fatihah is recited once and Surah al-Tawhid repeated 11 times.

A great reward is gained from fasting on the first day of Sha`ban. Imam Ja`far al-Sadiq عليه السلام is reported as saying, "Paradise will be incumbently decided for one who observes fasting on the first day of Sha`ban."

Likewise, Sayyid Ibn Tawus has narrated on the authority of The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه that an abundant reward will be conferred to one who observes fasting on three days in Sha`ban at the nights of which a 2 unit prayer is offered. In each unit of this prayer, one should recite Surah al-Fatihah once and Surah al-Tawhid 11 times.

## Dua for Day of 3rd Sha'ban

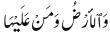
About this blessed day, Shaykh al-Tusi says in Misawsbah al-Mutahajjid: Imam al-Husain ibn `Ali عليه السلام was born on the third of Sha`ban. Abu'l-Qasim ibn `Ala' al-Hamadani, the representative of Imam al-Hasan al-`Askari عليه السلام, received a document saying that our master, Imam al-Husain ibn `Ali عليه السلام, was born on the third of Sha`ban; therefore, you should observe fasting on this day and say the following supplicatory prayer:

ٱللَّهُ إِنَّى إِسَالُكَ بِحُقِّ ٱلْمُولُودِ فِي بِدَا ٱلْيُومِ

allahumma inni as'aluka bihaqqi almawludi fi hadha alyawmi O Allah, I beseech You in the name of the one born on this day,

almaw`udi bishahadatihi qabla istihlalihi wa wiladatihi the promised with martyrdom before the beginning of his lifetime and before his birth,

bakat-hu alssama'u wa man fiha the heavens and all their inhabitants wept for him;



wal-ardu wa man `alayha and so did the earth and those living one it



ولمثا بكأ كطأ لا بتنبئها

wa lamma yata' labatayha

before his feet stepped on it,

قتيل ٱلعُبُرُةِ

gatili al`abrati

the mourned slain one,

وُسُتِّد ٱلأَسْرَة

wa sayyidi al-usrati

the master of the Family (of Prophethood), ٱلْمُمُدُّ ودِبِ ٱلنَّصْرَةِ يُومُ ٱلْكُرِّةِ

almamdudi bilnnusrati yawma alkarrati

the one who shall be backed with victory on the Day of Return,

ٱلْمُعَوِّضِ مِنْ قَنْلِهِ إِنَّ ٱلْأَئِمَةَ مِنْ نَسْلِهِ

almu`awwidi min qatlihi anna al-a'immata min naslihi

the one whom has been awarded the favor of the Imams' being from his offspring as recompense of his being slain,

وٱلشِّفاء فِي يُرْبِنه

walshshafa'a fi turbatihi

the one awarded the favor of the soil of his grave carrying cure,

وَٱلْفُورُ مَعَهُ فِي إُوْبِتِهِ

walfawza ma`ahu fi awbatihi

the one awarded the favor that he will be triumphing when he will be returned

وَٱلأَوْصِئاءَ مِنْ عِثْرُتِهِ

wal-awsiya'a min `itratihi

and the Prophet's Successors from his offspring will be returned

بَعْدُ قَالِمُهِمُ وَغُيْبُتِهِ

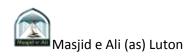
ba`da qa'imihim wa ghaybatihi

after the advent of their Rising Imam, and after his occultation

ئى ئەر ئو آ آ كا دىنار

hatta yudriku al-awtara

so that they shall take revenge,



وكثأروآ آلثّار

wa yath'aru alththara

retaliate, وُيُرْضُواۤ ٱلۡجُسَّارَ

wa yurdu aliabbara

please the Omnipotent Lord,

وَيُكُونُواۤ خَيْرَ إِنْصَارٍ

wa yakunu khayra ansarin

and be the best supporters. صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمُ مُعَ ٱخْتَلِافِ ٱللَّيْلِ وَٱلنَّهَارِ

salla allahu `alayhim ma`a ikhtilafi allayli walnnahari

May Allah's blessings be perpetually upon them whenever night and day succeed each



allahumma fabihaqqihim ilayka atawassalu

O Allah, I thus beg You in the name of them

wa as'alu su'ala muqtarifin mu`tarifin

and implore You with the imploration of a sinful one who confesses of his sin,



musi'in ila nafsihi

and who has done evil to himself

مِمَّا فَرَّطَ فِي يُونِهِ وَإَمْسِهِ

mimma farrata fi yawmihi wa amsihi

due to his violations—the past and the present.

يُسْأَلُكُ ٱلْعِصْمَةَ إِلَىٰ مُحَلِّ رَمْسِهِ

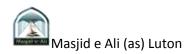
yas'aluka al`ismata ila mahalli ramsihi

He thus beseeches You for Your protection up to the place of his grave.

ٱللَّهُ ۗ فَصَلَّ عَلَى مُحِمَّدِ وَعَشَرَتِهِ

allahumma fasalli `ala muhammadin wa `itratihi

O Allah, (please) send blessings to Muhammad and his Offspring,



وَٱخْشُرُ نَافِی رُمُرُ تیرِ

wahshurna fi zumratihi

include us with his group (on the Resurrection Day),

وَبُوِّئْنَامُعَهُ وَارُ ٱلْكُرَامَةِ

wa bawwi'na ma`ahu dara alkaramati

and allow us to dwell in the House of Honor with him

ومُحَلِّ آلِإِقَامَةِ

wa mahalla al-igamati

and in the abode of residence.

ٱللُّمَّ وَكُمَا إِنْرَمَتْنَا بِمَعْرِفَتْهِ فَٱلْرِمْنَا بِرُلْفَتْهِ

allahumma wa kama akramtana bima`rifatihi fa-akrimna bizulfatihi

O Allah, as You have conferred upon us with the honor of our recognition of him, so (please) confer upon us with the honor of being near to him,

وآزرُ قَنَامُ انْقَتَهُ وَسَابِقَتَهُ

warzuqna murafaqatahu wa sabiqatahu

bestow upon us with the bliss of accompanying him and enjoying a close rank to him,

وَٱجْعَلْنَا مِينَ يُسَلِّمُ لِأَمْرِهِ

waj`alna mimman yusallimu li-amrihi

and include us with those who submit to him totally

وَيُكْثِرُ ٱلصَّلاةَ عَلَيْهِ عِنْدُ ذِكْرِهِ

wa yukthiru alssalata `alayhi `inda dhikrihi

and those who invoke Your blessings upon him whenever they mention him,

وعلى جُمِيعِ إو صِيَائِهِ وَإَبْلِ إَصْفِيَائِهِ

wa `ala jami`i awsiya'ihi wa ahli asfiya'ihi

and upon all his Successors and Selected Ones,

ٱلْمُمُدُودِينَ مِنْكَ بِٱلْعُدُدِ ٱللَّهُ ثَنَّى عُشَرَ

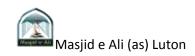
almamdudina minka bil`adadi al-ithnay `ashara

whom are defined by You, as twelve persons,

ٱلنَّجُومِ ٱلزُّمُرِ

alnnjumi alzzuhari

being the luminous stars,



الحُجُّ عَلَىٰ جَمِيعِ ٱلبُشَرِ

walhujaji `ala jami`i albashari and the Arguments against all humankind.

ٱللهُم وَهِبُ لِنَا فِي لِدُا ٱلْيُومِ خَيْرَ مَوْهِبَة

allahumma wa hab lana fi hadha alyawmi khayra mawhibatin O Allah, and (please) grant us on this day the best of grants,

وَٱلْحِجُ لَنَا فِيهِ كُلِّ طَلِبَة

wa anjih lana fihi kulla talibatin

make all our prayers on this day responded, مَمَا وَبَهِتُ ٱلْمُحَيِّدُ مِلَّهِ وَالْمِعْدِ وَالْمُ

kama wahabta alhusayna limuhammadin jaddihi just as You gifted al-Husayn to Muhammad, his grandfather,

وَعَادٌ فُطْرُسُ بِمُهُدِهِ

wa `adha futrusu bimahdihi

just as the angel Futrus sought refuge with his (i.e. al-Husayn) cradle,

فَنْحُنُ عَائِدُ وَنَ بِقَبْرِهِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ

fanahnu `a'idhuna biqabrihi min ba`dihi

we are thus seeking refuge with his tomb after him (i.e. his martyrdom),

نَشْهُرُ ثُرْبِيَّةً وَنَتْتَظِرُ أُوبِيِّهِ

nashhadu turbatahu wa nantaziru awbatahu

as we are witnessing the soil of him and expecting his return.

أمِينَ رَبِّ ٱلْعُالَمِينَ

amina rabba al`alamina

Respond to us. O Lord of the worlds.

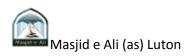
After that, you may say Du`a' al-Husain (Supplicatory prayer of Imam al-Husain عليه السلام), which is the last supplicatory prayer he said when his enemies surrounded him in large numbers on the Day of `Ashura (the tenth of Muharram):

ٱللهُ ۗ إِنْتَ مُنْتَعَالِي ٱلْمُكَانِ

allahumma anta muta`ali almakani

O Allah, You are verily the Elevated in position,

عَظِيمُ ٱلْجُرُوتِ



`azimu aljabaruti the Magnificent in omnipotence,

شُرِيدُ ٱلْمِحَالِ

shadidu almihali

the Mighty in prowess,

غَنِيٌّ عَنِ ٱلْخُلَائِقِ

ghaniyyun `an alkhala'iqi the Self-Sufficient from the creatures.

عَرِيضُ ٱلْكِبْرِيَاءِ

`aridu alkibriya'i

the Ample in pride,

قَادِرٌ عَلَىٰ مَا تَشَاءُ

qadirun `ala ma tasha'u

the Powerful over all that which You want,

قَرِيبُ ٱلرَّحْمَةِ

qaribu alrrahmati

the Close in mercy,

صَادِقُ ٱلْوَعُدِ

sadiqu alwa`di

the Truthful in promise,

سَالِغُ ٱلنَّحِمَةِ

sabighu alnni`mati

the Opulent in favors,

حَسَنُ ٱلْبُلَاءِ

hasanu albala'i

the Sympathetic in ordeals,

قَرِيبٌ إِذَا دُعِيتَ عَرِيبٌ إِذَا دُعِيتَ

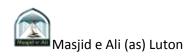
qaribun idha du`ita

the Nigh when Your are prayed,

مُحِيظٍ بِمَا خَلَقْتَ

muhitun bima khalagta

the All-encompassing of all that which You have created,



قَابِلُ ٱلتَّوْبَةِ لَمِنْ تَابِإِلَيْكَ

#### qabilu alttawbati liman taba ilayka

the Accepter of the repentance of him who repents to You,

قَادِرٌ عَلَىٰ مَا إِرَدُتَ

qadirun `ala ma aradta

the Powerful to do whatever You want,

وْمُدُرِ كُ مَا طَلَبْتَ

wa mudrikun ma talabta

the Taker in all that which You decide,

وَشُكُورٌ إِذَا شُكِرُ تَ

wa shakurun idha shukirta

the Thankful for those who thank You.

وَدُّ كُورٌ إِذَا ذُكِرُ تُ

wa dhakurun idha dhukirta

and the Rememberer of those who mention You.

إَدْعُوكَ مُحْتَاجاً

ad`uka muhtajan

I pray You for I need You,

وَإِرْغُبْ إِلَيْكَ فَقِيراً

wa arghabu ilayka faqiran

I desire for You for I am in want of You,

وَإِفْرَعُ إِلَيْكَ خَانِفاً

wa afza`u ilayka kha'ifan

I resort to You for I am terrified,

وَأَنِي إِلَيْكَ مَكْرُو ماً

wa abki ilayka makruban

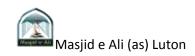
I weep before You for I am distressed,

وَإِسْتَعِينُ بِكُ ضَعِيفاً

wa asta`inu bika da`ifan

I seek Your aid for I am weak,

وَإِنَّوَكُلُّ عَلَيْكَ كَافِياً



#### wa atawakkalu `alayka kafiyan

and I depend upon You for I trust in none save You.

إِنْكُمْ بِينَنَا وَمَيْنَ قَوْمِنَا بِٱلْحُقِّ

# uhkum baynana wa bayna qawmina bilhaqqi

(Please do) decide between our people and us with the truth,

فَإِنْهُمْ غُرُّونَا وَخَدَعُونَا

#### fa'innahum gharruna wa khada`una

for they have deceived us, cheated us,

وَخَدِّلُونَا وَغَدُرُوآ بِنَا وَقَتَلُونَا

## wa khadhaluna wa ghadaru bina wa qataluna

disappointed us, betrayed us, and killed us.

وُنحُنُ عِثْرُهُ نَبِيكِ

#### wa nahnu `itratu nabiyyika

We are the progeny of Your Prophet

وُولَدُ حَبِيكُ

#### wa waladu habibika

and the sons of Your beloved one;

مُحَمَّدِ بُنِ عَبْدِ ٱللَّهِ

#### muhammadi bni `abdillahi

namely, Muhammad the son of `Abdullah,

ٱلَّذِي ٱصْطَفَيْنَهُ بِٱلرِّسَالَةِ

#### alladhi istafaytahu bilrrisalati

whom You have chosen for the Divine Mission

وأتتمنته على وخيك

#### wa'tamantahu `ala wahyika

and for keeping Your Revelation.

فَٱجْعَلُ لَنَامِنَ إَمْرِ نَافَرُ جِأَوْمُخُرُجاً

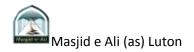
#### faj`al lana min amrina farajan wa makhrajan

So, (please) prepare a way out and a relief for us,

بِرَحْمُنَاك يَا إِرْحُمُ ٱلرَّاحِمِينَ

#### birahmatika ya arhama alrrahimina

out of Your mercy, O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!



# عليه السلام Ziyarah of Imam Ali Zayn ul Abideen عليه السلام

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ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA SAYYEDAS SAAJEDEENA ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA ZAINAL AABEDEENA ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA HALIFAL HASARAAT ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA ZASSAFANAAT

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ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA ASEERAL KOROBAAT..

ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA AADAMA AALIL E'BAAE

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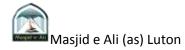
ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA E'MAADAL ATQEYAAE

ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA WA RAHMATULLAAHE WA BARAKAATOHU...

Peace be on you, O leader of Those who prostrate!

Peace be on you, O prestige of Worshipping ones!

Peace be on you, O participant Of unhappiness and sadness!



Peace be on you, O the Imam, Who got sores on spots which Touched during sijda!

Peace be on you, O one who Wept and mourned!

Peace be on you, one who was Captive of hardships!

Peace be on you, O one from The great worshippers!

Peace be on you, O the son of The fifth of the people of the Cloak (Husayn)

Peace be on you, O son of the Leader of the martyrs!

Peace be on you, O support of Pious ones!

Peace be on you, and Allah's Blessings and bounties on you!

# Salaah for Night of 13th, 14th and 15th Sha'ban

It is recommended to offer a certain prayer on each of the White Nights (i.e. the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth nights of each Arabic month) in Rajab, Sha`ban, and Ramadan.

On the 13th Night, recite a 2 Raka' Salaah, in each unit after Sura Fatihah recite Sura Yasin, Sura Mulk and Sura Tawheed once each.

On the 14th Night recite a 4 Raka' and on the 15th Night recite a 6 Raka' Salaah with the same method as mentioned above.

Imam Ja`far al-Sadiq عليه السلام is reported as saying, "Whoever offers these prayers, will be awarded the merits of these three months (namely, Rajab, Sha`ban, and Ramadan) and will have all his sins forgiven, except polytheism.

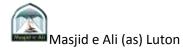
# Last 3 Days of Sha'ban

Imam al-Ridha عليه السلام is reported as saying: If one observes fasting on the last three days of Sha`ban and attaches it to the obligatory fasting of Ramadhan, Almighty Allah will decide him as having observed fasting for two consecutive months.

Abu'l-Salt al-Harawi has narrated that when he visited Imam al-Ridha عليه السلام on the last Friday of Sha`ban, the Imam عليه السلام said to him:

Abu'l-Salt, the days of Sha`ban have almost passed. This is the last Friday. You should thus settle what you have missed in this month by working harder in the rest of it. You may supplicate God, implore for His forgiveness, recite the Holy Qur'an, and repent to Him from your sins so that you receive the month of Ramadhan with pure sincerity to Him. You must fulfil all the trusts that you are liable to settle, do not bear malice against any of your brethren-in-faith, you must give up any sin that you commit. Fear Almighty Allah and trust in Him in secret and openly, for 'If any one puts his trust in Allah, sufficient is (Allah) for him. For Allah will surely accomplish his purpose. Verily, for all things has Allah appointed a due proportion. 65/3'

In the rest days of Sha`ban, you may repeat the following supplicatory prayer very much for Almighty Allah saves many people from Hellfire on account of the sanctity of this month:



# اللهم إَنَ لَم ثُكُنُ غَفْرُت لَنافَيما مضلى مَنَ شعنُانِ فَٱغْفِرْلَنافَيما بَقِي مَنْهُ

O Allah, if You have not forgiven us in the past days of Sha`ban, (please do) forgive us in the rest of it.

# Dua for Last Night of Sha'ban

Shaykh al-Tusi has narrated on the authority of Harith ibn Mughirah al-Nadhri on the authority of Imam al-Sadiq عليه السلام who used to say the following supplicatory prayer at the last night of Sha`ban and the first night of Ramadan:

O Allah, this blessed month

in which the Qur'an was revealed

and was made quidance for people

and clear proofs of the guidance, and the Criterion (of right and wrong),

has commenced.

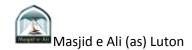
So, (please) keep us out of blemish during it,

keep it sound for us,

and receive it from us with means of easiness and good health from You.

O He Who has accepted the little (deed) and thanked for the much,

(please) accept from me the little (deed). اَللَّهُمْ إِنْيَ إِسْأَلْكَ



to make for me a path to every decency,

and to make for me a barrier against everything that You do not like.

O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!

O He Who has pardoned me and overlooked the misdeeds that I have committed secretly!

يامَنْ لَمْ يُوَاخِدُنِى بِ ٱرْتِكَابِ ٱلْمُعَاصِى O He Who has not punished me for my committing acts of disobedience to Him!

I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon, O All-generous! إِلَى وَعَظْتَنِى قُلُمُ إِنَّعِظُ

O my God, You advised me, but I have not followed Your advice

and You rebuked me for violating that which You have deemed forbidden, but I have not stopped.

Now, what is my excuse?

So, (please) pardon me, O All-generous!

I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon! اَلْتُمْ إِنْ إِسْالُكَ

for rest at death

وَٱلْعُفُوعِنْدُ ٱلْحِسَابِ and for pardon at calling to account. عُظُمُ ٱلذَّنْثِ مِنْ عَبْدِكَ

so, let Your overlooking him be excellent.



# مَا إِبْلُ ٱلنَّقُولِي وَمَا إِبْلُ ٱلْمُغْفِرَةِ

O He Who is worth being feared and is worth forgiving!

I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon.

O Allah, I am Your servant and the son of Your servant and Your she-servant

while You are the Pourer of wealth and bless on the servants (of You),

قَابِرٌ مُقَتَّدِرٌ You are omnipotent and full of power,

You have recorded all their (i.e. Your servants) deeds,

and made them of different languages and colors

خُلْقاً سِنُ بَعُدِ خُلُقٍ in different stages of creation. وَلَا يَعْلَمُ ٱلْعِبَادُ عِلْمِكَ وَلَا يَعْلَمُ ٱلْعِبَادُ عِلْمِكَ

Your servants can never attain Your knowledge

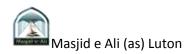
and Your servants can never recognize the real estimate that is due to You.

All of us are needy for Your mercy.

So, (please) do not turn Your Face away from me

and include me with the virtuous creatures of You

in deeds, hopes,



وَٱلْقُضَاءِ وَٱلقَكَرِ

O Allah, (please) keep me alive in the best manner of living,

decide for me to die in the best manner of death keeping loyal to Your representatives,

ومنعاداة إعدائك

incurring the enmity of Your enemies,

وَٱلرَّغُنَةِ إِلَّنْكَ وَٱلرَّبِينَةِ مِنْكَ

keeping desiring for You, fearing from You,

وَٱلنُّهُ مِن وَٱلْوَفَاءِ وَٱلْتَسْلِيمِ لَكَ

and submitting to You, being loyal to You, complying with You,

وَٱلتَّصْدِ لِيَّ بِكِتَا بِكَ believing in Your Book,

وَأَنْتَهَاعُ سُنَّةً رَسُولِكَ

and following Your Prophet's instructions.

اللُّمْ مَا كَانَ فِي قَلْبِي

O Allah, as for whatever I bear in my heart,

مِنْ شُكِّ اِوْرِيبَة including suspicion, doubt,

إَوْ جُحُودٍ إِوْ قُنُوطٍ

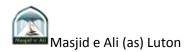
denial, despair,

اِوْفُرْجَ إِوْ بِكُرِيْ إِوْ بِكُلِمِ (excessive) joy, lavish expenditure or recklessness,

إُونُحُيُلاء إُورُ مَاء إُوسُمُعَة

pride, árrogánce, ostentation,

اِوْشْقَاقِ اِوْنْفَاقِ discord, hypocrisy, اِوْتُفْرُ اِوْفُسُوقِ اِوْعِصْيَانِ unbelief, licentiousness, disobedience,



conceit, or anything else that You do not like;

I thus beseech You, O my Lord, to substitute all that with belief in Your promise,

fulfillment of my covenant to You,

وَرِ صَا بِقَضَا كِكَ satisfaction with what You decide for me,

indifference to the worldly pleasures,

desire for that which You have.

altruism, tranquility,

and sincere repentance.

I beseech You for all that, O Lord of the worlds!

O my God, because You are so forbearing, You are disobeyed as if You are not present,

and because You are so generous and magnanimous, You are obeyed as if You have not been disobeyed at all.

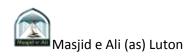
Both those who have not disobeyed You and I are the inhabitants of Your lands; قُلُنْ عَلَيْنَابِ ٱلْفَضَٰلِ جَوَاداً

so, (please) confer magnanimously upon us with Your favors

and always refer to us with Your goodness.

O most Merciful of all those who show mercy! وَصَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَٱلهِ صَلاَّةً وَاتِّمَةً

May Allah bless Muhammad and his Household with endless blessings



ئ كَاتْحُضَىٰ وَلَا تُعَدِّر

that are innumerable, uncountable,

وَلَا يَقَدِّرُ قَدْرَهَا غَيْرُ كَ and none can do it save You. يَا إِرْحُمُ ٱلرَّاحِمِينَ

O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!