

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:

اسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَأَسْأَلُهُ التَّوْبَةَ

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:

اسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

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.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَلَا نَعْبُدُ إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكُفْرُ الْكُفْرَانُونَ

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:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

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

شَجَرَةِ النَّبُوَّةِ،

shajarati alnnbuwwati

the tree of Prophethood;

وَمَوْضِعِ الرِّسَالَةِ،

wa mawzi`i alrrisalati

and the trustees of the (Divine) Mission;

وَمُخْتَلَفِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ،

wa mukhtalafi almala'ikati

and the frequently visited by the angels;

وَمَعْدِنِ الْعِلْمِ،

wa ma`dini al`ilmi

and the core of knowledge;

وَأَهْلِ بَيْتِ الْوَحْيِ.

wa ahli bayti alwahai

and the Household of the Divine Revelation.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

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

الْفُلْكِ الْجَارِيَةِ فِي الْحَجِّ الْغَامِرَةِ،

alfulki aljariyati fa allujaji alghamirati

the sailing ships through the abysmal waves.



يَا مَنْ مَن رَكِبَهَا،

yamanu man rakibaha

He who embarks on them will be saved

وَيَغْرُقُ مَنْ تَرَكَهَا،

wa yaghraqu man tarakaha

but he who abandons them will be drowned.

الْمُسْقِدِمْ لَكُمْ مَارِقًا،

almutaqaddmu lahum mariqun

He who precedes them will miss the Right Path

وَالْمُتَاخِرِ عَنْهُمْ زَاهِقًا،

wal-mutakhkhru `anhum zahiqun

and he who misses them will lose,

وَاللَّازِمِ لَكُمْ لَاحِقًا.

wal-lazimu lahum lahiqun

but he who adheres to them will win.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

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

الْكَهْفِ الْحَصِينِ،

alkahfi alhasani

the impregnable shelter;

وَعِيَاثِ الْمُضْطَرِّ الْمُسْتَغِيثِينَ،

wa ghiyathi almuztarr almustakani

and the succorers of the helpless, distressed ones;

وَمَلْجَا النَّارِبِينَ،

wa malja alharibana

and the haven of the fugitives;

وَعِصْمَةِ الْمُعْتَصِمِينَ.

wa `ismati almu `tasimana

and the asylum of those who seek refuge.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

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

صَلَاةً كَثِيرَةً تَكُونُ لَكُمْ رِضًا،



salatan katharatan takunu lahum rizan
so much blessings that please them

وَلِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ إِدَاءً وَقَضَاءً

wa lihaqq muhammadin wa ali muhammadin ada'an wa qaza'an
and settle all (our) duties towards Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

بِحَوْلِ مِنْكَ وَقُوَّةِ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

bihawlin minka wa quwwatin ya rabb al`alamana
by Your might and power; O the Lord of the worlds.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin
O Allah: (please do) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of
Muhammad—

الطَّيِّبِينَ الْأَبْرَارِ الْأَخْيَارِ،

alattayyibana alabrari al-akhyari
the pure, the pious, the righteous

الَّذِينَ أَوْجَبْتَ حُقُوقَهُمْ،

alladhana awjabta huquqahum
whose rights have been made incumbent upon us by You

وَفَرَضْتَ طَاعَتَهُمْ وَوَلَايَتَهُمْ.

wa farazta ta`atahum wa wila'yatahum

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.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin
O Allah: (please do) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad;

وَأَعْمُرْ قَلْبِي بِطَاعَتِكَ،

wa a`mur qalby bita`atika
and fill in my heart with the obedience to You;

وَلَا تُخْزِنِي بِمَعْصِيَتِكَ،

wa la tukhziny bima`siyatika
and do not disgrace me by acts of disobedience to You;

وَأَزِدْنِي مُوَاسَاةَ

warzuqny mwasata
and grant me the feeling of sympathy

مَنْ قَرَّرْتَ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ رِزْقِكَ

man qatrtta `alayhi min rizqika
towards those whom You have decided to straiten their sustenance



بِمَا وَسَّعْتَ عَلَيَّ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ،

bima wa ss`ta`alayy min fazlika

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

وَنَشَرْتَ عَلَيَّ مِنْ عَدْلِكَ،

wa nasharta`alayy min`adlika

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

وَأَحْيَيْتَنِي تَحْتَ ظِلِّكَ،

wa ahiyaytany tahta zillka

and make me live under Your shade. Charity image

وَهَذَا شَهْرُ نَبِيِّكَ سَيِّدِ رُسُلِكَ

wa hadha shahru nabiyyka sayyidi rusulika

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

شَعْبَانُ الَّذِي حَفَفْتَهُ

sha`banu alladhy hafaftahu

It is Sha`ban, which You have encompassed ,

مِنْكَ بِالرَّحْمَةِ وَالرِّضْوَانِ

minka bilrahmati wal-rrizwani

with Your mercy and pleasure,

الَّذِي كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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

يَذْرَبُ فِيصِيَّاهُ وَقِيَّاهُ

yad'abu fa saamihi wa qaamihi

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

فِي لَيَالِيهِ وَأَيَّامِهِ

fa layalahi wa ayyamihi

on all of its days and nights

بِحُجُوعِكَ فِي إِكْرَامِهِ وَإِعْظَامِهِ إِلَى مَحَلِّ حِمَامِهِ

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

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

اللَّهُمَّ فَاعْتَنَّا عَلَى الْإِسْتِنَانِ بِسُنَّتِهِ فِيهِ،

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)

وَيُنِيلِ الشَّفَاعَةَ لَدَيْهِ .



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

اللَّهُمَّ وَاجْعَلْهُ لِي شَفِيعًا مُشَفَّعًا،

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

وَظَرِيقًا إِلَيْكَ مَهِيغًا،

*wa taraqan ilayka mahiya`an
and as my clear path toward You;*

وَاجْعَلْنِي لَدُنِّكَ تَتَّبِعُ حَتَّى أَلْقَاكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَنِّي رَاضِيًا،

*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*

وَعَنْ دُنُوبِي غَاضِيًا،

*wa`an dhunuby ghaziyan
and Your overlooking my sins*

قَدْ رَاجَيْتُ لِي مِنْكَ الرَّحْمَةَ وَالرِّضْوَانَ

*qad awjabta la minka alrrahmata wal-rrizwana
and thus You will confer upon me with Your mercy and pleasure*

وَإِنِّي لَتُنْتَنِي دَارَ الْقَرَارِ وَمَحَلَّ الْأَخْيَارِ

*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."

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

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

وَأَسْمِعْ دُعَائِي إِذَا دَعَوْتُكَ

*wasma` du`a'i idha da`awtuka
You listen to my prayer whenever I pray,*

وَأَسْمِعْ نِدَائِي إِذَا نَادَيْتُكَ

*wasma` nida'i idha nadaytuka
listen to my call whenever I call upon you,*



وَاقْبَلْ عَلَيَّ إِذَا نَجَّيْتُكَ

*wa aqbil `alayya idha najaytuka
and accept from me whenever I confidentially whisper to You,*

فَقَدَرْتُ هَرَبْتُ إِلَيْكَ

*faqad harabtu ilayka
for here I am fleeing in to You,*

وَوَقَفْتُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ مُسْتَكِينًا لَكَ

*wa waqaftu bayna yadayka mustakinan laka
standing before You, showing submission to You,*

مُنْتَظِرًا عَاكِفًا إِلَيْكَ

*mutadarri`an ilayka
imploring You,*

رَاجِيًا لِمَا لَدَيْكَ ثَوَابِي

*rajiyan lima ladayka thawabi
and hoping for the reward that You have.*

وَتَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِي

*wa ta`lamu ma fi nafsi
You know what is in my inner self,*

وَتَحْجُرُ حَاجَتِي

*wa takhburu hajati
recognize my needs,*

وَتَعْرِفُ ضَمِيرِي

*wa ta`rifu damiri
recognize my hidden affairs,*

وَلَا يَخْفَى عَلَيْكَ أَمْرٌ مُنْقَلَبِي وَمَشْوَايَ

*wa la yakhfa `alayka amru munqalabi wa mathwaya
and all my moves and stillness are known by You.*

وَمَا أَرِيدُ أَنْ أَبْدِيَ بِهِ مِنْ مَنطِقِي

*wa ma uridu an ubdi'a bihi min mantiqi
So are all the utterances which I want to begin with,*

وَأَتَقَوَّهَ بِهِ مِنْ طَلِبَتِي



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

وَأَرْجُوهُ لِعَاقِبَتِي

wa arjuhu li`aqibati
and all the expectation that I hope for my future.

وَقَدْ جَرَّتْ مَقَادِيرُكَ عَلَيَّ يَا سَيِّدِي

wa qad jarat maqadiruka `alayya ya sayyidi
All that which You, O my Master, have decided for me

فِيَمَا يَكُونُ مِنِّي إِلَى آخِرِ عُمْرِي

fima yakunu minni ila akhiri `umri
up to the end of my life,

مِنْ سَرِيرَتِي وَعَلَانِيَتِي

min sarirati wa `alaniyati
including my secret and open matters, shall be experienced by me.

وَبِيَدِكَ لَا بَيِّدٌ غَيْرُكَ زِيَادَتِي وَنَقْصِي

wa biyadika la biyadi ghayrika ziyadati wa naqsi
And it is in Your hand, not anybody else's, that are all increase and decrease,

وَنَفْعِي وَضَرَرِي

wa naf'i wa darri
and all my benefits and harms that come upon me.

إِلٰهِ إِنِ حَرَمْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَرْزُقُنِي

ilahi in haramtani faman dha alladhi yarzuquni
O my God, if You deprive me (of Your sustenance), then who else can ever provide me with sustenance?

وَإِنْ خَدَلْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَنْصُرُنِي

wa in khadhaltani faman dha alladhi yansuruni
If You disappoint me, then who else can ever back me?

إِلٰهِ اَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ غَضَبِكَ وَحُلُولِ سَخَطِكَ

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.

إِلٰهِ إِن كُنْتُ غَيْرَ مُسْتَهَابِلٍ لِرَحْمَتِكَ



ilahi in kuntu ghayra musta'hilin lirahmatika

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

فَأَنْتَ اِهْلُ اِنْ تَجُودُ عَلَيَّ بِفَضْلِ سَعَتِكَ

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

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

اِلٰهِيْ كَاْنِيْ بِنَفْسِيْ وَاقْتِنِيْ يَدِيْكَ

ilahi ka-anni binafsi waqifatun bayna yadayka

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

وَقَدْ اَظَلَمْتُ حُسْنَ تَوْكَلِيْ عَلَيْكَ

wa qad azallaha husnu tawakkuli `alayka

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

فَقُلْتُ مَا أَنْتَ اِهْلُ وَتَعَمَّدْتَنِيْ بِعَفْوِكَ

faqlta 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.

اِلٰهِيْ اِنْ عَفَوْتَ فَمَنْ اَوْلَىٰ مِنْكَ بِذَلِكَ

ilahi in `afawta faman awla minka bidhalika

O my God, if you pardon me, then who else is worthier than You are in pardoning.

وَ اِنْ كَانَ قَدْ دَنَا جَلِيْ وَلَمْ يَدْزِنِيْ مِنْكَ عَمَلِيْ

wa in kana qad 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 You,

فَقَدْ جَعَلْتُ اَبَا قَرَارٍ اِلَيْكَ وَسِيَّتِيْ

faqad ja`altu al-iqrara bildhdhanbi ilayka wasilati

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

اِلٰهِيْ قَدْ جُرْتُ عَلَيَّ نَفْسِيْ فِي النَّظَرِ لَهَا

ilahi qad jurtu `ala nafsi fi alnazarilaha

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

فَلَمَّا اُولِيْتُ اِنْ لَمْ تَغْفِرْ لَهَا

falaha alwaylu in lam taghfir laha

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

اِلٰهِيْ لَمْ يَزَلْ بَرُكَ عَلَيَّ اَيَّامَ حَيَاتِيْ



ilahi lam yazal birruka `alayya ayyama hayati

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

فَلَا تَقْطَعْ بَرَكَ عَنِّي فِي مَمَاتِي

fala taqta `birruka `anni fi mamati

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

إِلٰهِي كَيْفَ آيَسُ مِنْ حَسْنِ نَظَرِكَ لِي بَعْدَ 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

وَأَنْتَ لَمْ تُؤَلِّني إِلَّا الْآلِحْمِيلَ فِي حَيَاتِي

wa anta lam tuwallini illa aljamila fi hayati

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

إِلٰهِي تَوَلَّ مِنْ أَمْرِي مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ

ilahi tawalla min amri ma anta ahluhu

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

وَعُدَّ عَلَيَّ بِفَضْلِكَ عَلَى مَذْنِبٍ قَدْ غَمَّرَهُ جَهَنُّ

wa `ud `alayya bifadlika `ala mudhnbib qad ghamarahu jahluhu

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

إِلٰهِي قَدْ سَتَرْتَ عَلَيَّ ذُنُوبًا نِيَّ الدُّنْيَا

ilahi qad satarta `alayya dhunuban fi alddunya

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

وَأَنَا أَحْوَجُ إِلَيْ سِتْرِكَ عَلَيَّ مِنْكَ فِي الْآخِرَى

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

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

إِذْ لَمْ تَنْظُرْهَا لِأَحَدٍ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ

idh lam tuzhirha li-ahadin min `ibadika alssalihina

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

فَلَا تَفْضَحْني يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَلَيَّ رُؤُوسِ الشَّاهِدِ

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

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

إِلٰهِي جُودُكَ بَسَطَ إِلَيَّ

ilahi juduka basata amali

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



وَعَفْوُكَ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ عَمَلِي

*wa `afwuka afdalu min `amali
and surely Your pardon is more preferable than my deeds.*

إِلٰهِ فَسُرِّرْنِي بِلِقَائِكَ يَوْمَ تَقْضَى فِيهِ عِبَادِكَ

*ilahi fasurrani biliqa'ika yawma taqdi fih bayna `ibadika
O my God, so (please) delight me when I meet You on the day when You shall judge
between Your servants.*

إِلٰهِ أَعْتَذِرُ بِإِلَيْكَ أَعْتَذِرُ مَنْ لَمْ يَسْتَغْنِ عَنْ قَبُولِ عُدْرِهِ

*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;*

فَأَقْبَلْ عُدْرِي يَا أَكْرَمَ مَنْ أَعْتَذَرَ إِلَيْهِ الْمُسِيءُونَ

*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.*

إِلٰهِ لَا تَرُدَّ حَاجَتِي

*ilahi la tarudda hajati
O my God, (please) do not reject my request,*

وَلَا تُخَيِّبْ طَمَعِي

*wa la tukhayyib tama`i
do not fail my big hope for You,*

وَلَا تَقْطَعْ مِنْكَ رَجَائِي وَإِلٰهِ

*wa la taqta` minka raja'i wa amali
and do not disappoint my desire and expectation for You.*

إِلٰهِ لَوْ أَرَدْتَ هَوَانِي لَمْ تَهْدِنِي

*ilahi law aradta hawani lam tahdini
O my God, had You wanted to humiliate me, You would not have guided me (to You).*

وَلَوْ أَرَدْتَ فَضِيحَتِي لَمْ تُعَافِنِي

*wa law aradta fadihati lam tu`afini
Had You decided to disclose me, You would not have saved me.*

إِلٰهِ مَا أَنْطَقَكَ تَرَدُّدِي فِي حَاجَةٍ قَدْ أَفْنَيْتُ عُمْرِي فِي طَلَبِهَا مِنْكَ



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.

إِلٰهِي فَلَيْسَ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَبَدًا أَبَدًا وَإِنَّمَا سَرَّهْدًا

ilahi falaka alhamdu abadan abadan da'iman sarmadan

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

يَزِيدُ وَلَا يَنْقُصُ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَىٰ

*yazidu wa la yabidu kama tuhibbu wa tarda
increasingly, and imperishably, as exactly as You like and please.*

إِلٰهِي إِنْ أَخَذْتَنِي بِجُرْمِي أَخَذْتَنِي بِعَفْوِكَ

ilahi in akhadhtani bijurmi akhadhtuka bi`afwika

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

وَإِنْ أَخَذْتَنِي بِذُنُوبِي أَخَذْتَنِي بِمَغْفِرَتِكَ

wa in akhadhtani bidhunubi akhadhtuka bimaghfiratika

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

وَإِنْ أَدَخَلْتَنِي النَّارَ أَعْلَمْتُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ

wa in adkhaltani alnnara `lamtu ahlaha anni uhibbuka

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

إِلٰهِي إِنْ كَانَ صَغُرَ فِي جَنْبِ طَاعَتِكَ عَمَلِي

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,

فَقَدْ كَبُرَ فِي جَنْبِ رَجَائِكَ إِلِي

faqad kabura fi janbi raja'ika amali

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

إِلٰهِي كَيْفَ انْقَلَبُ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ بِالْحُزْنِ مَحْرُومًا

ilahi kayfa anqalibu min `indika bilkhaybati mahruman

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

وَقَدْ كَانَ حُسْنُ ظَنِّي بِجُودِكَ أَنْ تَقْلِبَنِي بِالنَّجَاةِ مَرْحُومًا

wa qad kana husnu zanni bijudika an taqlibani bilnnajati marhuman

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

إِلٰهِي وَقَدْ أَفْنَيْتُ عُمْرِي فِي شِرَّةِ السُّؤْمَانِ



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

وَابْلَيْتُ شَبَابِي فِي سَكْرَةِ التَّبَاعُدِ مِنْكَ

wa ablaytu shababi fi sakrati alttaba `udi minka

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

إِلٰهِي فَلَمْ أَسْتَيْقِظْ أَيَّامَ اغْتِرَارِي بِكَ

ilahi falam astayqiz 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

وَرُكُونِي إِلَى سَبِيلِ سَخَطِكَ

wa rukuni ila sabili sakhatika

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

إِلٰهِي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ وَأَبْنُ عَبْدِكَ قَائِمٌ مَعَكَ يَدِيكَ

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

مُتَوَسِّلٌ بِكَرَمِكَ إِلَيْكَ

mutawassilun bikaramika ilayka

and begging You in the name of Your generosity.

إِلٰهِي أَنَا عَبْدٌ أَتَّصَلُ إِلَيْكَ مِمَّا كُنْتُ أُوَاجِهُكَ بِهِ

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;

مِنْ قِلَّةِ اسْتِحْيَائِي مِنْ نَظَرِكَ

min qillati istihya'i min nazarika

namely, my shameless inconsideration of You,

وَاطْلُبُ الْعَفْوَ مِنْكَ إِذَا الْعَفْوَ نَعْتُ لَكَرَمِكَ

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.

إِلٰهِي لَمْ يَكُنْ لِي حَوْلٌ فَاتَّقِلْ بِهِ عَنِ مَعْصِيَتِكَ

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 You



إِلَّا فِي وَقْتٍ لَقَطَّنِي لِمَحَبَّتِكَ

illa fi waqtin ayqaztani limahabbatika
except after You aroused me to love You.

وَكَمَا ارَدْتَ اِنْ اَكُونُ كُنْتُ

wa kama aradta an akuna kuntu
Hence, I have become as exactly as You want me to be.

فَشَكَرْتُكَ بِاَدْخَالِي فِي كَرَمِكَ

fashakartuka bi-idkhali fi karamika
I have thus thanked You, for You have included me with Your generosity

وَلِتَطْهِّرَ قَلْبِي مِنْ اَوْسَاخِ الْغَفْلَةِ عَنْكَ

wa litathiri qalbi min awsakhi alghaflati `anka
and You have purified my heart from the filths of being inattentive to You.

إِلٰهِي اَنْظُرْ اِلَيَّ نَظْرَ مَنْ نَادَيْتَهُ فَاجَابَكَ

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

وَأَسْتَعْمَلْتَهُ بِمَعُونَتِكَ فَاطَاعَكَ

wasta `maltahu bima `unatika fa-ata `aka
and whom You have conferred with Your aid and he thus has obeyed You.

يَا قَرِيبًا لَا يَبْعُدُ عَنِ الْمُغْتَرِّ بِهِ

ya qariban la yab`udu `an almuhtarri bihi
O He Who is too close to depart from one who is inadvertent to Him!

وَيَا جَوَادًا لَا يَبْخُلُ عَمَّنْ رَجَا ثَوَابَهُ

wa ya jawadan la yabkhalu `amman raja thawabahu
O He Who is too magnanimous to deprive one who hopes for His reward!

إِلٰهِي هَبْ لِي قَلْبًا يَدْنِيهِ مِنْكَ شَوْهَةٌ

ilahi hab li qalban yudnihi minka shawquhu
O my God, (please) grant me a heart whose longing for You will approach it to You,

وَلِسَانًا يُرْفَعُ إِلَيْكَ صِدْقُهُ

wa lisanan yurfa`u ilayka sidquhu
a tongue whose truthfulness is directed to You,

وَنَظْرًا يُقَرَّبُهُ مِنْكَ حَقُّهُ



*wa nazaran yuqarribuhu minka haqquhu
and a sight whose righteousness advances towards You.*

إِلٰهِ إِنَّ مَنْ تَعَرَّفَ بِكَ غَيْرَ مَجْهُولٍ

*ilahi inna man ta`arrafa bika ghayru majhulin
O my God, he who recognizes You shall never be anonymous,*

وَمَنْ لَادَ بِكَ غَيْرَ مَخْذولٍ

*wa man ladha bika ghayru makhdhulin
he who seeks Your shelter shall never be disappointed,*

وَمَنْ أَقْبَلَتْ عَلَيْهِ غَيْرَ مَمْلُولٍ

*wa man aqbalta `alayhi ghayru mamlulin
and he whom is attended by You shall never be boring.*

إِلٰهِ إِنَّ مَنْ آتَىٰ بِكَ لِمُسْتَجِيرٍ

*ilahi inna man intahaja bika lamustanirun
O my God, he who abides by Your Path shall be enlightened,*

وَإِنَّ مَنْ آعْتَصَمَ بِكَ لِمُسْتَجِيرٍ

*wa inna man i`tasama bika lamustajirun
and he who resorts to You shall be succored.*

وَقَدْ لُدْتُ بِكَ يَا إِلٰهِي فَلَا تُخَيِّبْ ظَنِّي مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ

*wa qad 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*

وَلَا تُخَيِّبْنِي عَنْ رَأْفَتِكَ

*wa la tahjubni `an ra'fatika
and do not divest me of Your kindness.*

إِلٰهِ اِقْمِنِّي فِي اَهْلِ وِلَايَتِكَ

*ilahi aqimni fi ahli wilayatika
O my God, grant me, among those who show servitude to You,*

مَقَامَ مَنْ رَجَا الزِّيَادَةَ مِنْ مَحَبَّتِكَ

*muqama man raja alzziyadata min mahabbatika
the position of one who (incessantly) longs for more love for You.*

إِلٰهِ وَالْهَمْنِي وَلَمَّا بَدَّكَ إِلٰهِي ذِكْرَكَ

*ilahi wa alhimni walahan bidhikrika ila dhikrika
O my God, (please) inspire me with passionate love for ceaseless reference to You,*



وَهَيْتِي فِي رَوْحِ نَجَاحِ اسْمَائِكَ وَمَحَلِّ قُدْسِكَ

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.

إِلٰهِي بِكَ عَلَيْكَ إِلَّا الْخَشْيَةَ بِمَحَلِّ أَهْلِ طَاعَتِكَ

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

وَأَلْمَسُوا الصَّالِحِينَ مِنْ مَرْضَاتِكَ

walmathwa alssalihi min mardatika
and in an honorable standing of Your pleasure,

فَإِنِّي لَا أَقْدِرُ لِنَفْسِي دَفْعًا

fa'inni la aqdiru linafsi daf`an
for I, verily, have no power to rescue

وَلَا أَمْلِكُ لَهَا نَفْعًا

wa la amliku laha naf`an
or to benefit myself.

إِلٰهِي أَنَا عَبْدُكَ الضَّعِيفُ الْمُدْنِبُ

ilahi ana `abduka aldda`ifu almudhnibu
O my God, I am Your servant—the feeble and sinful—

وَمَمْلُوكُكَ الْمُنِيبُ

wa mamlukuka almunibu
and Your slave—the penitent.

فَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ صَرَفْتَ عَنْهُ وَجْهَكَ

fala taj`alni mimman sarafta `anhu wajhaka
So, (please) do not include me with those against whom You have turned Your face

وَحُجَّتِهِ سَهْوُهُ عَنِ عَفْوِكَ

wa hajabahu sawuhu `an `afwika
or those whom are deprived of Your pardon because of their inattentiveness to You.

إِلٰهِي هَبْ لِي كَمَالَ الْإِنْقِطَاعِ إِلَيْكَ

ilahi hab li kamala alinqita`i ilayka
O my God, (please) grant me absolute devotion to You



وَأَنْزِرْ أَبْصَارَ قُلُوبِنَا بِضِيَاءِ نَظَرِهَا إِلَيْكَ

*wa anir absara qulubina bidiya'i nazariha ilayka
and illuminate the sights of our hearts with the light of observing of You*

حَتَّى تَخْرُقَ أَبْصَارَ الْقُلُوبِ حُجُبَ النُّورِ

*hatta takhriqa absaru alqulubi hujuba alnuri
so that the sights of the hearts will penetrate the Screens of Light*

فَتَصِلَ إِلَى مَعْدِنِ الْعَظَمَةِ

*fatasila ila ma`dini al`azamati
and arrive at the Core of Magnificence,*

وَتَصِيرَ أَرْوَاحُنَا مُعَلَّقَةً بِعِزِّ قُدْسِكَ

*wa tasira arwahuna mu`allaqatan bi`izzi qudsika
and that our souls hang to the majesty of Your Holiness.*

إِلَهِي وَأَجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ نَادَيْتَهُ فَاجَابَكَ

*ilahi waj`alni mimman nadaytahu fa-ajabaka
O my God, (please) make me of those who responded to You when You called them,*

وَلَا حَظْمَةَ فَصَعِقَ لِحَالِكَ

*wa lahaztahu fasa`iqa lijalalika
those who were shocked for Your Majesty when You observed them*

فَنَاجَيْتُهُ سِرًّا أَوْ عَمَلًا لَكَ جَهْرًا

*fanajaytahu sirran wa`amila laka jahran
and You have thus taken into their confidence and they acted for You openly.*

إِلَهِي لَمْ أَسْطِظْ عَلَى حُسْنِ ظَنِّي قُتُوطَ آيَاتِكَ

*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*

وَلَا أَنْقَطَعَ رَجَائِي مِنْ جَمِيلِ كَرَمِكَ

*wa la inqata`a raja'i min jamili karamika
and I have never lost hope in Your excellent magnanimity.*

إِلَهِي إِنْ كَانَتْ أَلْخَطَايَا قَدْ اسْتَقَطَّتْنِي لَدَيْكَ

*ilahi in kanat alkhataya qad asqatatni ladayka
O my God, if my sins have overthrown me in Your sight,*

فَأَصْفَحْ عَنِّي بِحُسْنِ تَوَكُّلِي عَلَيْكَ



*fasfah `anni bihusni tawakkuli `alayka
then please pardon me for my excellent trust in You.*

إِلٰهِ إِنِ حَظَّتْ مِنِّي الدُّنُوْبُ مِنْ مَكَارِمِ لُطْفِكَ

*ilahi in hattatni aldhhdhunubu min makarimi lutfika
O my God, if my wrongdoings have caused me to lose Your honorable kindness,*

فَقَدْ نَبَّهْتَنِي الْيَقِيْنَ إِلَى كَرَمِ عَظَمَتِكَ

*faqad nabbahani alyaqinu ila karami `atfika
then my belief in You has called my attention to the generosity of Your sympathy.*

إِلٰهِ إِنِ اِنَا مَنِّي الْغَفْلَةُ عَنْ اِبَا سْتَعْدَادِ لِقَائِكَ

*ilahi in anamatni alghaflatu `an alisti`dadi liliqa`ika
O my God, if my inadvertence has screened me against readying myself for meeting You,*

فَقَدْ نَبَّهْتَنِي الْمَعْرِفَةَ بِكَرَمِ اَلَا تِكَ

*faqad nabbahatni alma`rifatu bikarami ala`ika
then my recognition of the generosity of Your bounties has awakened me.*

إِلٰهِ إِنِ دَعَا نِي إِلَى النَّارِ عَظِيمُ عِقَابِكَ

*ilahi in da`ani ila alnnari `azimu `iqabika
O my God, if Your grave chastisement has drawn me to Hellfire,*

فَقَدْ دَعَا نِي إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ جَزِيلُ ثَوَابِكَ

*faqad da`ani ila aljannati jazilu thawabika
then Your opulent reward has drawn me to Paradise.*

إِلٰهِ فَلَيْسَ اسْئَالُكَ اِبْتِهَالٌ وَاَرْغَبُ

*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.*

وَأَسْأَلُكَ اَنْ تَصَلِّيَ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَاٰلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

*wa as'aluka an tusalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin
I beseech You to bless Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad*

وَاَنْ تَجْعَلَنِي مِمَّنْ يُذَكِّرُكَ

*wa an taj`alani mimman yudimu dhikraka
and to include me with those who always mention You,*

وَلَا يَنْقُضُ عِنْدَكَ

*wa la yanqudu `ahdaka
who never breach their covenant to You,*



وَلَا يَعْزُلُ عَنْ شُكْرِكَ

wa la yaghfulu `an shukrika
who never fail to thank You,

وَلَا يَسْتَخِفُّ بِأَمْرِكَ

wa la yastakhiffu bi-amrika
and who never belittle Your affairs.

إِلَهِي وَالْحَقُّنِي بِنُورِ عِزِّكَ الْإِبْرَاهِيمِيِّ

ilahi wa alhiqni binuri `izzika al-abhaji
O my God, (please do) connect me with the most brilliant Light of Your Dignity

فَأَكُونَ لَكَ عَارِفًا

fa-akuna laka `arifan
so that I will recognize You

وَعَنْ سِوَاكَ مُنْحَرِفًا

wa `an siwaka munharifan
and I will leave everybody else,

وَمِنْكَ خَائِفًا مُرَاقِبًا

wa minka kha'ifan muraqiban
and that I will be fearful of and careful with You.

يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

ya dha aljalali wal-ikrami
O Lord of Majesty and Honor!

وَصَلَّىٰ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولِهِ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

wa salla allahu `ala muhammadin rasulih wa alihi alttahirina
May Allah send blessings to Muhammad, His Messenger, and upon his Household the Infallible,

وَسَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا

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 عليه وآله وسلم 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 وآله وسلم 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:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِحَقِّ الْمَوْلُودِ فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ

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

الْمَوْعُودِ بِشَهَادَتِهِ قَبْلَ اسْتِهْلَالِهِ وَوِلَادَتِهِ

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

بِكَلِمَةِ السَّمَاءِ وَمَنْ فِيهَا

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

وَأَمَّا رُضٌ وَمَنْ عَلَيْهَا

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



وَلَمَّا يَطْأُهَا بِتَيْمًا

wa lamma yata' labatayha
before his feet stepped on it,

قَتِيلِ الْعَبْرَةِ

qatili al`abrati
the mourned slain one,

وَسَيِّدِ الْأُسْرَةِ

wa sayyidi al-usrati
the master of the Family (of Prophethood),

أَلْمَمْدُودِ بِالنُّصْرَةِ يَوْمَ الْكُرَّةِ

almamdudi bilnusrati yawma alkarrati
the one who shall be backed with victory on the Day of Return,

أَلْمَعْوِضِ مِنْ قَتْلِهِ إِنَّ الْأَئِمَّةَ 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,

وَالشِّفَاءِ فِي تُرْبَتِهِ

walshshafa'a fi turbatih
the one awarded the favor of the soil of his grave carrying cure,

وَالْفَوْزِ مَعَهُ فِي إِوْبَتِهِ

walfawza ma`ahu fi awbatih
the one awarded the favor that he will be triumphing when he will be returned

وَالْأَوْصِيَاءِ مِنْ عَتْرَتِهِ

wal-awsiya'a min `itratih
and the Prophet's Successors from his offspring will be returned

بَعْدَ قَائِمِهِمْ وَغَيْبَتِهِ

ba`da qa'imihim wa ghaybatih
after the advent of their Rising Imam and after his occultation

حَتَّى يَذُرُّوا آثَارَهُ

hatta yudriku al-awtara
so that they shall take revenge,



وَيَثَارُ وَاآلِثَارَ

wa yath'aru alththara
retaliate,

وَيُرْضُوا الْجَبَّارَ

wa yurdu aljabbara
please the Omnipotent Lord,

وَيَكُونُوا خَيْرَ الْأَنْصَارِ

wa yakunu khayra ansarin
and be the best supporters,

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَعَ اخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ

salla allahu `alayhim ma`a ikhtilafi allayli walnnahari
May Allah's blessings be perpetually upon them whenever night and day succeed each

other.

اللَّهُمَّ فَجِئْتَهُمْ إِلَيْكَ أَسْأَلُ

allahumma fabihaqqihim ilayka atawassalu
O Allah, I thus beg You in the name of them

وَأَسْأَلُ سُؤَالَ مُتَّعِرٍ مُعْتَرِفٍ

wa as'alu su'ala muqtarifin mu`tarifin
and implore You with the imploration of a sinful one who confesses of his sin,

مُسِيءٍ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ

musi'in ila nafsihi
and who has done evil to himself

مِمَّا فَرَطَ فِي يَوْمِهِ وَإِمْسِهِ

mimma farrata fi yawmihi wa amsihi
due to his violations—the past and the present.

يَسْأَلُكَ الْعِصْمَةَ إِلَى مَحَلِّ رَمْسِهِ

yas'aluka al`ismata ila mahalli ramsihi
He thus beseeches You for Your protection up to the place of his grave.

اللَّهُمَّ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ عِتْرَتِهِ

allahumma fasalli `ala muhammadin wa `itratih
O Allah, (please) send blessings to Muhammad and his Offspring,



وَاحْشُرْنَا فِي زُمْرَتِهِ

wahshurna fi zumratihi

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

وَبَوِّئْنَا مَعَهُ دَارَ الْكَرَامَةِ

wa bawwi'na ma`ahu dara alkaramati

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

وَمَحَلِّ آيَاتِنَا

wa mahalla al-iqamati

and in the abode of residence.

اللَّهُمَّ وَكَمَا أَكْرَمْتَنَا بِمَعْرِفَتِهِ فَافْكُرْ مَنَابِرَ لِقَاتِهِ

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,

وَأَرْزُقْنَا مُرَافَقَتَهُ وَسَابِقَتَهُ

warzuqna murafaqatahu wa sabiqatahu

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

وَأَجْعَلْنَا مِمَّنْ يَسْلِمُ لَأَمْرِهِ

waj`alna mimman yusallimu li-amrihi

and include us with those who submit to him totally

وَيُكْتَبَرُ الصَّلَاةَ عَلَيْهِ عِنْدَ ذِكْرِهِ

wa yukthiru alssalata `alayhi `inda dhikrihi

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

وَعَلَىٰ جَمِيعِ إِوْصِيَايِهِ وَإِهْلِ إِصْفِيَايِهِ

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

and upon all his Successors and Selected Ones,

أَلْمَمْدُودِينَ مِنْكَ بِالْعَدَدِ الْإِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ

almamdudina minka bil`adadi al-ithnay `ashara

whom are defined by You, as twelve persons,

أَلنَّجُومِ الْكَرِيمِ

alnnjumi alzzuhari

being the luminous stars,



وَأَسْأَلُكَ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الْبَشَرِ

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

اللَّهُمَّ وَهَبْ لَنَا فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ خَيْرَ مَوْهِبَاتٍ

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

وَأَسْأَلُكَ لَنَا فِيهِ كُلَّ طَلِبَةٍ

*wa anjih lana fihi kulla talibatin
make all our prayers on this day responded,*

كَمَا وَهَبْتَ الْحُسَيْنَ مُحَمَّدًا جَدَّهُ

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

وَعَادَ فُطْرُسُ بِمَهْدِهِ

*wa `adha futrusu bimahdihi
just as the angel Futrus sought refuge with his (i.e. al-Husayn) cradle,*

فَنَحْنُ عَائِدُونَ بِقَبْرِهِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ

*fanahnu `a'idhuna biqabrihi min ba`dih
we are thus seeking refuge with his tomb after him (i.e. his martyrdom),*

نَشْهَدُ مَرْبِيَّتَهُ وَنَنْتَظِرُ إِوَابَتَهُ

*nashhadu turbatahu wa nantaziru awbatahu
as we are witnessing the soil of him and expecting his return.*

أَمِينَ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

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):

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ مُتَعَالَى الْمَكَانِ

*allahumma anta muta`ali almakani
O Allah, You are verily the Elevated in position,*

عَظِيمُ الْجُرُوتِ



`azimu aljabaruti
the Magnificent in omnipotence,

شَدِيدُ الْحَالِ

shadidu almihali
the Mighty in prowess,

عَنِّي عَنِ الْخَلْقِ

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

عَرِيضُ الْكِبْرِيَاءِ

`aridu alkibriya'i
the Ample in pride,

قَادِرٌ عَلَى مَا تَشَاءُ

qadirun `ala ma tasha'u
the Powerful over all that which You want,

قَرِيبُ الرَّحْمَةِ

qaribu alrahmati
the Close in mercy,

صَادِقُ الْوَعْدِ

sadiqu alwa`di
the Truthful in promise,

سَابِغُ النِّعْمَةِ

sabighu alnni`mati
the Opulent in favors,

حَسَنُ الْبَلَاءِ

hasanu albala'i
the Sympathetic in ordeals,

قَرِيبٌ إِذَا دُعِيتَ

qaribun idha du`ita
the Nigh when Your are prayed,

مُحِيطٌ بِمَا خَلَقْتَ

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



قَابِلُ التَّوْبَةِ لِمَنْ تَابَ إِلَيْكَ

qabilu alttawbati liman taba ilayka
the Acceptor of the repentance of him who repents to You,

قَادِرٌ عَلَىٰ مَا أَرَدْتَ

qadirun `ala ma aradta
the Powerful to do whatever You want,

وَمُدْرِكٌ مَا طَلَبْتَ

wa mudrikun ma talabta
the Taker in all that which You decide,

وَشَاكِرٌ إِذَا شَكَرْتَ

wa shakurun idha shukirta
the Thankful for those who thank You,

وَذَكُورٌ إِذَا ذَكَرْتَ

wa dhakurun idha dhukirta
and the Rememberer of those who mention You.

إِدْعُوكَ مُحْتَاجًا

ad`uka muhtajan
I pray You for I need You,

وَأَرْغَبُ إِلَيْكَ فَقِيرًا

wa arghabu ilayka faqiran
I desire for You for I am in want of You,

وَأَقْرَعُ إِلَيْكَ خَائِفًا

wa afza`u ilayka kha'ifan
I resort to You for I am terrified,

وَأَبْكِي إِلَيْكَ مُكْرَبًا

wa abki ilayka makruban
I weep before You for I am distressed,

وَأَسْتَعِينُ بِكَ ضَعِيفًا

wa asta`inu bika da`ifan
I seek Your aid for, I am weak,

وَأَتَوَلَّىٰ كُلُّ عِلْمِكَ كَافِيًا



wa atawakkalu `alayka kafiyan
and I depend upon You for I trust in none save You.

إِعْلَمُ بَيْنَنَا وَيُن قَوْمِنَابِ الْحَقِّ

uhkum baynana wa bayna qawmina bilhaqqi
(Please do) decide between our people and us with the truth,

فَاِنَّمْ غَرُونَا وَخَدَّ عُونَا

fa'innahum gharruna wa khada`una
for they have deceived us, cheated us,

وَخَدُّ لُونَا وَعَدُّ رُونَا وَتَقْتُلُونَا

wa khadhaluna wa ghadaru bina wa qataluna
disappointed us, betrayed us, and killed us.

وَنَحْنُ عِتْرَةُ نَبِيِّكَ

wa nahnu `itratu nabiyyika
We are the progeny of Your Prophet

وَوَلَدٌ حَبِيبِكَ

wa waladu habibika
and the sons of Your beloved one;

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ

muhammadi bni `abdillahi
namely, Muhammad the son of `Abdullah,

الَّذِي اصْطَفَيْتَهُ بِالرِّسَالَةِ

alladhi istafaytahu bilrrisalati
whom You have chosen for the Divine Mission

وَأَنْتُمْ نَتَّعَلَى وَحَيْكَ

wa'tamantahu `ala wahyika
and for keeping Your Revelation.

فَاَجْعَلْ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا فَرَجًا وَمُخْرَجًا

faj`al lana min amrina farajan wa makhrajan
So, (please) prepare a way out and a relief for us,

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

birahmatika ya arhama alrrahimina
out of Your mercy, O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!



Ziyarah of Imam Ali Zayn ul Abideen عليه السلام

السلام عليك يا سيد الساجدين
السلام عليك يا زين العابدين
السلام عليك يا حليف الحسرات
السلام عليك يا ذا الثفتنات
السلام عليك يا صاحب العبرات
السلام عليك يا اسير الكربات
السلام عليك يا اعظم آل العباء
يا اهل الكساء السلام عليك يا ابن خامس اصحاب
السلام عليك يا ابن سيد الشهداء
السلام عليك يا عماد الا تقيا
السلام عليك ورحمة الله وبركاته

ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA SAYYEDAS SAAJEDEENA

ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA ZAINAL AABEDEENA

ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA HALIFAL HASARAAT

ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA ZASSAFANAAT

ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA SAAHEBAL A'BRAATE..

ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA ASEERAL KOROBAAAT..

ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YAA AADAMA AALIL E'BAAE

ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YABNA KHAAMESE AHLIL KESAAE..

ASSALAAMO A'LAYKA YABNA SAYYEDISH SHOHADAAE

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:



اللَّهُمَّ إِن لَّمْ تُكُنْ غَفْرَتَنَا فِيمَا مَضَى مِنْ شَعْبَانَ فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا فِيمَا بَقِيَ مِنْهُ

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:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هَذَا الشَّهْرَ الْمُبَارَكُ

O Allah, this blessed month

الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ

in which the Qur'an was revealed

وَجُعِلَ هُدًى لِلنَّاسِ

and was made guidance for people

وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِنَ الْهُدَى وَالْقُرْآنِ

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

قَدْ حَضَرَ

has commenced.

فَسَلِّمْنَا فِيهِ

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

وَسَلِّمْنَا

keep it sound for us,

وَتَسَلِّمْنَا فِي بُسْرٍ مِنْكَ وَعَافِيَةٍ

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

يَا مَنْ إِخْدًا لِقَلِيلٍ وَشَكَرًا لِكَثِيرٍ

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

أَقْبَلْ مِنِّي الْبُسْرَ

(please) accept from me the little (deed).

اللَّهُمَّ نَبِيَّ إِسْمَائِكَ

O Allah, I beseech You

إِنْ تَجْعَلْ لِي إِلَى كُلِّ خَيْرٍ سَبِيلًا



to make for me a path to every decency,

وَمِنْ كُلِّ مَا نَأْتِيهِ بِنَاغٍ

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

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!

يَا مَنْ عَفَا عَنِّي وَعَمَّا خَلَوْتُ بِهِ مِنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ

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

يَا مَنْ لَمْ يُؤَاخِذْنِي بِأَرْكَابِ الْمَعَاصِي

O He Who has not punished me for my committing acts of disobedience to Him!

عَفُوكَ عَفُوكَ عَفُوكَ يَا كَرِيمُ

I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon, O All-generous!

إِلَيَّ وَعَظَمْتَنِي فَلَمْ أَتَّعِظْ

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

وَرَجَرْتَنِي عَنْ مَحَارِمِكَ فَلَمْ أَتَزَجِرْ

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

فَمَا عَذْرِي

Now, what is my excuse?

فَاَعْفُ عَنِّي يَا كَرِيمُ

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

عَفُوكَ عَفُوكَ

I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon!

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ

O Allah, I beseech You

الرَّاحَةَ عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ

for rest at death

وَالْعَفْوَ عِنْدَ الْحِسَابِ

and for pardon at calling to account.

عَظِيمَ الذَّنْبِ مِنْ عَبْدِكَ

Great is the sin of Your servant;

فَلْيَجْزِئِ الْجَسْنَ التَّجَاوُزَ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ

so, let Your overlooking him be excellent.



يَا أَيُّهَا التَّقْوَىٰ وَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمَغْفِرَةَ

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

عَفْوِكَ عَفْوِكَ

I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي عَبْدُكَ آبْنُ عَبْدِكَ آبْنُ أُمَّتِكَ

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

ضَعِيفٌ فَقِيرٌ إِلَىٰ رَحْمَتِكَ

and I am weak and in need for Your mercy;

وَأَنْتَ مُنْزِلُ الْغَنَىٰ وَالْبَرَكَاتِ عَلَىٰ الْعِبَادِ

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

قَاهِرٌ مُّقْتَدِرٌ

You are omnipotent and full of power,

إِخْصَيْتَ أَعْمَالَهُمْ

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

وَقَسَمْتَ لِرِزْقِهِمْ

decided the sustenance of each one them,

وَجَعَلْتَهُمْ مُّخْتَلِفِينَ أَلْسِنَتَهُمْ وَأَلْوَانَهُمْ

and made them of different languages and colors

خَلَقًا مِنْ بَعْدِ خَلْقِ

in different stages of creation.

وَلَا يَعْلَمُ الْعِبَادُ عِلْمَكَ

Your servants can never attain Your knowledge

وَلَا يَفْقَهُرُ الْعِبَادُ قَدْرَكَ

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

وَكُنَّا فَاقِرِينَ إِلَىٰ رَحْمَتِكَ

All of us are needy for Your mercy.

فَلَا تَصْرِفْ عَنِّي وَجْهَكَ

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

وَأَجْعَلْنِي مِنْ صَالِحِ خَلْقِكَ

and include me with the virtuous creatures of You

فِي الْعَمَلِ وَالْأَمَلِ

in deeds, hopes,



وَأَلْقِضَاءِ وَأَلْقَدْرِ

and Your decisions (for me).

اللَّهُمَّ لِي خَيْرَ الْبَقَاءِ

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

وَأَفْنِي خَيْرَ الْفَنَاءِ عَلَى مُوَالَاةِ أَوْلِيَاكَ

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

وَمُعَادَاةِ أَعْدَائِكَ

incurring the enmity of Your enemies,

وَأَلرَّغْبَةَ إِلَيْكَ وَأَلرَّهْبَةَ مِنْكَ

keeping desiring for You, fearing from You,

وَأَلخُشُوعَ وَالْوَفَاءَ وَالتَّسْلِيمَ لَكَ

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

وَأَلتَّصَدِيقَ بِكِتَابِكَ

believing in Your Book,

وَأَتَّبَاعَ سُنَّةِ رَسُولِكَ

and following Your Prophet's instructions.

اللَّهُمَّ مَا كَانَ فِي قَلْبِي

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

مِنْ شَكٍّ أَوْ رَيْبَةٍ

including suspicion, doubt,

أَوْ جُحُودٍ أَوْ قُتُوبٍ

denial, despair,

أَوْ فَرَحٍ أَوْ بَدْحٍ أَوْ بَطَرٍ

(excessive) joy, lavish expenditure or recklessness,

أَوْ خِيَلَاءٍ أَوْ رِيَاءٍ أَوْ سُمُوعَةٍ

pride, arrogance, ostentation,

أَوْ شِقَاقٍ أَوْ نِفَاقٍ

discord, hypocrisy,

أَوْ كُفْرٍ أَوْ فُسُوقٍ أَوْ عَصِيَانٍ

unbelief, licentiousness, disobedience,

أَوْ عَظْمِيَّةٍ أَوْ شَيْءٍ لَا تُحِبُّ



conceit, or anything else that You do not like;

فَأَسْأَلُكَ يَا رَبِّ إِنَّ تُبَدِّلَنِي مَكَانِي مَا نَأْتِيكَ بِوَعْدِكَ

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

وَوَفَاءَ بَعْدِكَ

fulfillment of my covenant to You,

وَرِضًا بِقَضَائِكَ

satisfaction with what You decide for me,

وَرُحْمًا فِي الدُّنْيَا

indifference to the worldly pleasures,

وَرَغْبَةً فِي مَا عِنْدَكَ

desire for that which You have,

وَأَثَرَةً وَطَمَآنِينَةً

altruism, tranquility,

وَتَوْبَةً نَصُوحًا

and sincere repentance.

إِسْأَلُكَ ذَلِكَ يَا رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

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

إِلَىٰ إِيَّاكَ مِنْ جَهْلِكَ تَعْصِي فَكَأَنَّكَ لَمْ تُرْ

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

وَمِنْ كَرَمِكَ وَجُودِكَ تُطَاعُ فَكَأَنَّكَ لَمْ تُعْصَ

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

وَأَنَا وَمَنْ لَمْ يُعْصِكَ سُكَّانُ أَرْضِكَ

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

فَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا بِالْفَضْلِ جَوَادًا

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

وَبِالْخَيْرِ عَوَادًا

and always refer to us with Your goodness.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!

وَصَلَّىٰ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ صَلَّىٰ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ

May Allah bless Muhammad and his Household with endless blessings



لَا تُحْصَى وَلَا تُعَدُّ

that are innumerable, uncountable,

وَلَا يَفْعَلُهَا غَيْرُكَ

and none can do it save You.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!