

# A'maal in the holy month of Shaban

## FIFTEENTH DAY OF SHABAN

On the fifteenth of Sha'ban, the twelfth Imam al-Mahdi, the Patron of the Age (Sahib al-Zaman), was born. May Almighty Allah's blessings be upon him and his immaculate ancestors. It is recommended to visit him at each time and place and to pray Almighty Allah for hastening in his advent. His Ziyarah at the Vault (sirdab) in Samarra' is more favorable. Beyond any dispute, Imam al-Mahdi (A.S.) shall appear, overcome, and fill the earth with justice and equality just as it would be filled with injustice and bias.

## THE RITES IN THE REST OF SHA'BAN

Imam al-Rida (A.S.) is reported as saying: If one observes fasting on the last three days of Sha'ban and attaches it to the obligatory fasting of Ramadan, 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-Rida (A.S.) on the last Friday of Sha'ban, the Imam 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 Ramadan with pure sincerity to Him. You must fulfill 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 anyone 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:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنْ لَمْ تَكُنْ غَفَرْتَ لَنَا فَيِمَا مَضَىٰ مِنْ شَعْبَانَ فَاعْفِرْ لَنَا فَيِمَا بَقِيَ مِنْهُ

## Fifteenth Night of Shaban

This is the first of the White Nights. In the previous chapter about the recommended rites in Rajab, I have mentioned the prayers that are advisably offered at this night as well as the two nights after it. It is thus recommended to refer to these prayers.

## FIFTEENTH NIGHT OF SHABAN

This night is extraordinarily honorable. Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (A.S.) has narrated that when Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (A.S.) was asked about the merits of the fifteenth night of Sha'ban, he answered, "It is the most favorable night after the Qadr Night. At this night, Almighty Allah bestows upon His servants with His favors and grants them His pardon out of His conferral of benefits to

them. Therefore, you should exert all efforts to seek nearness to Him at this night, because He - the Majestic and Honorable - has decided not to reject any asker as long as he does not ask for an act of disobedience to Him. Almighty Allah has chosen this night for us, the Ahl al-Bayt, just as He has chosen the Qadr Night for our Prophet - peace be upon him and his Household. You should thus pray and thank Him diligently."

One of the marvelous blessings of this night is that it is the birth night of the Patron of the Age, Imam al-Mahdi (A.S.) - may Allah accept our souls as ransoms for him. He was born in Surra-man-ra'a (currently Samarra') at the hour before daybreak in AH 255. This incident increases the merits of this honorable night.

However, narrations have carried many recommended rites to be carried out at this night:

**First:** It is highly recommended to bathe oneself at this night, for this act decreases the punishment for one's sins.

**Second:** It is highly recommended to imitate Imam Ali ibn al-Husayn Zayn al-'Abidin (a.s.) who used to spend this whole night with acts of worship, prayers, supplications, invocations, and implorations for forgiveness. A tradition confirms that as for one who spends this whole night with acts of worship, his heart will not die when other hearts die.

**Third:** It is highly recommended to visit the tomb of Imam al-Husayn (a.s.). In fact, this is the most favorable act at this night. It also brings about forgiveness of one's sins. If you desire that 124,000 Prophets shake hands with you, you may visit the holy tomb of Imam al-Husayn (A.S.) at this night. The least act of Ziyarah is to go up an elevated place, look to the right and the left, raise the head towards the heavens, and say these statements:

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

One who performs this form of Ziyarah is expected to win the reward of one Hajj and one 'Umrah. In the section of Ziyarat, we will mention further details about the peculiar merits of Ziyarah at this night.

**Fourth:** It is recommended to say the following supplicatory prayer, which stands for a form of Ziyarah for Imam al-Mahdi (a.s.). This supplicatory prayer has been mentioned by both Sayyid Ibn Tawus and Shaykh al-Tusi:

اَللّٰهُمَّ بِحَقِّ لَيْلَتِنَا وَمَوْلُودِهَا، وَحُجَّتِكَ وَمَوْعُودِهَا، الَّتِي قَرَنْتَ اِلَى فَضْلِهَا، فَضْلًا فَتَمَّتْ  
كَلِمَتُكَ صِدْقًا وَعَدْلًا لَا مُبَدَّلَ لِكَلِمَاتِكَ، وَلَا مُعَقَّبَ لِاَيَاتِكَ، نُورُكَ الْمُتَالِقُ، وَضِيَاؤُكَ  
الْمُشْرِقُ، وَالْعَلَمُ النُّوْرُ فِي طَخْيَاءِ الدِّيَجُورِ، الْغَائِبُ الْمُسْتَوْرُ، جَلَّ مَوْلِدُهُ وَكَرَمَ مَحْتَدُهُ،  
وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ شُهَدَاؤُهُ، وَاللَّهُ نَاصِرُهُ وَمُؤَيِّدُهُ، اِذَا اَن مَّيْعَادُهُ، وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ اَمْدَادُهُ، سَيْفُ اللَّهِ  
الَّذِي لَا يَنْبُو، وَنُورُهُ الَّذِي لَا يَخْبُو، وَذُو الْحِلْمِ الَّذِي لَا يَصْبُو، مَدَارُ الدَّهْرِ، وَنَوَامِيسُ الْعَصْرِ،

وَوَلَاةُ الْأَمْرِ، وَالْمُنْزَلُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَا يَتَنَزَّلُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ، وَأَصْحَابُ الْخَشْرِ وَالنَّشْرِ، تَرَاجِمَةٌ وَخِيَهْ،  
 وَوَلَاةُ أَمْرِهِ وَنَهْيِهِ، اللَّهُمَّ فَصِّلْ عَلَى خَاتِمِهِمْ وَقَانِمِهِمُ الْمُسْتَوْرِ عَوَالِمِهِمْ، اللَّهُمَّ وَادْرِكْ  
 بِنَا آيَاتِهِ وَظُهُورَهُ وَقِيَامَهُ، وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنْ أَنْصَارِهِ، وَاقْرِنْ ثَارَنَا بِثَارِهِ، وَاكْتُبْنَا فِي أَعْوَانِهِ  
 وَخُلَصَانِهِ، وَأَخِينَا فِي دَوْلَتِهِ نَاعِمِينَ، وَبِصُحْبَتِهِ غَانِمِينَ وَبِحَقِّهِ قَانِمِينَ، وَهِنْ السُّوءِ سَالِمِينَ، يَا  
 أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَصَلَوَاتُهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ  
 وَالْمُرْسَلِينَ، وَعَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ الصَّادِقِينَ وَعِزَّتِهِ النَّاطِقِينَ، وَالْعَنْ جَمِيعَ الظَّالِمِينَ، وَاحْكُمْ  
 بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَهُمْ يَا أَهْكَمَ الْحَاكِمِينَ .

**Fifth:** Shaykh Isma'il ibn Fadl al-Hashimi has narrated that Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (A.S.) instructed him to say the following supplicatory prayer at the fifteenth night of Sha'ban:

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ، الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ، الْخَالِقُ الرَّازِقُ، الْمُخَيِّسُ الْمُمِيتُ، الْبَدِيُّ الْبَدِيعُ،  
 لَكَ الْجَلَالُ، وَلَكَ الْفَضْلُ، وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ، وَلَكَ الْمَنُّ، وَلَكَ الْجُودُ، وَلَكَ الْكَرَمُ، وَلَكَ الْأَمْرُ،  
 وَلَكَ الْمَجْدُ، وَلَكَ الشُّكْرُ، وَحَدِّكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ، يَا وَاحِدُ يَا أَحَدُ، يَا صَمَدُ، يَا مَنْ لَمْ يَلِدْ  
 وَلَمْ يُولَدْ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدُ، صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، وَأَغْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْنِي، وَاكْفِنِي  
 مَا أَهَمَّنِي، وَأَقْضِ دَيْنِي، وَوَسِّعْ عَلَيَّ فِي رِزْقِي، فَإِنَّكَ فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ كُلَّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ  
 تَفْرُقُ، وَمَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ تَرْزُقُ، فَارْزُقْنِي وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ، فَإِنَّكَ قُلْتَ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْقَانِلِينَ  
 النَّاطِقِينَ وَاسْأَلُو اللَّهَ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ، فَمِنْ فَضْلِكَ أَسْأَلُ، وَإِيَّاكَ قَصَدْتُ، وَابْنَ نَبِيِّكَ اعْتَمَدْتُ،  
 وَلَكَ رَجَوْتُ، فَارْحَمْنِي يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ .

**Sixth:** It is recommended to say this supplicatory prayer, which the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) used to say at this night:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَقْسِمُ مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ مَا يَحُولُ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ مَعْصِيَتِكَ، وَمِنْ طَاعَتِكَ مَا تُبَلِّغُنَا بِهِ رِضْوَانَكَ، وَمِنْ الْبَاقِيْنَ مَا يَهْوُنُ عَلَيْنَا بِهِ مُصِيبَاتُ الدُّنْيَا، اَللّٰهُمَّ اَمْتَعْنَا بِاَسْمَاعِنَا وَاَبْصَارِنَا وَقُوَّتِنَا مَا اَحْبَبْتَنَا، وَاَجْعَلْهُ الْوَارِثَ مِنَّا، وَاَجْعَلْ ثَأْرَنَا عَلٰى مَنْ ظَلَمْنَا، وَاَنْصُرْنَا عَلٰى مَنْ عَادَانَا، وَلَا تَجْعَلْ مُصِيبَتَنَا فِى دِينِنَا، وَلَا تَجْعَلِ الدُّنْيَا اَكْبَرَ هَمًّا، وَلَا مَبْلَغَ عِلْمِنَا، وَلَا تُسَلِّطْ عَلَيْنَا مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُنَا، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا اَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِيْنَ

Actually, this supplicatory prayer is one of the perfect, comprehensive prayers that may be said at all times. In the word of the book of 'Awali al-La'ali, the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) used to say this supplicatory prayer at all times.

**Seventh:** It is recommended to say the prayers that are preferably said at middays. These prayers, previously mentioned, begin with the following statement:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ شَجَرَةَ النُّبُوَّةِ وَ مَوْضِعَ الرِّسَالَةِ

**Eighth:** It is recommended to say the famous supplicatory prayer known as Dua Kumayl, which has been cited in the previous section of this book. Narrations have mentioned that it is highly advisable to say this famous supplicatory prayer at this night.

**Ninth:** It is recommended to mention Almighty Allah by the following litany one hundred times so that one's past acts of disobedience to Him will be forgiven and one's worldly and religious needs will be granted:

سُبْحَانَ اللهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ وَلَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اللهُ وَاللهُ اَكْبَرُ

**Tenth:** Shaykh al-Tusi, in Misbah al-Mutahajjid, has narrated a tradition about the merits of the night of mid-Sha'ban entailing that Abu-Yahya asked Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (A.S.) about the best of supplicatory prayers to be said at this night. The Imam (A.S.) instructed him, saying:

*After you accomplish the obligatory Isha' Prayer, you may offer a two unit prayer in the first unit of which you should recite Surah al- Faatehah and Surah al-Kafirun and in the second Surah al-Faatehah and Surah al-Tawheed. When you accomplish the prayer, you may repeat (the phrase of) subhanallah thirty-three times, (the phrase of) alhamdulillah thirty-three times, and (the phrase of) Allahu-akbar thirty-four times. You may then say the following supplicatory prayer:*

يَا مَنْ اِلَيْهِ مَلَجَا الْعِبَادُ فِى الْمُهِيْمَاتِ، وَاِلَيْهِ يَفْرَعُ الْخَلْقُ فِى الْمُلِمَاتِ، يَا عَالِمَ الْجَهْرِ وَالْخَفِيَّاتِ، يَا مَنْ لَا تَخْفَى عَلَيْهِ خَوَاطِرُ الْاَوْهَامِ وَتَصَرُّفُ الْخَطَرَاتِ، يَا رَبَّ الْخَلَائِقِ وَالْبَرِيَّاتِ، يَا مَنْ بِيَدِهِ مَلَكُوتُ الْاَرْضِيْنَ وَالسَّمَاوَاتِ، اَنْتَ اللهُ لَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اَنْتَ، اَمْتُ اِلَيْكَ بِلَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا



أَنْتَ، يَا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ اجْعَلْنِي فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ مِمَّنْ نَظَرْتَ إِلَيْهِ فَرَحِمْتَهُ وَسَمِعْتَ دُعَاءَهُ  
 فَاجَبْتَهُ، وَعَلِمْتَ اسْتِقَالَتَهُ فَأَقْلَنْتَهُ، وَتَجَاوَزْتَ عَنْ سَالِفِ خَطِيئَتِهِ وَعَظِيمِ جَرِيرَتِهِ، فَقَدْ اسْتَجَرْتُ  
 بِكَ مِنْ ذُنُوبِي، وَلَجَأْتُ إِلَيْكَ فِي سِتْرِ عُيُوبِي، اَللّٰهُمَّ فَجُدْ عَلَيَّ بِكَرَمِكَ وَفَضْلِكَ،  
 وَاحْطُطْ خَطَايَايَ بِحِلْمِكَ وَعَفْوِكَ، وَتَغَمَّدْنِي فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ بِسَابِغِ كَرَامَتِكَ، وَاجْعَلْنِي  
 فِيهَا مِنْ أَوْلِيَانِكَ الَّذِينَ اجْتَبَيْتَهُمْ لِبَاعَتِكَ، وَاخْتَرْتَهُمْ لِعِبَادَتِكَ، وَجَعَلْتَهُمْ خَالِصَتَكَ  
 وَصِفْوَتَكَ، اَللّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ سَعَدَ جَدُّهُ، وَتَوَفَّرَ مِنَ الْخَيْرَاتِ حَظُّهُ، وَاجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ سَلِمَ قَنَعُهُ،  
 وَفَارَ قَنَعِهِ، وَاكْفَى شَرَّ مَا أَسْلَفْتُ، وَأَعَصِمْنِي مِنَ الزَّيَادِ فِي مَعْصِيَتِكَ، وَحَبَّبْ إِلَيَّ  
 طَاعَتَكَ وَمَا يُقَرِّبُنِي مِنْكَ وَيُزِلْفُنِي عِنْدَكَ، سَيِّدِي إِلَيْكَ يَلْجَأُ الْهَارِبُ، وَمِنْكَ يَلْتَمِسُ  
 الطَّالِبُ، وَعَلَى كَرَمِكَ يُعَوَّلُ الْمُسْتَقِيلُ النَّائِبُ، أَدَّبْتَ عِبَادَكَ بِالتَّكْرُمِ، وَأَنْتَ أَكْرَمُ  
 الْكَرَمِينَ، وَأَمَرْتَ بِالْعَفْوِ عِبَادَكَ وَأَنْتَ الْعَفْوُ الرَّحِيمُ، اَللّٰهُمَّ فَلَا تَحْرِمْنِي مَا رَجَوْتُ مِنْ  
 كَرَمِكَ، وَلَا تُؤَيِّسْنِي مِنْ سَابِغِ نِعَمِكَ، وَلَا تُخَيِّبْنِي مِنْ جَزِيلِ قِسْمِكَ فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ لِأَهْلِ  
 طَاعَتِكَ، وَاجْعَلْنِي فِي جُنَّةٍ مِنْ شَرَارِ بَرِيئِكَ، رَبِّ إِنْ لَمْ أَكُنْ مِنْ أَهْلِ ذَلِكَ فَانْتَ أَهْلُ  
 الْكَرَمِ وَالْعَفْوِ وَالْمَغْفِرَةِ، وَجُدْ عَلَيَّ بِمَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ لَا بِمَا اسْتَحِقُّهُ، فَقَدْ حَسُنَ ظَنِّي بِكَ، وَتَحَقَّقَ  
 رَجَائِي لَكَ، وَعَلِقْتُ نَفْسِي بِكَرَمِكَ، فَانْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ وَأَكْرَمُ الْكَرَمِينَ، اَللّٰهُمَّ  
 وَاخْصُنِّي مِنْ كَرَمِكَ بِجَزِيلِ قِسْمِكَ، وَأَعُوذُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عُقُوبَتِكَ، وَاغْفِرْ لِي الذَّنْبَ الَّذِي  
 يَحْبِسُ عَلَى الْخَلْقِ، وَيُضَيِّقُ عَلَى الرِّزْقِ، حَتَّى أَقُومَ بِصَالِحِ رِضَاكَ، وَأَنْعَمَ بِجَزِيلِ عَطَانِكَ،  
 وَأَسْعَدَ بِسَابِغِ نِعْمَانِكَ، فَقَدْ لُدْتُ بِحَرَمِكَ، وَتَعَرَّضْتُ لِكَرَمِكَ، وَاسْتَعَدْتُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ  
 عُقُوبَتِكَ، وَبِحِلْمِكَ مِنْ غَضَبِكَ، فَجُدْ بِمَا سَأَلْتُكَ وَأَنْلِ مَا التَّمَسْتُ مِنْكَ، أَسْأَلُكَ بِكَ لَا  
 بِشَيْءٍ هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنْكَ

You may prostrate yourself and repeat the following supplicatory phrase twenty times:

يَا رَبُّ

And then repeat the following phrase seven times: And then repeat the following phrase seven

times:

يَا اللَّهُ

And then repeat the following phrase ten times: And then repeat the following phrase ten times:

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ

لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

You may then invoke Almighty Allah's blessings upon the Holy Prophet and beseech Him to grant your requests.

By Allah I swear, even if you pray for things that are as many as raindrops, Almighty Allah, out of His generosity and favors, will grant them all.

**Eleventh:** Shaykh al-Tusi and Shaykh al-Kaf'ami say: It is suitable to say the following supplicatory prayer at this night:

إِلٰهِ تَعَرَّضَ لَكَ فِي هَذَا اللَّيْلِ الْمُتَعَرِّضُونَ، وَقَصَدَكَ الْقَاصِدُونَ، وَأَمَّلَ فَضْلَكَ  
وَمَعْرُوفَكَ الطَّالِبُونَ، وَلَكَ فِي هَذَا اللَّيْلِ نَفَاتٌ وَجَوَائِزٌ وَعَطَايَا وَمَوَاهِبُ تَمُنُّ بِهَا عَلَى مَنْ  
تَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ، وَتَمْنَعُهَا مَنْ لَمْ تَسْبِقْ لَهُ الْعِنَايَةَ مِنْكَ، وَهِيَ أَنَا ذَا عُبَيْدِكَ الْفَقِيرِ إِلَيْكَ،  
الْمُؤَمِّلُ فَضْلَكَ وَمَعْرُوفَكَ، فَإِنْ كُنْتُ يَا مَوْلَايَ تَفَضَّلْتَ فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ،  
وَعُدْتَ عَلَيْهِ بِعَائِدَةٍ مِنْ عَطْفِكَ، فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ، الْخَيْرِينَ  
الْفَاضِلِينَ، وَجُدْ عَلَى بَطُولِكَ وَمَعْرُوفِكَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ، وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ خَاتَمِ  
النَّبِيِّينَ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ وَسَلَّمْ تَسْلِيمًا، إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ، اَللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَدْعُوكَ كَمَا أَمَرْتَ  
فَاسْتَجِبْ لِي كَمَا وَعَدْتَ إِنَّكَ لَا تُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ

It is worth mentioning that this supplicatory prayer is advisably said immediately after the accomplishment of the Shaf' Prayer at the last hours of night.

**Twelfth:** It is recommended to say the supplicatory prayer narrated by Shaykh al-Tusi and Sayyid Ibn Tawus after each two units of the Night Prayer (Salat al-Layl), the Shaf' Prayer, and the Witr Prayer.

**Thirteenth:** It is recommended to do the prostrations and say the supplicatory prayers that are reported from the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.). One of these is that Shaykh al-Tusi has narrated on the

authority of Hammad ibn 'Isa on the authority of Aban ibn Taghlib on the authority of Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (A.S.) recounted the following:

*It was the fifteenth night of Sha'ban when the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) was with 'A'ishah, his wife. At midnight, the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) left the bed. When 'A'ishah woke up and could not find him, she felt jealous and thought that he had joined one of his other wives. She therefore left her bed and put on her cloak, which was made of neither silk, nor linen, nor cotton; rather, it was made of camel hair. In any event, 'A'ishah searched for the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) in all of the rooms of his other wives but she found him prostrating himself on the ground like a thrown dress. As she approached, she heard him saying:*

سَجَّدَ لَكَ سَوَادِي وَخِيَالِي، وَأَمَّنَ بِكَ فَوَادِي، هَذِهِ يَدَايِ وَمَا جَنَيْتُهُ عَلَى نَفْسِي، يَا عَظِيمُ  
تُرْجَى لِكُلِّ عَظِيمٍ، إِغْفِرْ لِي الْعَظِيمَ فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذَّنْبَ الْعَظِيمَ إِلَّا الرَّبُّ الْعَظِيمُ

The Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) then raised his head and then prostrated himself again, saying:

أَعُوذُ بِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ الَّذِي أَضَاءَتْ لَهُ السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُونَ، وَأُنْكَشَفَتْ لَهُ الظُّلُمَاتُ، وَصَلَحَ  
عَلَيْهِ أَمْرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ، مِنْ فُجَاءَةِ نِقْمَتِكَ، وَمِنْ تَحْوِيلِ عَافِيَتِكَ، وَمِنْ زَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ،  
اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي قَلْبًا تَقِيًّا نَقِيًّا، وَمِنْ الشُّرْكِ بَرِيًّا لَا كَافِرًا وَلَا شَقِيًّا

The Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) then attached his face to the ground and said:

عَقَّرْتُ وَجْهِي فِي التُّرَابِ وَحَقَّقْتُ لِي أَنْ أَسْجُدَ لَكَ

When the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) accomplished these acts of worship and directed towards his bed, 'A'ishah ran before him until she reached the bed before he did. When he heard her speedy breathes, the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) wondered. He then said, "Do you know what this night is? This is the mid-Sha'ban night. At this night, shares of provisions are distributed, lifetimes are decided, and the pilgrims are appointed. Verily, Almighty Allah, at this night, forgives as many of His creatures as the hairs of the horses of Kalb Tribe. Almighty Allah also orders angels to descend to the earth, to Makkah, at this night.

**Fourteenth:** It is recommended to offer the famous Ja'far al- Tayyar's Prayer (Salat Ja'far) as is narrated by Shaykh al-Tusi from Imam al-Rida (a.s.).

**Fifteenth:** It is recommended to offer the prayers that are dedicated to this night. In fact, these prayers are many. One of them is what is reported by Abu-Yahya al-San'ani, as well as other thirty trustworthy reporters, from Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (A.S.) and Imam Ja'far al- Sadiq (A.S.) as follows:

At the mid-Sha'ban night, you may offer a four unit prayer in each unit of which you may recite Surah al-Faatehah once and Surah al- Tawheed one hundred times. After accomplishment, you may say the following supplicatory prayer:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّىْ اِلَيْكَ فَاقِيْرٌ، وَمِنْ عَذَابِكَ خَائِفٌ مُّسْتَجِيْرٌ، اَللّٰهُمَّ لَا تُبَدِّلْ اِسْمِىْ، وَلَا تُغَيِّرْ  
جِسْمِىْ، وَلَا تُجْهِدْ بِلَانِىْ، وَلَا تُشْمِتْ بىْ اَعْدَانِىْ، اَعُوْذُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عِقَابِكَ، وَاَعُوْذُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ  
مِنْ عَذَابِكَ، وَاَعُوْذُ بِرِضَاكَ مِنْ سَخَطِكَ، وَاَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْكَ، جَلَّ ثَنَاؤُكَ، اَنْتَ كَمَا اَثْنَيْتَ  
عَلٰى نَفْسِكَ وَفَوْقَ مَا يَقُوْلُ الْقَانِلُوْنَ

It is worth mentioning that traditions have decided a great reward for one who offers a one hundred unit prayer at this night; in each unit, Surah al-Faatehah is recited once and Surah al-Tawheed ten times.

It has been previously mentioned, within the rites of Rajab, that it is recommended to offer a prayer composing of six units in each of which Surahs al-Faatehah, Yasin, al-Mulk, and al-Tawheed are recited.

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