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HADEETHUL-KISAA The Event Of The Cloak

As narrated in 'Awalim Al 'Oloom by Sheikh Abdulla bin Noor Al-Bahrani with a sahih sanad from Jaber bin Abdulla Al-Ansari

In the name of Allah, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate

Fatimatuz-Zahra, the daughter of the Prophet, peace be on them, is to have thus related (an event):

My father, the Prophet of Allah, came to my house one day and said to me:

" Peace be on you, Fatimah "

I replied: " And upon you be peace "

Then he said: "I feel weakness in my body"

I said: " May Allah protect you from weakness, father "

He said: "Fatimah, please bring the Yemeni cloak and cover me with it"

So, I brought the Yemeni cloak and covered him with it.

Then, I looked at him and saw that his face was shining like a full moon with its glory and splendor

بِسمِ اللهِ الرَحمَنِ الرَحيمِ

عَنْ فاطِمَةَ الزَّهْراءِ عَلَيْهَا اَلسلامُ بِنْتِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أَنَّهَا قَالَتْ:

دَخَلَ عَلَيَّ أَبِي رَسُولُ اللّهِ فِي بَعْضِ الأَيَّامِ فَقالَ:

السَّلامُ عَلَيْكِ يَا فاطِمَةُ

فَقُلْتُ: عَلَيْكَ السَّلامُ

قَالَ: إِنِّي أَجِدُ فِي بَدَنِي ضَعْفًا

فَقُلْتُ لَهُ: أُعِيذُكَ بِاللّهِ يَا أَبَتاهُ مِنَ الضَّعْفِ

فَقالَ: يَا فاطِمَةُ ايتِينِي بِالْكِساءِ الْيَمانِي فَغَطِّينِي بِه

فَأَتَيْتُهُ بِالْكِسِاءِ الْيَمانِي فَغَطَّيْتُهُ بِهِ

وَصرْتُ أَنْظُرُ إِلَيْهِ وَإِذا وَجْهُهُ يَتَلَأَلَأُكَأَنَّهُ الْبَدْرُ فِي لَيْلَةِ تَمامِهِ وَكَمالِهِ After a while, my son Hasan came in

and said: "Peace be on you, mother"

I replied: " And upon you be peace, O light of my eyes, and the delight of my heart"

He then said: " Mother! I smell a fragrance so sweet and so pure as that of my grandfather, the Prophet of Allah"

I replied : " Yes. Your grandfather is lying underneath the cloak "

Hasan went near the cloak and said: "Peace be on you, my grandfather, the Prophet of Allah; May I enter the cloak with you?"

He replied: " And upon you be peace, my son and the master of my fountain (Kauthar), you are given the permission to enter"

So, Hasan entered the cloak with him

After a while, my Husain came in and said: "Peace be on you, mother"

فَمَا كَانَتْ إِلاَّ سَاعَةً وَإِذَا بِوَلَدِيَ الْحَسَنِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلامُ قَدْ أَقْبَلَ

وَقَالَ: السَّلامُ عَلَيْكِ يَا أُمَّاهُ

قُلْتُ: وَعَلَيْكَ السَّلامُ يَا قُرَّةَ عَيْنِي وَثَمَرَةَ فُوَّادِي

فَقَالَ: يَا أُمَّاهُ إِنَّي أَشُمُّ عِنْدَكِ رائِحَةً طَيِّبَةً كَأَنَّها رائِحَةُ جَدِّي رَسُولِ اللهِ

فَقُلْتُ: نَعَمْ إِنَّ جَدَّكَ تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ

فَأَقْبَلَ الْحَسَنُ نَحْوَ الْكِساءِ وَقالَ: السَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا جَدَّاهُ يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ

أَتَأْذَنُ لِي أَنْ أَدْخُلَ مَعَكَ تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ فَقالَ: وَعَلَيْكَ السَّلامُ يَا وَلَدِي وَيَا صاحِبَ حَوْضِي قَدْ أَذِنْتُ لَكَ

فَدَخَلَ مَعَهُ تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ

فَمَا كَانَتْ إِلاَّ سَاعَةً وَإِذَا بِوَلَدِيَ الْحُسَيْنِ قَدْ أَقْبَلَ وَقَالَ: السَّلامُ عَلَيْكِ يَا أُمَّاهُ. I replied: " And upon you be peace, O light of my eyes, and the delight of my heart"

He then said: " Mother! I smell a sweet fragrance like that of my grandfather, the Prophet of Allah"

I replied: "Yes. Your grandfather and your brother are lying underneath the cloak"

Husain stepped towards the cloak

and said: "Peace be on you, my grandfather, the Chosen of Allah; May I enter the cloak with you?"

He replied: " And upon yoube peace, my son and intercessor of my followers, you are given the permission to enter "

So, Husain entered the cloak with them.

After a while, Abul Hasan, Ali bin Abi Talib came in

and said: "Peace be on you, O daughter of the Prophet of Allah"

I replied: " And upon you be peace, O father of Hasan, and the Commander of the faithful"

فَقُلْتُ: وَعَلَيْكَ السَّلامُ يَا وَلَدِي وَيَا قُرَّةَ عَيْنِي وَثَمَرَةَ فُوَّادِي .

فَقَالَ لِي: يَا أُمَّاهُ إِنَّي أَشُمُّ عِنْدَكِ رائِحَةً طَيِّبَةً كَأَنَّها رائِحَةُ جَدِّي رَسُولِ اللّهِ

فَقُلْتُ: نَعَمْ إِنَّ جَدَّكَ وَأَخاكَ تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ.

فَدَنَا الْحُسَيْنُ نَحْوَ الْكِساءِ

وَقالَ: السَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا جَدَّاهُ السَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَنِ اخْتارَهُ اللّهُ أَتَأْذَنُ لِي أَنْ أَكُونَ مَعَكُما تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ

فَقالَ: وَعَلَيْكَ السَّلامُ يَا وَلَدِي وَيَا شَافِعَ أُمَّتِي قَدْ أَذِنْتُ لَكَ.

فَدَخَلَ مَعَهُما تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ

فَأَقْبَلَ عِنْدَ ذلِكَ أَبُو الْحَسَنِ عَلِيٌّ بْنُ أَبِي طالِبٍ

وَقَالَ: السَّلامُ عَلَيْكِ يَا بِنْتَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ .

فَقُلْتُ: وَعَلَيْكَ السَّلامُ يَا أَبَا الْحَسَنِ وَيَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ .

He then said: "Fatimah! I smell a sweet fragrance like that of my brother and my cousin, the Prophet of Allah"

I replied: "Yes. He is underneath the cloak with your two sons"

So, Ali went near the cloak

and said : " Peace be on you, Prophet of Allah; May I enter the cloak with you? "

He replied: " And upon you be peace, my brother, my legatee, my successor, and my standard bearer, you are given the permission to enter "

So, Ali entered the cloak with them.

Then I stepped forward

and said : " Peace be on you, my father, O Prophet of Allah; May I enter the cloak with you? "

He replied: " And upon you be peace, my daughter, O part of my self; you are given the permission to enter "

فَقالَ: يَا فاطِمَةُ إِنِّي أَشُمُّ عِنْدَكِ رائِحَةً طَيِّبَةً كَأَنَّها رائِحَةُ أَخِي وَابْنِ عَمِّي رَسُولِ اللّهِ

فَقُلْتُ: نَعَمْ هَا هُوَ مَعَ وَلَدَيْكَ تَحْتَ الْكساءِ

فَأَقْبَلَ عَلِيٌّ نَحْوَ الْكِساءِ

وَقالَ: السَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللّهِ أَتَأْذَنُ لِي أَنْ أَكُونَ مَعَكُمْ تَحْتَ الْكساءِ

قالَ لَهُ: وَعَلَيْكَ السَّلامُ يَا أُخِي وِيَا وَصِيِّي وَخَلِيفَتِي وَصاحِبَ لِوَائِي

قَدْ أَذَنْتُ لَكَ

فَدَخَلَ عَلِيٌّ تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ

ثُمَّ أَتَيْتُ نَحْوَ الْكِساءِ

وَقُلْتُ: السَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَبَتاهُ يَا رَسُولَ اللّهِ أَتَأْذَنُ لِي أَنْ أَكُونَ مَعَكُمْ

تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ

قالَ: وَعَلَيْكِ السَّلامُ يَا بِنْتِي وَيَا بِضْعَتِي قَدْ أَذِنْتُ لَكِ

So, I entered the cloak with them.

When all of us had gathered together underneath the cloak, my father, the Prophet of Allah, held the two ends of the cloak and raised his right hand towards the heavens and prayed:

"O Allah, these are the people of my Household (Ahlul-Bayt). They are my confidents and my supporters.

Their flesh is my flesh and their blood is my blood.

Whoever hurts them, hurts me too.

Whoever displeases them, displeases me too.

I am at war with those who are at war with them.

I am at peace with those who are at peace with them.

I am the enemy of their enemies

and I am the friend of their friends.

فَدَخَلْتُ تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ

فَلَمَّا اكْتَمَلْنا جَمِيعاً تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ أَخَذَ أَبِي رَسُولُ اللّهِ بِطَرَفَيِ الْكِساءِ وَأَوْمَاً بِيَدِهِ الْيُمْنَى إِلَى السَّماءِ وَقالَ:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هَوُّلاءِ أَهْلُ بَيْتِي وَخاصَّتِي وَحامَّتِي

لَحْمُهُمْ لَحْمِي وَدَمُهُمْ دَمِي

ٍ يُؤْلِمُنِي مَا يُؤْلِمُهُمْ

وَيُحْزِنُنِي مَا يُحْزِنُهُمْ

أَنَا حَرْبٌ لِمَنْ حارَبَهُمْ

وَسِلْمٌ لِمَنْ سالَمَهُمْ

وَعَدُوٌّ لِمَنْ عَاداهُمْ

وَمُحِبُّ لِمَنْ أَحَبَّهُمْ

They are from me and I am from them.

O Allah! Bestow Your Blessings, Benevolence, Forgiveness and Your pleasure upon me and upon them. And remove impurity from them and keep them thoroughly pure "

Then the Lord, Almighty Allah said:

" O My angels! O Residents of My Heavens,

verily, I have not created the erected Sky, the stretched earth, the illuminated moon, the bright sun, the rotating planets, the flowing seas and the sailing ships,

but for the love of these Five lying underneath the cloak "

Gabriel, the trusted angel, asked : " Who are under the cloak?"

The Almighty answered:

" They are the Household of the Prophet and the assets of Prophethood.

They are: Fatimah, her father, her husband and her two sons"

إِنَّهُمْ مِنِّي وَأَنَا مِنْهُمْ

فَاجْعَلْ صَلَواتِكَ وَبَرَكاتِكَ وَرَحْمَتَكَ وَغُفْرانَكَ وَرِضْوانَكَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَيْهِمْ

. وَأَذْهِبْ عَنْهُمُ الرِّجْسَ وَطَهِّرْهُمْ تَطْهِيراً

فَقالَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ:

يًا مَلائِكَتِي وَيَا سُكَّانَ سَمَاواتِي

إِنَّيِ مَا خَلَقْتُ سَمَاءً مَبْنِيَّةً وَلاَ أَرْضاً مَدْحِيَّةً وَلاَ قَمَراً مُنِيراً وَلاَ شَمْساً مُضِيئةً وَلاَ فَلَكاً يَدُورُ وَلاَ بَحْراً يَجْرِي وَلاَ فُلْكاً يَسْرِي

إِلاَّ فِي مَحَبَّةٍ هَوُلاءِ الْخَمْسَةِ الَّذِينَ هُمْ تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ

فَقالَ الأَمِينُ جَبْرائِيلُ: يَارَبِّ وَمَنْ تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ

فَقالَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ:

هُمْ أَهْلُ بَيْتِ النُّبُوَّةِ وَمَعْدِنُ الرِّسالَةِ

هُمْ فاطِمَةُ وَأَبُوها وَبَعْلُها وَبَنُوها .

Gabriel said: "O Lord, May I fly to earth to be the sixth of them?"

Allah replied: "Yes. You are given the permission"

Gabriel, the trusted, landed near them

and said: "Peace be on you, O Prophet of Allah. The All-Highest conveys His peace on you and His greetings

and says: "By My Honor and Glory, O My angels! O Residents of My Heavens, verily, I have not created the erected Sky, the stretched earth, the illuminated moon, the bright sun, the rotating planets, the flowing seas and the sailing ships, but for your sake and love "

and Allah has given me permission to enter the cloak with you. May I join you, O Prophet of Allah?

The Prophet replied: " And peace be on you, O trusted bearer of Allah's Revelations! you are granted the permission"

So, Gabriel entered the cloak with us

and said to my father: Allah sends His Revelations to you;

فَقالَ جَبْرائِيلُ: يَارَبِّ أَتَأْذَنُ لِي أَنْ أَهْبِطَ إِلَى الأَرْضِ لِأَكُونَ مَعَهُمْ سادساً

فَقالَ اللّهُ: نَعَمْ قَدْ أَذَنْتُ لَكَ

فَهَبَطَ الأَمِينُ جَبْرائِيلُ

وَقالَ: السَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللّهِ الْعَلِيُّ الأَعْلَى يُقْرِئُكَ السَّلامَ وَيَحُصُّكَ بِالتَّحِيَّةِ وَالإِكْرامِ

وَيَقُولُ لَكَ : وَعِزَّتِي وَجَلالِي إِنَّي مَا خَلَقْتُ سَماءً مَبْنِيَّةً وَلاَ أَرْضاً مَدْحِيَّةً وَلاَ قَمَراً مُنِيراً وَلاَ شَمْساً مُضِيئةً وَلاَ فَلَكاً يَدُورُ وَلاَ بَحْراً يَجْرِي وَلاَ فُلْكاً يَسْرِي إِلاَّ لِأَجْلِكُمْ وَمَحَبَّتِكُمْ

وَقَدْ أَذِنَ لِي أَنْ أَدْخُلَ مَعَكُمْ فَهَلْ تَأْذَنُ لِي يَا رَسُولَ اللّه

فَقالَ رَسُولُ اللّه: وَعَلَيْكَ السَّلامُ يَا أَمِينَ وَحْيَ اللّهِ إِنَّهُ نَعَمْ قَدْ أَذنْتُ لَكَ

فَدَخَلَ جَبْرائِيلُ مَعَنا تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ

فَقالَ لِأَبِي: إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَوْحَى إِلَيْكُمْ يَقُولُ:

"Verily Allah's desire is to remove blemish from you, O People of Household (Ahlul-Bayt) and purify you with a perfect purification "

Then Ali said to my father: "O Prophet of Allah, tell me what significance has Allah given for getting together underneath this cloak?"

The Prophet replied:

" By Him who rightfully appointed me a Prophet and chose me a Messenger for the salvation of the mankind.

whenever and wherever an assembly of our followers and friends mention this event,

Allah will bestow on them His Blessings and Mercy;

angels will encircle them asking Allah the remission of their sins until the assembly disperses"

So Ali said: "Verily, by the Lord of Kabaa! we and our followers are the successful ones"

Then my father replied:

إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ تَطْهيراً.

فَقالَ عَلِيُّ لِأَبِي: يَا رَسُولَ اللّه أَخْبِرْنِي مَا لِجُلُوسِنا هذَا تَحْتَ الْكِساءِ مِنَ الْفَصْلِ عِنْدَ اللّهِ

فَقالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ :

وَالَّذِي بَعَثَنِي بِالْحَقِّ نَبِيًّا وَاصْطَفانِي بِالرِّسالَةِ نَجِيًّا

مَا ذُكِرَ خَبَرُنا هذَا فِي مَحْفِلٍ مِنْ مَحافِلِ أَهْلِ الأَرْضِ وَفِيهِ جَمْعٌ مِنْ شِيعَتِنا وَمُحِّبِينا

إِلاَّ وَنَزَلَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ الرَّحْمَةُ

وَحَفَّتْ بِهِمُ الْمَلائِكَةُ وَاسْتَغْفَرَتْ لَهُمْ إِلَى أَنْ يَتَفَرَّقُوا .

فَقالَ عَلِيٌّ عَلَيْهِ السَّلامُ: إِذَنْ وَاللَّهِ فُزْنَا وَفازَ شِيعَتُنا وَرَبِّ الْكَعْبَةِ .

فَقالَ أَبِي رَسُولُ اللّهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ:

" By Him who rightfully appointed me a Prophet and chose me a Messenger for the salvation of the mankind,

whenever and wherever an assembly of our followers and friends mentions this event,

there shall remain none grieved but Allah will remove his grief,

there shall remain none distressed but Allah will dispel his distress,

there shall remain none wish-seeker but Allah will grant his wish."

Ali happily said: "Verily, by the Lord of Kabaa! we and our followers are the successful ones and the blessed, in this world and the next"

يَا عَلِيٌّ وَالَّذِي بَعَثَنِي بِالْحَقِّ نَبِيّاً وَاصْطَفَانِي بِالرِّسالَةِ نَجِيّاً

مَا ذُكِرَ خَبَرُنا هذَا فِي مَحْفِلٍ مِنْ مَحَافِلِ أَهْلِ الأَرْضِ وَفِيهِ جَمْعٌ مِنْ شِيعَتِنا وَمُحِبِّينا

وَفِيهِمْ مَهْمُومٌ إِلاَّ وَفَرَّجَ اللَّهُ هَمَّهُ

وَلاَ مَغْمُومٌ إِلاَّ وَكَشَفَ اللَّهُ غَمَّهُ

وَلاَ طالِبُ حاجَةٍ إِلاَّ وَقَضَى اللَّهُ حاجَتَهُ

فَقالَ عَلِيَّ عَلَيْهِ السَّلامُ: إِذًا وَاللّهِ فُزْنا وَسُعِدْنا وَكَذلِكَ شِيعَتُنا فازُوا وَسُعِدُوا فِي الدُّنْيا وَالآخِرَةِ وَرَبِّ الْكَعْبَةِ.

TAQEEBATUS SALAAT Supplications for after Namaaz

Dua After Fajr Prayers

By the Name of Allah

and the blessings of Allah be upon Mohammed and His progeny

"and I entrust my affair to Allah, surely Allah watches over His servants So Allah protected him from the evil (consequences) of what they planned"

Quran 40:44-45

"There is no god save You, glory be to You; I have indeed been a wrong-doer. So We listened to him: and delivered him from distress: and thus do We deliver those who have faith." *Quran 21:87-88*

"Allah is Sufficient for us! Most Excellent is He in Whom we trust! And they returned with Grace and bounty from Allah: no harm ever touched them" *Quran 3:173-174*

That which Allah wills (will come to pass)!

There is no power save in Allah

That which Allah wills (will come to pass) and not that which the people will

That which Allah wills even if the people dislike it

بسنم الله

وَصلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

"وَأُفُوِّضُ أَمْرِي إِلَى اللهِ، إِنَّ اللهَ بَصيرٌ بِالْعِبادِ. فُوَقَاهُ اللهُ سَيِّئاتِ مَا مَكَرُوا"

"لا إله إلا أنْت، سُبْحانْكَ إنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظّالِمينَ. فاستَجَبْنا لَهُ وَنَجَيْنَاهُ مِنَ الْغُمِّ، وَكَذَلِكَ نُنْجِي الْمُؤْمِنِينَ"

"حَسنْبُنَا اللهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكيلُ، فَأَنْقَلَبُوا بِنِعْمَةٍ مِنَ اللهِ وَفَضْلٍ لَمْ يَمْسَسْهُمْ سنُوعٌ"

مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ

لَا حَوْلَ وَلا قُوَّة إلاّ باللهِ

مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَا مَا شَاءَ النَّاسُ

مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ وَإِنْ كَرِهَ النَّاسُ

That which Allah wills even if the people dislike it Suffices the Patron rather than the patronised Suffices the Creator rather than the creatures. Suffices the Giver rather than the given. Suffices Allah the Lord of the worlds Suffices He who is sufficient for me Suffices he who is still sufficient for me Suffices He whom from my inception is still sufficient for me "Allah suffices me, there is no god save Him, On Him is my trust, and He the Lord of the the Great Empyrean."

Quran 9:129

مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ وَإِنْ كَرِهَ النَّاسُ

حَسْبِيَ الرَّبُّ مِنَ الْمَرْبُوبِيْنَ

حَسْبِيَ الْخَالِقُ مِنَ الْمَخْلُوقِينَ

حَسْبِيَ الوَّازِقُ مِنَ الْمَرِزُ وقِينَ

حَسْبِيَ اللهُ رَبِ ً الْعالَمِينَ

حَسْبِيَ مَنْ هُوَ حَسْبِيَ،

حَسْبِيَ مَنْ لَمْ يَزَلْ حَسْبِيَ،

حَسْبِيَ مَنْ كَانَ مُدْ كُنْتُ لَمْ يَزَلْ حَسْبِيَ،

حَسْبِيَ اللهُ لَا إِلَـهَ إِلاّ هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلُتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَطْيِمِ اللهُ لَا إِلَـهَ إِلاّ هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلُتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Dua After Zuhr Prayers

There is no god But Allah, the Great, the Clement:

There is no god but Allah, the Lord of 'Arsh (the throne) of Grace;

and all praise is for Allah, the Lord of the worlds:

O' Allah I beseech You for all that time which is the cause of Your Mercy,

and that which ascertain Your Forgiveness:

and the benefit of every virtue,

and safety from every sin:

O' Allah leave not any sin on me but that You forgive it,

and any affliction but that You remove it

and any illness but that You heal it,

and any defect but that You conceal it,

لا إلهَ إلَّا اللَّهُ العَظِيمُ الحَلِيمُ

لا إله إلا اللَّهُ رَبُّ العَرش الكريم

الحَمْدُ للَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ،

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مُوجِبَاتِ رَحْمَتِكَ

وَعَزَائِمَ مَغْفِرَتِكَ

وَالْغَنِيمَةُ مِنْ كُلِّ بِرِّ

وَالسَلامَة مِنْ كُلِّ إِثْمٍ،

اللَّهُمَّ لاَ تَدَعْ لِي دُنْبَا إلاَّ غَفَرْتَهُ

وَلا هَمَّا إلاَّ فرَّجْتَهُ

وَلا سُقْمًا إلا شَفَيْتَهُ

وَلا عَيْباً إلا سترَّتهُ

and any subsistence but that You increase it,

and any fear but that You protect (me) from it;

and any evil but that You repel it,

an any of my need in which is Your pleasure and which is beneficial for me,

but that You grant it; O' that Most Merciful,

grant me my supplication, O' the Lord of the Worlds.

وَلا رِزْقاً إلا بسطته

وَلا خَوْفًا إلاَّ آمَنْتَهُ

وَلا سُوْءاً إلا صرَفته

وَلاَ حَاجَةً هِيَ لَكَ رِضاً وَلِيَ فِيْهَا صِلاحٌ

إلاَّ قضيئتَهَا يَا أرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

آمِیْنَ یَا رَبَّ العالمین

Dua After Asr Prayers

I ask forgiveness of Allah, (who is) "There is no god save He," everliving, eternal, beneficent, merciful, owner of might and majesty. I beseech Him to accept my repentance, the repentance of a servant-insignificant, submissive, destitute, needy, worried and helpless seeking protection, who, on his own, neither can benefit or harm,

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nor die, nor live, nor come to life again.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَـهَ إِلَّا هُوَ

الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ

الرَّحْمَانُ الرَّحِيمُ

دُو الْجَلَالِ وَالإِكْرامِ

وَأُسْأَلُهُ أَنْ يَثُوبَ عَلَيَّ

تَوْبَة عَبْدٍ دُلِيْلِ

خَاضِع فقيْر

بَائِسِ مِسْكِیْنِ

مُسْتَكِيْنِ مُسْتَجِيْرِ

لَا يَمْلِكُ لِنَفْسِهِ نَفْعاً وَلَا ضَرّاً

وَلَا مَوْتًا وَلَا حَيَاةً وَلَا نُشُوراً

O Allah, I run away (unto you) from an insatiable self, unremorseful heart, useless intelligence, unaccorded prayer, and unfulfilled request. O Allah I beseech You for ease in the wake of distress, joy after sorrow, comfort coming after hardship. O Allah whatever bounties we have, all are from You There is no god save You.

I ask for your forgiveness and I turn repentant unto you.

اللهُمَّ إِنِّيْ أَعُودُ بِكَ مِنْ نَفْسِ لا تَشْبَعُ

وَمِنْ قُلْبٍ لَا يَخْشَعُ

وَمِنْ عِلْمٍ لا يَنْفَعُ

وَ مِنْ صلاةٍ لا تُرْفعُ

وَمِنْ دُعآءٍ لا يُسمّعُ

ٱللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْيُسْرَ بَعْدَ الْعُسْر

وَالْقُرَجَ بَعْدَ الْكَرْبِ

وَالرَّحَاءَ بَعْدَ الشِّدَّةِ

اللَّهُمَّ مَا بِنَا مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ فَمِنْكَ

لًا إِلَهُ إِلاَّ أَنْتَ

أسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَثُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

Dua After Magrib Prayers

Verily Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet.

O you who believe call for (Divine) blessings on him and salute him with all respect

O Allah send blessings on the prophet Muhammad a

and on his progeny and on his children.

O' Allah I beseech You for the causes of Your mercy;

the rights of Your pardon;

salvation from (Hell) Fire

and every calamity;

achievement of the Paradise

and (Your) pleasure in the abode of peace;

and the proximity of Your Prophet Mohammed

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلائِكَتَّهُ لِيُصلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيماً

اَللَّهُمَّ صلِّ عَلى مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ

وَعَلَى ذُرِّيَّتِهِ وَعَلَى أَهْلُ بَيْتِهِ

ٱللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مُوجِبَاتِ رَحْمَتِكَ

وَعَزائِم مَغْفِرَتِكَ

وَالنَّجةُ مِنَ النَّارِ

وَمِنْ كُيِّ بِلِيَّةٍ

وَالْفُورْزَ بِالْجَنَّةِ

وَالَى صُوانِ في دل السَّلام

وَجَوارِ نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ

peace be upon him and his progeny

O' Allah! Whatever bounties we have, all are from You:

there is no deity except You;

I beseech You forgiveness and turn unto You

عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ السَّلامُ

اللَّهُمَّ مَا بِنَا مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ فَمِثْكَ

لًا إِلَّهُ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

أسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

Dua After Isha Prayers

O Allah, I beg to request You that I have no knowledge of the estuaries of my provisions

and I no doubt seek it because of the uncertainties springing in my heart

so I hustle about in the cities in seeking it.

I be therein like a confounded seeker,

not knowing either it is in plains or is it in mountains,

is it on earth or is it in the skies,

is it in the land or is it in the rivers,

yonder anyone or before anyone,

and I do know that You have its knowledge,

its means at Your hands

and You are the one awarding it by Your grace

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّهُ لَيْسَ لِي عِلْمٌ بِمَوْضِعِ رِزْقِي

وَإِنَّمَا أَطْلُبُهُ بِخَطْراتٍ تَخْطُرُ عَلَى قَلْبِي

فَأَجُولُ في طلبهِ الْبُلْدانَ

فأنًا فِيمَا أنا طالِبٌ كَالْحَيْرانِ

لَا أَدْرِي أَفِي سَهْلِ هَوُ أَمْ فِي جَبَلِ

أمْ فِي أرْضِ أمْ فِي سَمَاءٍ

أَمْ فِي بَرِّ أَمْ فِي بَحْرٍ

وَعَلَى يَدَيْ مَنْ وَمِنْ قِبَلِ مَنْ

وَقَدْ عَلِمْتُ أَنَّ عِلْمَهُ عِنْدَكَ

وَأُسْبِابَهُ بِيَدِكَ

وَأَنْتَ الَّذِي تَقْسِمُهُ بِلْطَفِكَ

and executing it by Your favour.

O Allah, send you blessings on Mohammed and his progeny,

and favour me, O Lord, with provision that is magnified,

its seeking is easy

and its attainment is close,

and do not strain me by tapping sources which have no provisions therein for me.

For You are over and above straining me,

and I am beggar of Your favour,

and send you blessings on Mohammed and his progeny,

and ameliorate me by Your favours.

Verily You have abundant favours.

و تُسْبَبُهُ برحمتِك

اللَّهُمَّ قُصلَ على مُحَمَّد وَالِهِ

وَاجْعَلْ يا رَبِّ رِزْقِكَ لِي واسِعاً

وَمَطْلَبَهُ سَهْلاً

وَمَأْخَلُهُ وريباً

وَ لَا تُعَنِّنِي بطلب مَا لَمْ تُقدِّرْ لِي فِيْهِ رِزْقاً

فَإِنَّكَ غَنِيٌّ عَنْ عَدَابِي

وَأَنَا فَقي اللَّى رَحْمَتِكَ

قصل على مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

وَجُدْ عَلَى عَبْدِكَ بِفَضْلِكَ

إِنَّكَ ذُو فضل عظيم

IMPORTANT QURANIC CHAPTERS

The Holy Quran is the word of Allah, as revealed to the Holy Prophet (SAW). It is a book of guidance for mankind which they should preserve, recite, study and act in accordance with. Some of the qualities and virtues of selected surahs are given below, they will indeed help you in your spiritual and academic life.

A selection of chapters from the Holy Quran

Surat Al-Fatiha (The Opening)

Revealed both at Mecca and Medina. This sura contains the essence of the Quran. It is also considered the greatest sura of the quran and is asserted that whoever recites this sura will be rewarded and safeguarded.

Surat Al-Ankabut (The Spider)

Revealed at Mecca. It is said that whoever recites this sura will be rewarded ten times the number of all the believers and unbelievers, and that he will remain satisfied in his life.

Surat Ar-Rum (The Romans)

Revealed at Mecca. It is said that whoever recites this sura will be rewarded more than ten times the number of angels praying on the earth and in the heaven.

Surat Al-Yaasin

Revealed at Mecca. It is recommended that this sura should be recited to seek Allah's blessings and happiness, preferably after the morning prayers. It should be recited in illness and at the death-bed.

Surat Al-Fath (The Victory)

Revealed at Medina. It is recommended for the safeguard of dear ones, wealth and prosperity.

Surat Ad-Dukhaan (The Evident Smoke)

Revealed at Mecca. This sura reminds us of the Day of Judgement. The one who recites it is blessed by Allah in his life in the hereafter.

Surat Ar-Rahmaan (The Beneficent)

Revealed at Mecca. The recitation of this sura is recommended to safeguard oneself against poverty and to increase Allah's blessings. It gives the reader strength and security.

Surat Al Wagiah (The Great Event)

Revealed at Mecca. The recitation of this sura is recommended at night against poverty and to increase security.

Surat Al-Jumu'a (The Congregation)

It is recommended that this sura should be recited for sustenance and prosperity. This sura helps to consolidate ones faith.

Surat Al-Mulk (The Kingdom)

Revealed at Mecca. Recitation of this sura safeguards against all evils in both the worlds. It is effective in giving strength and security. It is recommended that this should be recited after the morning prayers.

Surat Al Muzzammil (The Wrapped One)

Revealed at Mecca. The virtues of this sura are infinite. It is asserted that its recitation safeguards against poverty and calamity. The best time to recite this sura is at bedtime.

Surat Al-Muddathir (The Covered One)

Revealed at Mecca. The recitation of this sura increases one's respect for religion, and one's piety. It is recommended to recite this sura during illness and for the dead.

Surat Ad-Dahr (The Time)

Revealed at Mecca. The recitation of this sura is recommended for the over coming of difficulties and to increase Allah's blessings. The sura should be recited in the morning prayer on Thursdays after Surat Al-Fatiha.

Surat An-Nabah (The Great News)

Revealed at Mecca. It is said that whoever recites this sura will be blessed by pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina, and that Allah would bestow his mercy and blessings upon the reader.

Surat Al-A'laa (The Most High)

Revealed at Mecca. It is said that whoever recites this sura will be blessed by Allah's mercy in both worlds.

Surat al-Fajr (The Daybreak)

Revealed at Mecca. It is said that the recitation of this sura is a safeguard against all misfortunes.

Surat Ash-Shams (The Sun)

Revealed at Mecca. It is recommended to recite this sura to safeguard against all evils to gain Allah's favour.

Surat Al-Layl (The Night)

Revealed at Mecca. It is recommended to recite this sura to gain reward from Him and it brings tranquillity.

Surat Ad-Dhuha (The Brightness)

Revealed at Mecca. It is said that the recitation of this sura is a safeguard against poverty and loneliness and that it brings peace, honour and prosperity.

Surat Al-Inshirah (The Expansion)

Revealed at Mecca. The virtues of this sura are similar to those of Ad-Dhuha, and it is recommended that they be read together.

Surat Al-Qadr (The Grandeur)

Revealed at Mecca. It is recommended for the achievement of ones legitimate desires, and for the security of all travellers, prisoners and property.

Surat Al Zalzala (The Quaking)

Revealed at Mecca. This sura should be read during illness, and it brings prosperity and happiness to the reader.

Surat At-Takathur (Multiplying)

Revealed at Mecca it is said that the recitation of this sura brings about tranquillity and it is effective for gaining knowledge.

Surat Al-Asr (The Age)

Revealed at Mecca. It is said that the recitation of this sura brings piety, honour and respect. The best time for reciting this sura is after the Asr prayers.

Surat Al-Ikhlas (The Unity)

Revealed at Mecca. This sura is considered to be the creed of Islam, and is regarded as equal in virtue to the whole of the Quran. It is said that Allah will certainly forgive all the sins of one who recites it.

DUAS FOR STUDYING

Dua Before Studying

In the name of Allah, most Gracious, most Merciful

Oh Allah, make useful for me what You taught me

and teach me knowledge that will be useful to me.

Oh Allah, I ask You for the understanding of the Prophets

and the memory of the Messengers, and those nearest to You.

Oh Allah, Make my tongue full of Your remembrance

and my heart with consciousness of You.

Oh Allah, you do whatever you wish

and you are my availer and protecter and best of aid.

بِسْمِ اللّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ انْفَعْنِي بِمَا عَلَّمْتَنِي

وَعَلِّمْنِي مَا يَنْفَعْنِي

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكُ فَهْمَ النَّبِيِّيْنَ

وَحِفْظ المُرْسلِينَ المُقرَّبينَ

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ لِسَانِي عَائِمًا بِذِكْرِكَ

وقلبي بخشيتك

إنَّكَ عَلَى مَا تَشْاءُ قديرٌ

وَأَنْتَ حَسنبُنَا اللّهُ وَنِعْمَ الوكِيلُ

Dua After Studying

In the name of Allah, most Gracious, most Merciful

Oh Allah, I entrust You with what I have read and I have studied.

Oh Allah, bring it back to me when I am in need of it.

Oh Allah, you do whatever you wish

and you are my availer and protecter and best of aid.

بِسْمِ اللّهِ الرَّحْمَلِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللّهم إنّي أسْتَوْعِدُكَ مَا قرَأْتُ وَمَا حَفِظْتُ

قُرُدَّهُ عَلَيَّ عِنْدَ حَاجَتِي

إِنَّكَ عَلَى مَا تَشْنَاءُ قَدِيرٌ

وَأَنْتَ حَسْبِيَ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ

Dua Before Starting My Work

In the name of Allah most Gracious most Merciful

O Allah! Take me out of doubt

and favour me with the light of understanding.

O Allah! Open for us the doors of your mercy,

and unfold for us the treasures of your knowledge.

With your mercy, O the most merciful.

O Allah, send your blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad

بِسْمِ اللّهِ ال ّحْملٰ ال ّحِيم

اللهُ أَ خُرِجْنِي مِنْ ظُلْمَاتِ الوَهُم

وَأَكْرِمْنِي بِنُورِ الْقَهْم

اللَّهُمَّ اقْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا أَبُوابَ رَحْمَتِكَ

وَانْشُر عَلَيْنَا خَزَائِنَ عُلُومِكَ

برَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَاحِمِينَ

اللَّهُ مَن عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآل مُحَمَّدٍ

Dua For Increase Of Knowledge and Memory

In the name of Allah most Gracious most Merciful

Glory be to Him who does not treat the citizens of His kingdom unjustly and harshly.

Glory be to Him who does not let the torment and pain come suddenly upon mankind.

Glory be to the Compassionate, the Merciful.

O Allah, fill my heart and mind with true englightenment, discerning intelligence,

quick understanding and knowledge.

Verily, you are able to do all things.

بِسْمِ اللّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

سنبْحَانَ مَنْ لا يَعْتَدِي عَلَى أَهْلِ مَمْلَكَتِهِ

سُبْحَانَ مَنْ لا يَأْخُذُ أَهْلَ الأَرْضِ بِأَلْوَانِ العَدَابِ

سُبْحَانَ الرَّوُوفِ الرَّحِيم

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ لِي فِي قلبي ثُورًا وَبَصرًا

وَهُهُمًا وعِلْمًا

إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَنَيْءٍ قديرٌ

THE EXCELLENCE OF THE EVE OF FRIDAY

The eve of Friday bears excellence over all other nights by its higher status and honour.

It has been reported by Imam Muhammad Baqir (AS) that Allah (SWT) has ordered the angels to call out every eve of Friday from the start to the end of the night, "Is there any believer who wishes to supplicate to me prior to dawn for worldly matters or for the Hereafter so that I may grant his wish? Is there any believer who wishes to seek forgiveness for his sins before dawn so I may forgive them? Is there any believer whose sustenance I have curtailed and he wishes to supplicate to me before dawn to amplify it so that I may do so? Is there a believer who is sick and wishes to supplicate to me before dawn to cure him so that I may grant him good health? Is there a believer in distress or custody who would supplicate to me before dawn so that I should relieve him from distress and free him from custody so that I may grant his supplication? Is there a believer who is oppressed who would supplicate to me before dawn for relief from the oppressor so that I may avenge him and have his rights restored to him?" - Source: Mafatihul Jinan

Imam Ja'far As-Sadiq (AS) has warned against sinning during the eve of Friday as the punishment for sins committed in that night is also increased, just as the rewards are amplified. Whoever abstains from sin during that night, Allah (SWT) forgives him his previous sins and whoever commits sins that night publicly, he will be punished for the sins of his lifetime and the punishment will be enhanced on him" - Source: Mafatihul Jinan

Some Recommended Acts of Worship from Mafatihul Jinan:

- I. Recitation of Sura Yasin
- 2. Recitation of Dua Kumail
- 3. Recitation of Ziyarat Waritha
- 4. Praying for the forgiveness of the dead mu'mineen.

DUA KUMAIL The Supplication of Kumail

Kumayl Ibn Ziyad Nakha'i was a confidant amongst the companions of Amir al Muminin, Imam Ali Ibn Abi Talib (as) and this sublime Du'a was first heard from the beautiful, though anguished, voice of Imam Ali. According to Allama Majlisi (on whom be Allah's Mercy) Kumayl had attended an assembly in the Mosque at Basra which was addressed by Imam Ali in the course of which the night of the 15th of Shaban was mentioned. Imam Ali said-"Whosoever keeps awake in devoutness on this night and recites the Du'a of Prophet Khizr, undoubtedly that person's supplication will be responded to and granted.

When the assembly at the Mosque had dispersed, Kumayl called at the house where Imam Ali was staying, and requested him to acquaint him with Prophet Khizr's "Du'a". Imam Ali asked Kumayl to sit down, record and memorise the "Du'a" which Imam Ali dictated to Kumayl.

Imam Ali then advised Kumayl to recite this "Du'a" on the eve of (i.e. evening preceding) every Friday, or once a month or at least once in every year so that, added Imam Ali, "Allah may protect tou from the evils of the enemies and the plots contrived by impostors. O' Kumayl! In consideration of your companionship and understanding, I grant you this honour of entrusting this "Du'a" to you."

In the name of Allah, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate

O Allah! I beseech You by Your mercy which encompasses all things

And by Your power by which You overcome all things and submit to it all things and humble before it all things

And by Your might by which You have conquered all things

And by Your majesty against which nothing can stand up

And by Your grandeur which prevails upon all things

And by Your authority which is exercised over all things

And by Your own Self, that shall endure after all things are annihilated;

And by Your Names, which have occupied the beings of all things;

And by Your knowledge which pervades all things

And by the light of Your countenance which illuminates everything

O You who are the light! O You who are the most holy!

يسم اللهِ الرَحمَن الرَحيم

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِرَحمَتِكَ الَّتِي وَسِعَتْ كُلَّ شَيءٍ

وَبِقُوَّتِكَ الَّتِي قَهَرِتَ بِها كُلَّ شيءٍ وخَضَعَ لَها كُلُّ شيءٍ وَذَّلَّ لَها كُلُّ شيءٍ

وَبِجَبَروتِكَ الَّتِي غَلَبْتَ بِهِا كُلَّ شيءٍ

وَبِعزَّتِكَ الَّتِي لا يَقُومُ لَها شيءٌ

وَبِعَظَمَتِكَ الَّتِي مَلاَّتْ كُلَّ شيءٍ

وَبِسُلطانِكَ الّذي عَلاكُلَّ شيءٍ

وَبِوَجهِكَ الباقي بَعدَ فَناءِكُلِّ شيءٍ

وَبِأسمائِكَ الَّتِي مَلأَتْ أَركانَ كُلِّ شيءٍ

وَبِعِلمِكَ الَّذي أحاطَ بِكُلِّ شيءٍ

وَبِنُورٍ وَجهِكَ الَّذي أَضَاءَ لَهُ كُلُّ شَيءٍ

يا نُورُ يا قُدُّوس

O You who existed before the foremost! O You who shall exist after the last!

O Allah! Forgive me my such sins as would affront my continency

O Allah! Forgive me my such sins as would bring down calamity

O Allah! Forgive me my such sins as would change divine favours (into disfavours)

O Allah! Forgive me my such sins as would hinder my supplication

O Allah! Forgive me such sins as bring down misfortunes (or afflictions)

O Allah! Forgive my such sins as would suppress hope

O Allah! Forgive every sin that I have committed and every error that I have erred

O Allah! I endeavour to draw myself nigh to You through Your invocation

And I pray to You to intercede on my behalf

And I entreat You by Your benevolence to draw me nearer to You

And grant me that I should be grateful to You

يا أوَّلَ الأوَّلينَ ويا آخِرَ الآخِرِينَ

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِر لِيَ الذُّنُوبَ الَّتِي تَهْتِكُ العِصَمَ

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِر لِيَ الذُّنوبَ الَّتِي تُنزِلُ النِّقَمَ

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِر لِيَ الذُّنوبَ الَّتِي تُغَيِّرُ النِّعَمَ

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِر لِيَ الذُّنوبَ الَّتِي تَحبِسُ الدُّعاءَ

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِر لِيَ الذُّنوبَ الَّتِي تُنزِلُ البَلاءَ

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِر لِيَ الذُّنوبَ الَّتِي تَقطَعُ الرَّجاءَ

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِر لِيَ كُلَّ ذَنْبٍ أَذْنَبتُهُ وَكُلَّ خَطيئَةٍ أَخْطَأَتُها

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّي أَتَقَرَّبُ إِلَيْكَ بِذِكْرِكَ

وَأَسْتَشْفِعُ بِكَ إلى نَفْسِكَ

وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِجُودِكَ أَنْ تُدْنِيَنِي مِنْ قُربِكَ

وَأَنْ تُوزِعَنِي شُكْرَكَ

And inspire me to remember and to invoke You

O Allah! I entreat You begging You submissively, humbly and awestrickenly

To treat me with clemency and mercy,

And to make me pleased and contented with what You have allotted to me

And cause me to be modest and unassuming in all circumstances

O Allah! I beg You with the pleading of one whose pauperism is aggravated;

And who has stated at You, in difficulties, his need;

and his hope has been greatly raised by that which is with You

O Allah! Great is Your kingdom and exalted is Your greatness;

and Your plan is secret, Your authority is manifest

Your might is victorious and subduing and Your power is prevalent throughout

وَأَنْ تُلْهِمَنِي ذِكْرَكَ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ سُؤالَ خاضِعٍ مُتَذَلِلٍ خاشِعٍ

أن تُسامِحَني وَتَرحَمَني

وَتَجْعَلَني بِقِسْمِكَ راضِياً قانِعاً

وفي جَميعِ الأحْوالِ مُتَواضِعاً

اللَّهُمَّ وَأَسَأَلُكَ سُؤالَ مَنْ اشْتَدَّتْ فَاقَتُهُ

وَأَنْزَلَ بِكَ عِنْدَ الشَّدائِدِ حاجَتَهُ

وَعَظُمَ في ما عِنْدَكَ رَغْبَتُهُ

اللَّهُمَّ عَظُمَ سُلطانُكَ وَعَلا مَكانُكَ

وَخَفِيَ مَكْرُكَ وَظَهَرَ أَمرُكَ

وَغَلَبَ قَهْرُكَ وَجَرَتْ قُدْرَتُكَ

And it is not possible to escape from Your dominion (authority)

O Allah! I do not find any one able to pardon my sins

nor to conceal my loathsome acts

Nor have I any one to change my evil deeds into virtues, except for You

There is no god but You, glory and praise be to You

I have made my own soul to suffer

and I had the audacity (to sin) by my ignorance

Relying upon Your constant remembrance of me and Your grace towards me.

O Allah! My Lord! How many of my loathsome acts have You screened (from public gaze)

How many of my grievous afflictions (distresses) have You reduced in severity

And how many of my stumblings have You protected,

how many of my detestable acts has You averted

وَلا يُمْكِنُ الفِرارُ مِنْ حُكُومَتِكَ

اللَّهُمَّ لا أجِدُ لِذُنُوبِي غافِراً

ولا لِقَبائِحي ساتِراً

ولا لِشيءٍ مِنْ عَمَلِيَ القَبيحِ بالحَسَنِ مُبَدِّلاً غَيْرُكَ

لا إلهَ إلاّ أنْتَ سُبْحانَكَ وَبِحَمدِكَ

ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسي

وَتَجَرَّأتُ بِجَهْلي

وَسَكَنْتُ إلى قَدِيمِ ذِكْرِكَ لِي وَمَنَّكَ عَلَيَّ

اللَّهُمَّ مَوْلايَ كَمْ مِن قَبيحٍ سَتَرتَهُ

وَكَمْ مِنْ فادِحٍ مِنَ البَلاءِ أَقَلْتَهُ

وَكَمْ مِنْ عِثارٍ وَقَيْتَهُ

وَكَم مِنْ مَكْروهٍ دَفَعْتَهُ

And how many beautiful commendation (praise) for which I was unworthy, have You have spread abroad!

O Allah! My trials and sufferings are tremendous; and my evilness is excessive;

and my good deeds are inadequate; my impediments have tied me down;

and remote hopes restrain me to profit (by good deeds)

And the world has deceived me with its delusions; and my own self has been affected by treachery and procrastination

Therefore, my Lord! I implore You by Your greatness not to let my sins and my misdeeds shut out access to my prayers from reaching Your realm

And not to disgrace me by exposing those (hidden ones) of which You have knowledge

Nor to hasten my retribution for those vices and misdeeds committed by me in secret

which were due to evilmindedness, ignorance,

excessive lustfulness and my negligence

وَكَم مِن ثَناءٍ جَميلٍ لَسْتُ أَهْلاً لَهُ نَشَرتَهُ

اللَّهُمَّ عَظُمَ بَلائي وَأَفْرَطَ بِي سُوءُ حَالِي

وَقَصُرَتْ بِي أَعْمالِي وَقَعَدَتْ بِي أَغْلالِي

وَحَبَسني عَن نَفْعي بُعْدُ آمالِي

وَخَدَعَتْني الدُّنْيَا بِغُرورِها وِنَفْسي بِخِيانَتِها وَمِطَالِي

يا سيِّدي فَأَسألُكَ بِعِزَّتِكَ أَن لا يَحْجُبَ عَنْكَ دُعائِي سُوءُ عَمَلي وَفِعالِي

وَلا تَفْضَحْني بَحَفِيِّ ما اطَّلَعْتَ عَلَيهِ مِنْ سِرِّي

ولا تُعاجِلْني بالعُقُوبَةِ على ما عَمِلتُهُ في خَلَواتِي مِنْ سُوءِ فِعْلِي وإسَاءَتِي ودَوَامِ تَفْرِيطِي وَجَهالَتِي

وَكَثْرَةِ شَهَواتي وَغَفْلَتي

O Allah! I beg You by Your greatness to be compassionate to me in all circumstances

and well disposed towards me in all matters

My God! My Nourisher! Have I anyone except You from whom I can seek the dislodging of my evils and understanding of my problems?

My God! My Master! You decreed a law for me but instead I obeyed my own low desires

And I did not guard myself against the allurements of my enemy

He deceived me with vain hopes whereby I was led astray and fate helped him in that respect

Thus I transgressed some of its limits set for me by You and I disobeyed some of Your commandments

You have therefore a (just) cause against me in all those matters

and I have no plea against Your judgement passed against me.

I have therefore become (justifiably) liable to Your judgement and afflictions

وَكُنِ اللَّهُمَّ بِعِزَّتِكَ لِي في الأحْوالِ كُلِّها رَؤوفاً

وَعَلَيَّ في جَميعِ الأَمُورِ عَطُوفاً

إلهي وَرَبِّي مَنْ لِي غَيْرُكَ أَسْأَلُهُ كَشْفَ ضُرِّي وَالنَّظَرَ في أَمْرِي

إلهي وَمَولايَ أَجْرَيتَ عَلَيَّ حُكْماً اتَّبَعْتُ فِيهِ هَوى نَفْسي

وَلَمْ أَحْتَرِس فِيهِ مِنْ تَزيِينِ عَدُوِّي

فَغَرَّني بِما أَهْوَى وَأَسْعَدَهُ عَلَى ذَلِكَ القَضاءُ

فَتَجاوَزْتُ بِما جَرَى عَلَيَّ مِنْ ذَلِكَ بَعْضَ حُدودِكَ وَخالَفْتُ بَعْضَ أوامِرِكَ

فَلَكَ الحَمْدُ عَلَيَّ في جَميعِ ذلِكَ

وَلا حُجَّةَ لِي فِي مَا جَرَى عَلَيَّ فِيهِ قَضَاؤُكَ

وَٱلْزَمَنِي حُكْمُكَ وَبَلاؤُكَ

But now I have turned You, my Lord, after being guilty of omissions and transgressions against my soul,

apologetically, repentantly, broken heartedly, entreating earnestly for forgiveness, yieldingly confessing (to my guilt)

I can find no escape from that which was done by me

and having no refuge to which I could turn

except seeking Your acceptance of my excuse

and admitting me into the realm of Your capacious mercy

O Allah! Accept my apology and have pity on my intense sufferings and set me free from my heavy fetters (of evil deeds)

My Nourisher! Have mercy on the infirmity of my body,

the delicacy of my skin and the brittleness of my bones

O' You! Who originated my creation and (accorded me) my individuality, and (ensured) my upbringing and welfare (and provided) my sustenance وَقَدْ أَتَيْتُكَ يا إلهي بَعْدَ تَقْصيري وَإسْرافِي عَلَى نَفْسِي

مُعْتَذِراً نادِماً مُنْكَسِراً مُسْتَقيلاً مُسْتَغْفِراً مُنيباً مُقِرَّاً مُذْعِناً مُعتَرِفاً

لا أُجِدُ مَفَرًّا مِمّاكانَ مِنَّي

ولا مَفْزَعاً أتَوَجَّهُ إلَيهِ في أَمْري

غَيْرَ قُبُولِكَ عُذْري

وَإِدْخَالِكَ إِيَّايَ في سَعَةٍ مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ

اللَّهُمَّ فَاقْبَلْ عُذْرِي وَارْحَمْ شِدَّةَ ضُرَّي وَفُكَّني مِنْ شَدَّ وَثاقِي

يا رَبِّ ارْحَمْ ضَعْفَ بَدَنِي

وَرِقَّةَ جِلْدِي وَدِقَّةَ عَظْمِي

يا مَنْ بَدَأَ خَلْقِي وَذِكْرِي وَتَرْبِيَتِي وَبِرِّي وَتَغْذِيَتِي (I beg You) to restore Your favours and blessings upon me as You didst in the beginning of my life

O' my God! My master! My Lord! And my Nourisher!

What! Will You see me punished with the fire kindled by You despite my belief in Your unity?

And despite the fact that my heart has been filled with (pure) knowledge of You and when my tongue has repeatedly praised You

and my conscience has acknowledged Your love and despite my sincere confessions (of my sins) and my humble entreaties submissively made to Your divinity?

Nay, You are far too kind and generous to destroy one whom Yourself nourished and supported, or to drive away from Yourself one whom You has kept under Your protection

or to scare away one whom Your self have given shelter, or to abandon in affliction one You have maintained and to whom You have been merciful

I wish I had known o' my Master, my God and my Lord!

هَبْني لإِبْتِداءِ كَرَمِكَ وَسالِفٍ بِرِّكَ بِي

يا إِلَهِي وَسَيِّدِي وَرَبِّي

أتُراكَ مَعَذِّبِي بِنَارِكَ بَعْدَ تَوْحِيدِكَ

وَبَعدَ ما انْطَوى عَلَيهِ قَلْبِي مِنْ مَعْرِفَتِكَ وَلَهِجَ بِهِ لِسانِي مِنْ ذِكْرِكَ

وَاعْتَقَدَهُ ضَميرِي مِنْ حُبِّكَ وَبَعدَ صِدْقِ اعْتِرافِي وَدُعائِي خاضِعاً لِرُبُوبِيَّتِكَ

هَيْهاتَ أَنْتَ أَكْرَمُ مِنْ أَنْ تُضَيِّعَ مَنْ رَبَّيْتَهُ أَو تُبَعِّدَ مَنْ أَدْنَيْتَهُ

أو تُشَرِّدَ مَنْ آوَيْتَهُ أو تُسَلِّمَ إلى البَلاءِ مَنْ كَفَيْتَهُ وَرَحِمْتَهُ

وَلَيْتَ شِعْرِي يَا سَيِّدي وإِلَهي ومَوْلايَ

Will You inflict fire upon faces which have submissively bowed in prostration to Your greatness

or upon the tongues which have sincerely confirmed Your unity and have always expressed gratitude to You

or upon hearts which have acknowledged Your divinity with conviction

or upon the minds which accumulated so much knowledge of You until they became submissive to You

or upon the limbs which strove, at the places appointed for Your worship, to adore You willingly and seek Your forgiveness submissively?

Such sort (of harshness) is not expected from You as it is remote from Your grace, o' generous one!

O' Lord! You are aware of my weakness to bear even a minor affliction of this world and its consequence and adversity affecting the denizen of this earth

although such afflictions are momentary, short-lived and transient

أتُسَلِّطُ النَّارَ على وُجُوهٍ خَرَّتْ لِعَظَمَتِكَ ساجِدةً

وعلى أَلْسُنٍ نَطَقَتْ بِتَوحِيدِكَ صادِقَةً وبِشُكْرِكَ مادِحَةً

وعلى قُلُوبٍ اعْتَرَفَتْ بإلهِيَّتِكَ مُحَقِّقَةً

وعلى ضَمَائِرَ حَوَتْ مِنَ العِلْمِ بكَ حَتَّى صارَتْ خاشِعَةً

وعلى جَوارِحَ سَعَتْ إلى أوطَانِ تَعَبُّدِكَ طائِعَةً وَأَشَارَت بِاسْتِغْفارِكَ مُذْعِنَةً

ما هَكَذا الظَنُّ بِكَ وَلا أُحْبِرْنا بِفَصْلِكَ عَنْكَ يا كَرِيمُ

يا رَبِّ وأنْتَ تَعْلَمُ ضَعْفي عَن قَليلٍ مِن بَلاءِ الدُّنْيا وَعُقُوباتِها وما يَجْرِي فِيهَا مِنَ المَكارِهِ عَلَى أَهْلِها

على أنَّ ذلِكَ بَلاءٌ وَمَكرُوهٌ قَليلٌ مَكْثُهُ يَسيرٌ بَقاؤُهُ قَصيرٌ مُدَّتُهُ How then can I bear the retributions and the punishments of the hereafter

which are enormous and of intensive sufferings of prolonged period and perpetual duration, and which shall never be alleviated

for those who deserve the same as those retributions will be the result of Your wrath; and Your punishment

which neither the heavens nor the earth can withstand and bear!

My Lord! How can I, a weak, insignificant, humble, poor and destitute creature of Your's be able to bear them?

O' my God! My Lord! My King! And Master!

Which of the matters shall I complain to You and for which of them shall I bewail and weep?

Shall I bewail for the pains and pangs of the punishment and their intensity or for the length of sufferings and their duration?

Therefore (my Lord!) If You will subject me to the penalties (of hell) in company of Your enemies and cast me with those who merited Your punishments فَكَيفَ احْتِمالِي لِبَلاءِ الآخِرَةِ وَجَليلِ وُقُوعِ المَكَارِهِ فِيهَا وَهُوَ بَلاءٌ تَطُولُ مُدَّتُهُ وَيَدومُ مَقامُهُ وَلا يُخَفَّفُ عَن أهلِهِ

لأَنَّهُ لا يَكُونُ إلاَّ عَنْ غَضَبِكَ وَانْتِقامِكَ وَسَخَطِكَ

وهذا ما لا تَقُومُ لَهُ السّمواتُ والأرضُ

يا سَيِّدِي فَكَيفَ بِي وأنا عَبْدُكَ الضَّعيفُ الذَّليلُ الحَقيرُ المِسكِينُ المُستَكينُ

يا إلهي وَرَبِّي وسَيِّدي وَمَولايَ

لأيِّ الأمُورِ إِلَيْكَ أَشْكُو ولِما مِنْها أَضِجُّ وَأَبْكي

لألِيمِ العَذابِ وشِدَّتِهِ أَمْ لِطُولِ البَلاءِ ومُدَّتِهِ

فَلَئِنْ صَيَّرتَني لِلْعُقوباتِ مَعَ أَعْدائِكِ وَجَمَعْتَ بَينِي وَبَينَ أَهْلِ بَلائِكِ punishments and tear me apart from Your friends and those who will be near to You

then my God, my Lord and my Master, though I may patiently bear Your punishments, how can I calmly accept being kept away from You?

I reckon that though I may patiently endure the scorching fire of Your hell, yet how can I resign myself to the denial of Your pity and clemency?

How can I remain in the fire while I have hopes of Your forgiveness?

O' my Lord! By Your honour truly do I swear that, if You will allow my power of speech to be retained by me in the hell, I shall amongst its inmates cry out bewailingly unto You like the cry of those who have faith in Your kindness and compassion

I will cry to You with the callers crying for help, And I shall bemoan for You (for being deprived of nearness to You) the lamentation of those who are bereaved

And I shall keep on calling unto You: "Where are You o' Friend of the believers

O' (You who are) the last hope and resort of those who acknowledge You and have faith in Your clemency and kindness;

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وَفَرَّقْتَ بَيْنِي وَبَينَ أُحِبَّائِكَ وأُوْلِيائِكِ

فَهَبْني يا إِلَهِي وسَيِّدي وَمَولاي وَرَبِّي صَبَرتُ علي عَذابِكَ فَكَيفَ أَصْبِرُ علي فِراقِكَ

وَهَبْني صَبَرْتُ علي حَرِّ نارِكَ فَكَيفَ أَصْبِرُ عَنِ النَّظَرِ إلى كَرامَتِكَ

أَمْ كَيِفَ أَسْكُنُ في النَّارِ وَرَجائِي عَفْوُكَ

فَبِعزَّتِكَ يا سَيَّدي وَمَولاي أَقْسِمُ صادقاً لَئِنْ تَرَكْتَني ناطِقاً لأضِجَّنَ إلَيكَ بَينَ أَهْلِها ضَجيجَ الآمِلِينَ

ولأَصْرُخَنَّ إِلَيكَ صُراخَ المُسْتَصْرِخينَ ولأَبْكِيَنَّ عَلَيْكَ بُكاءَ الفاقِدِينَ

ولأنادِيَنَّكَ أَيْنَ كُنْتَ يا وَلِيَّ المُؤْمِنِينَ

يا غَايَةً آمالِ العارِفِينَ

O' You who are the helper of those seeking help!

O' You who are dear to the hearts of those who truly believe in You! And O' You who are the Lord of the universe."

My Lord! Glory and praise be to You, wouldst You (wish) to be seen (disregarding) the voice of a muslim bondman, incarcerated therein (the hell) for his disobedience

tasting its torment because of his subordination and imprisoned within its pits for his evildoings and misdeeds

crying out to You the utterance of one who has faith in Your mercy

and calling out to You in the language of those who believe in Your unity and seeking to approach You by means of Your epithet "the Creator, the Nourisher, the Accomplisher and the Protector of the entire existence"?

My Lord! Then how could he remain in torments when he hopefully relies upon Your past forbearance, compassion and mercy?

يا غِياثَ المُسْتَغيثينَ

يا حَبيبَ قُلُوبَ الصَّادِقِينَ ويا إلهَ العالَمينَ

أَفَتُرَاكَ سُبْحانَكَ يا إِلَهي وَبِحَمدكَ تَسْمَعُ فِيهَا صَوْتَ عَبْدٍ مُسْلِمٍ سُجِنَ فيها بِمُخاَلَفَتِهِ

وذَاقَ طَعْمَ عَذابِها بِمَعْصِيَتِهِ وَحُبِسَ بَينَ أَطْباقِها بِجُرمِهِ وجَريرَتِهِ

وَهُوَ يَضِجُّ إِلَيكَ ضَجيجَ مُؤمِّلٍ لِرَحْمَتِكَ

ويُناديكَ بِلِسانِ أَهْلِ تَوحِيدِكَ وَيَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِرُبُوبِيَّتكَ

يا مَولايَ فَكَيفَ يَبْقَى في العَذابِ وَهُوَ يَرْجُو ما سَلَفَ مِنْ حِلْمِكَ (ورَأْفَتِكَ وَرَحْمَتِكَ) And how can the fire cause him suffering when he hopes for Your grace and mercy

and how can its roaring flames char him when You hearest his voice and sees his plight?

And how can he withstand its roaring flames when You knowest his frailness?

And how can he be tossed about between its layers when You knowest his sincerity

And how can the guards of hell threaten him when he calls out to You?

"My Lord", and how would You abandon him therein (the hell) when he has faith in Your grace to set him free?

Alas! That is not the concept (held by us) of You nor has Your grace such a reputation

Nor does it resemble that which You have awarded by Your kindness and generosity to those who believe in Your unity

I definitely conclude that hadst You not ordained punishment for those who disbelieved in You, أَمْ كَيِفَ تُؤْلِمُهُ النَّارُ وَهُوَ يَأْمَلُ فَضْلَكَ وَرَحْمَتَكَ

أَمْ كَيِفَ يُحْرِقُهُ لَهِيبُها وأنْتَ تَسْمَعُ صَوْتَهُ وتَرى مَكانَهُ

أَمْ كَيِفَ يَشْتَمِلُ عَلِيهِ زَفيرُها وأَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ ضَعْفَهُ

أَمْ كَيِفَ يَتَقَلْقَلُ بَيِنَ أَطْباقِها وأَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ صِدْقَهُ

أَمْ كَيفَ تَزْجُرُهُ زَبانِيَتُها وهُوَ يُنادِيكَ يا رَبَّه

أَمْ كَيِفَ يَرْجُو فَصْلَكَ في عِتْقِهِ مِنْها فَتَتْرُكَهُ فِيهَا

هَيْهاتَ ما ذلِكَ الظُّنُ بِكَ ولا المَعْروفُ مِنْ فَصْلِكَ

ولا مَشْبِهُ لِما عامَلْتَ بِهِ المُوَحِّدينَ مِنْ بِرِّكَ وإحْسانِكَ

فبِاليَقينِ أَقْطَعُ لَوْلا ما حَكَمْتَ بِهِ مِن تَعْذيبِ جاحِديكَ and hadst You not decreed Your enemies to remain in hell,

You wouldst have made the hell cold and peaceful and there would never have been an abode or place for any one in it;

but sanctified be Your Names, You have sworn to fill the hell with the disbelievers

from amongst the jinns and mankind together and to place forever Your enemies therein

And You, exalted be Your praises, hadst made manifest, out of Your generosity and kindness

"What? Is one who has been a believer like one who has been ungodly? They are not alike."

My Lord! My Master! I, therefore implore You by that power which You determined

and by the decree which You have finalised and ordained whereby You have prevailed upon whom You have imposed it

to bestow upon me this night and this very hour the forgiveness for all the transgressions that I have been guilty of

وَقَضَيْتَ بِهِ مِنْ إِخْلادِ مُعانِديكَ

لَجَعَلْتَ النَّارَ كُلَّها بَرْداً وَسَلاماً وَما كَانَ لأَحَدٍ فِيها مَقَرًّا وَلا مُقاماً

لكِنَّكَ تَقَدَّسَتْ أَسْماؤُكَ أَقْسَمْتَ أَنْ تَمْلَأَهَا مِنَ الكافِرينَ

مِنَ الجِنَّةِ والنَّاسِ أَجْمَعينَ وأَنْ تُخَلِّدَ فيها المُعانِدِينَ

وأنْتَ جَلَّ ثَناؤُكَ قُلْتَ مَبْتَدِئًا وِتَطَوَّلْتَ بِالإِنْعَامِ مُتَكَرِّماً

أَفَمَنْ كَانَ مُؤْمِناً كَمَنْ كَانَ فاسِقاً لا يَسْتَوونَ

إِلَهِي وَسَيِّدِي فَأَسْأَلُكَ بِالقُدْرَةِ الَّتِي قَدَّرْتَها

وبالقَضِيَّةِ الَّتِي حَتَمْتَها وَحَكَمْتَها وَغَلَبْتَ مَنْ عَلَيهِ أَجْرَيْتَهَا

أَنْ تَهَبَ لِي في هَذِهِ الليلةِ وفِي هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ كُلَّ جُرْمٍ أَجْرَمْتُهُ for all the sins that I have committed, for all the loathsome acts that I have kept secret and for all the evils done by me, secretly or openly, in concealment or outwardly

and for every evil action that You have ordered the two noble scribes to confirm whom You have appointed to record all my actions

actions and to be witnesses over me along with the limbs of my body,

whilst You observeth over me besides them and wast witness to those acts concealed from them? Which You in Your mercy have kept secret and through Your kindness unexposed

And I pray to You to make my share plentiful in all the good that You dost bestow; in all the favours that You dost grant;

and in all the virtues that You dost allow to be known everywhere; and in all the sustenance and livelihood that You dost expand and in respect of all the sins that You dost forgive and the wrongs that You dost cover up

O' my Lord! O' Lord, O' Lord!

وكُلَّ ذَنْبِ أَذْنَبْتُهُ وَكُلَّ قَبِيحٍ أَسْرَرتُهُ وَكُلَّ جَهْلٍ عَمِلْتُهُ كَتَمْتُهُ أُو أَظْهَرتُهُ عَمِلْتُهُ أُو أَظْهَرتُهُ

وَكُلَّ سَيِّئَةٍ أَمَرتَ بإثْباتِهَا الكِرامَ الكاتِينَ الّذينَ وَكَّلْتَهُمْ بِحِفْظِ ما يَكُونُ مِنِّي

وَجَعَلْتَهُمْ شُهُوداً عَلَيَّ مَعَ جَوارِحِي

وَكُنْتَ أَنْتَ الرَّقيبَ عَلَيَّ مِنْ وَرائِهِمْ والشَّاهِدَ لِما خَفِيَ عَنْهُمْ وَبِرَحْمَتِكَ أَحْفَيتَهُ وبِفَضْلِكَ سَتَرتَهُ

وأَنْ تُوَفِّرَ حَظِّي مِنْ كُلِّ خَيرٍ تُنْزِلُهُ أَو إِحْسانٍ تُفَضِّلُهُ

أو بِرٍ تَنْشُرُهُ أو رِزْقٍ تَبْسُطُهُ أو ذَنْبٍ تَغْفِرُهُ أو خَطإً تَسْتُرُهُ

یا رب یا رب یا رب

O' my God! My Lord! My King!

O' Master of my freedom! O' You who holdeth my destiny

and who are aware of my suffering and poverty, O' You who knoweth my destitution and starvation

O' my Lord! O' Lord, O' Lord!

I beseech You by Your glory and Your honour, by Your supremely high attributes and by Your names

to cause me to utilise my time, day and night, in Your remembrance, by engaging myself in serving You (Your cause)

and to let my deeds be such as to be acceptable to You, so much so that all my actions and offerings (prayers) may be transformed into one continuous and sustained effort

and my life may take the form of constant and perpetual service to You

O' my Master! O' You upon Whom I rely! O' You unto Whom I express my distress!

O' my Lord! O' Lord, O' Lord!

يا إلهي وسَيِّدِي ومَوْلايَ

ومَالِكَ رِقِّي يا مَنْ بِيَدِهِ ناصِيَتي

يا عَليماً بِضُرِّي ومَسْكَنَتي يا خَبيراً بِفَقْري وَفاقَتي

یا رب یا رب یا رب

أسألُكَ بِحَقِّكَ وقُدْسِكَ وأعْظَمِ صِفاتِكَ وأسْمائِكَ

أَنْ تَجْعَلَ أُوْقاتِي في اللَّيلِ والنَّهارِ بِذِكْرِكَ مَعْمُورَةً وبِخِدْمَتِكَ مَوصُولَةً

وأعْمالِي عِنْدَكَ مَقْبُولَةً حَتّى تَكُونَ أَعْمالِي وَأُوْرادِي كُلُّها وِرْداً واحِداً

وَحالِي في خِدْمَتِكَ سَرْمَدًا

يا سَيِّدي يا مَنْ عَلَيهِ مُعَوَّلِي يا مَنْ إِلَيْهِ شَكَوْتُ أَحْوالي

یا رب یا رب یا رب

Strengthen my limbs for Your service

service and sustain the strength of my hands to persevere in Your service

and bestow upon me the eagerness to fear You and constantly to serve You

So that I may lead myself towards You in the field with the vanguards who are in the fore rank

and be swift towards You among those who hasten towards You and urge eagerly to be near You

and draw myself towards You like them who sincerely draw themselves towards You and to fear You like the fear of those who believe firmly in You and thus I may join the congregation of the faithful congregated near You (for protection)

O' Allah! Whosoever intendeth evil against me, let ill befall on him and frustrate him who plots against me

and assign for me a place in Your presence with the best of Your bondsmen and nearer abode to You,

for verily that position cannot be attained except through Your grace

قَوِّ على خِدْمَتِكَ جَوارِحي

واشْدُدْ عَلَى العَزيمَةِ جَوانِحِي

وَهَبْ لِيَ الجِدَّ في خَشْيَتِكَ وَالدَّوامَ في الإِتِّصالِ بِخِدْمَتِكَ

حَتَّى أَسْرَحَ إِلَيْكَ في مَيادِينِ السَّابِقينَ

وَأُسْرِعَ إِلَيْكَ فِي المُبادِرِينَ وأَشْتاقَ إلى قُرْبِكَ في المُشْتاقِينَ

وأَدْنُوَ مِنْكَ دُنُوَّ المُحْلِصِينَ وَأَخَافَكَ مَخَافَةَ المُوقِنِينَ وأَجْتَمِعَ في جِوارِكَ مَعَ المُؤْمِنِينَ

اللَّهُمَّ وَمَنْ أرادَني بِسُوءٍ فأرِدْهُ وَمَنْ كادَنِي فَكدْهُ

واجْعَلْنِي مِنْ أَحْسَنِ عَبِيدِكَ نَصِيباً عِنْدَكَ وأَقْرَبِهِمْ مَنْزِلَةً مِنكَ وأَخَصِّهِمْ زُلْفَةً لَدَيكَ فإنَّهُ لا يُنالُ ذَلِكَ إلاّ بِفَضلِكَ and treat me benevolently, and through Your greatness extend Your munificence towards me and through Your mercy protect me

and cause my tongue to accentuate Your remembrance and my heart filled with Your love

and be liberal to me by Your gracious response and cause my evils to appear fewer and forgive me my errors

for verily, You have ordained for Your bondsmen Your worship and bidden them to supplicate unto You and have assured them (of Your) response

So, my Lord! I look earnestly towards You and towards You, my Lord! I have stretched forth my hands therefore,

by Your honour, respond to my supplication and let me attain my wishes

and, by Your bounty, frustrate not my hopes and protect me from the evils of my enemies, from among the jinns and mankind

O' You! Who readily pleased, forgive one who owns nothing but supplication

وَجُدْ لِي بِجُودكَ واعْطِف عَلَيَّ بِمَجْدِكَ واحْفَظْنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ

واجْعَلْ لِسانِي بِذِكْرِكَ لَهِجاً وَقَلْبِي بِحُبِّكَ مُتَيَّماً

وَمُنَّ عَلَيَّ بِحُسْنِ إِجابَتِكَ وأقِلْنِي عَثْرَتي واغْفِرْ لِي زَلَّتي

فإنَّكَ قَضَيْتَ على عِبادكَ بِعِبادَتِكَ وأَمَرْتَهُمْ بِدُعائِكَ وَضَمِنْتَ لَهُمُ الْإِجابَةَ

فَالِيْكَ يا رَبِّ نَصَبْتُ وَجْهِي وَالِّيْكَ يا رَبِّ مَدَدْتُ يَدِي

فَبِعِزَّتِكَ اسْتَجِبْ لي دُعائِي وبَلِّغْني مُنايَ

ولا تَقْطَعْ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ رَجائِي واكْفِنِي شَرَّ الجِنِّ والإِنْسِ مِنْ أَعْدائِي

يا سَريعَ الرِّضا إغْفِر لِمَنْ لا يَمْلِكُ إلاّ الدُّعاءَ

for You do what You will

O' You! Whose Name is the remedy (for all ills) and Whose remembrance is a sure cure for all ailments and obedience to Whom makes one self sufficient;

have mercy on one whose only asset is hope and whose only weapon is lamentation

O' You! Who perfects all bounties and Who wards off all misfortunes! O' Light! Who illuminates those who are in bewilderment!

O' Omniscient! Who knows without (acquisition of) learning! Bless Mohammed and the Descendants of Mohammed and do unto me in accordance with that which befitteth You

May the blessings of Allah be bestowed upon His Apostle and the blessed guides from his family and His peace be upon them plentifully

فَإِنَّكَ فَعَّالٌ لِمَا تَشاءُ

يا مَنْ اسْمُهُ دَوَاءٌ وَذِكْرُهُ شِفاءٌ وطاعَتُهُ غِنَيَّ

ارْحَمْ مَنْ رَأْسُ مَالِهِ الرَّجاءُ وَسِلاحُهُ البُكاءُ

يا سابِغَ النِّعَمِ يا دافِعَ النِّقَمِ يا نُورَ المُستَوحِشِينَ في الظُّلَمِ

يا عَالِماً لا يُعَلَّمْ صَلِّ على مُحَمَّدٍ وآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وافْعَلْ بي ما أنْتَ أهْلُهُ

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ على رَسُولِهِ والأَئِمَّةِ المَيَامِينَ مِنْ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ تَسْليماً كَثيراً

ZIYARAT WARITHA

This widely recited Ziyarat of Imam Hussein (as) is taken from the Ziyarat that Imam Sadeq (as) taught Safwan bin Mahran, as narrated in Ibn Qawlaway's "Al-Mazar"

Peace be on you, O the inheritor of Adam, the sincerely attached friend of Allah

Peace be on you, O the inheritor of Noah, the prophet of Allah

Peace be on you, O the inheritor of Abraham, the friend of Allah

Peace be on you, O the inheritor of Moses, who spoke to Allah

Peace be on you, O the inheritor of Jesus who received peace, joy, and mercy from Allah

Peace be on you, O the inheritor of Muhammad, the dearest beloved of Allah

Peace be on you, O the inheritor of the Commander of the Believers peace be upon him

Peace be on you, O the son of Muhammad al-Mustafa

Peace be on you, O the son of Ali al-Murtadha

اَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يا وارِثَ آدَمَ صَفْوَةِ اللهِ،

اَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يا وارِثَ نُوحٍ نَبِيِّ اللهِ،

اَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يا وارِثَ إِبْراهِيمَ خَليلِ اللهِ،

ٱلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يا وارِثَ مُوسَى كَليمِ اللهِ،

ٱلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يا وارِثَ عيسَى رُوحِ اللهِ،

ٱلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يا وارِثَ مُحَمَّدٍ حَبيبِ اللهِ،

اَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يا وارِثَ أَميرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلامُ،

اَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ مُحَمَّدِ الْمُصْطَفَى،

ٱلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ عَلِيٍّ الْمُرْتَضَى،

Peace be on you, O the son of Fatimah az-Zahra

Peace be on you, O the son of Khadija al-Kubra

Peace be upon you O' whose avenging is in the hands of Allah, and the son of the one whose avenging is in the hands of Allah,

(Peace be upon you) O' the one who was alone, and individual (killed).

I bear witness that verily you established the prayers,

and gave charity to the needy,

and enjoined the good,

and forbade the evil,

and obeyed Allah and His Messenger

until the inevitable came unto you.

So, may Allah curse those who killed you,

and may Allah curse those who oppressed you,

ٱلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ فاطِمَةَ الزَّهْراءِ،

اَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ خَديجَةَ الْكُبْرَى،

ٱلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يا ثارَ اللهِ وَابْنَ ثارِهِ

وَالْوِتْرَ الْمَوْتُورَ،

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ قَدْ أَقَمْتَ الصَّلاةَ

وَآتَيْتَ الزَّكاةَ،

وَأَمَرْتَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ

وَنَهَيْتَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ،

وَأَطَعْتَ اللهَ وَرَسُولَهُ

حَتَّى أَتاكَ الْيَقينُ،

فَلَعَنَ اللهُ أُمَّةً قَتَلَتْكَ،

وَلَعَنَ اللهُ أُمَّةً ظَلَمَتْكَ،

and may Allah curse those who heard the event and rested satisfied.

O My Master, O Father of Abdullah!

I bear witness that verily you were a light in the sublime loins and purified wombs.

The impurities of ignorance did not even touch you,

nor could its soiled and dirty bearing ever smear you.

I bear witness that verily, you are from the mainstays of the religion,

and the supporters of the faithful ones.

I bear witness that, verily you are the pious, God-fearing, Imam

the favourite, virtuous,

the guide, the guided

I bear witness that the Imams, from your progeny,

وَلَعَنَ اللهُ أُمَّةً سَمِعَتْ بِذلِكَ فَرَضِيَتْ بِهِ،

يا مَوْلايَ يا أَبا عَبْدِاللّهِ،

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ كُنْتَ نُوراً فِي الأَصْلابِ الشَّامِخَةِ،

وَالأَرْحامِ الْمُطَهَّرَةِ،

لَمْ تُنَجِّسْكَ الْجاهِلِيَّةُ بِأَنْجاسِها،

وَلَمْ تُلْبِسْكَ مِنْ مُدْلَهِمّاتِ ثِيابِها،

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ مِنْ دَعائِمِ الدِّينِ،

وَأَرْكانِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ،

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ الإِمامُ الْبَرُّ التَّقِيُّ

الرَّضِيُّ الزَّكِيُّ

الْهادِي الْمَهْدِيُّ

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ الأَئِّمَةَ مِنْ وُلْدِكَ

are the words of piety,

and the signs of guidance,

and the safe handle of Islam,

and the decisive argument for humankind.

I call Allah to give witness, and also His Angels,

and His Prophets and His Messengers,

that, verily, I believe in (all of) you, and that I am sure of your return,

joined to the divine laws of my belief

and my accomplishments.

And my heart is resigned to yours,

and my conduct is following the example of yours.

Blessings of Allah be on all of you and on your souls,

and on your bodies and on your forms,

كَلِمَةُ التَّقْوي،

وَأَعْلامُ الْهُدي،

وَالْعُروَةُ الْوُثْقي،

وَالْحُجَّةُ عَلَى أَهْلِ الدُّنْيا،

وَأُشْهِدُ اللَّهَ وَمَلائِكَتَهُ

وَأَنْبِياءَهُ وَرُسُلَهُ

أَنِّي بِكُمْ مُؤْمِنٌ وَبِإِيابِكُمْ،

مُوقِنٌ بِشَرايعِ دِينِي

وَخُواتِيمِ عَمَلِي،

وَقَلْبِي لِقَلْبِكُمْ سِلْمٌ

وَأَمْرِي لأَمْرِكُمْ مُتَّبِعٌ،

صَلَواتُ اللهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَعَلَى أَرْواحِكُمْ

وَعَلَى أَجْسادِكُمْ وَعَلَى أَجْسامِكُمْ

and when you are in view and when you are out of sight,

and on your style and on your substance.

My father and mother be sacrificed for you,

O son of the Messenger of Allah!

My father and mother be sacrificed for you,

O Father of Abdullah!

Verily terrible was the calamity!

And your suffering casts gloom

upon us,

and upon all the people of the heavens and the earth.

Therefore, curse of Allah be on the people who saddled up and gave rein to their horses, and prepared to kill you.

وَعَلَى شَاهِدِكُمْ وَعَلَى غَائِبِكُمْ

وَعَلَى ظَاهِرِكُمْ وَعَلَى بِاطِنِكُمْ

بِأَبِي أَنْتَ وَأُمِّي

يًا بْنَ رَسُولِ اللهِ،

بِأَبِي أَنْتَ وَأُمِّي

يا أَبا عَبْدِ اللهِ،

لَقَدْ عَظُمَتِ الرَّزِيَّةُ

وَجَلَّتِ الْمُصيبَةُ

بِكَ عَلَيْنا

وَعَلَى جَميعِ أَهْلِ السَّماواتِ وَالأَرْضِ،

فَلَعَنَ اللهُ أُمَّةً أَسْرَجَتْ وَأَلْجَمَتْ

وَتَهَيَّأَتْ لِقِتالِكَ،

O my Master, O Father of Abdullah!

I moved towards your sacred shrine

and came to visit you.

I beseech Allah by the status that you enjoy with Him,

and the position that you enjoy with Him,

to send blessings on Muhammad and the Progeny of Muhammad.

And keep me with you in this world and in the hereafter.

يا مَوْلايَ يا أَبا عَبْدِاللّهِ،

قَصَدْتُ حَرَمَكَ،

وَأَتَيْتُ إِلَى مَشْهَدِكَ،

أَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ بِالشَّأْنِ الَّذِي لَكَ عِنْدَهُ

وَبِالْمَحَلِّ الَّذِي لَكَ لَدَيْهِ

أَنْ يُصَلِيَّ عَلى مُحَمَّد وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ،

وَأَنْ يَجْعَلَنِي مَعَكُمْ فِي الدُّنْيا وَالآخِرَةِ .

THE EXCELLENCE OF THE DAY OF FRIDAY

IMPORTANCE OF THE DAY OF FRIDAY

It has been authentically reported from Imam Ali Ridha (AS) that the Holy Prophet (SAW) has said that Friday is the leader of all the days of the week. Allah (SWT) amplifies the rewards for the person performing good deeds that day, forgives his sins, elevates his status, accepts his supplications, averts his affliction and distress and fulfils his wishes.

Source: Mafatihul Jinan

Some Recommended Acts of Worship from Mafatihul Jinan:

- I. Performing ghusl between dawn and noon.
- 2. Cutting nails and trimming moustache/beard.
- 3. Wear perfume and clean clothes.
- 4. Give charity as reports say that giving charity on Friday or during its eve equals a thousand such acts on another day.
- Purchase fresh fruit and meat for the pleasure of the family on Friday.
- 6. Indulge in learning the rules of religion.
- 7. Visiting the graves of the dead.
- 8. Recitation of Dua Nudbah.
- 9. Recitation of Dua Ahad.
- 10. Recitation of Dua Faraj.
- 11. Recitation of Dua for the protection of the 12th Imam (AS)

DUA'A AL-AHAD

The Supplication of Pledge

It is recommended to recite this dua'a for fourty
morning, as it is narrated that Imam Sadiq (as) said: "He who supplicates
to Allah for fourty mornings with this
(supplication of) pledge will be from the companions of our upriser
(Imam Mahdi), and if he dies before his advent,
Allah will bring him out from his grave and give him in return of each
word he says one thousand good deeds and He will remove one
thousand sins from his book of deeds"

DUA'A AL-AHAD The Supplication of Pledge

O Allah! Lord of the ever-persevering light,

Lord of the highest heaven

Lord of the seas, moving up and down, back and forth, in unbroken line

Who sent down the Tawrat, Injil and Zabur,

Lord of restful nights and warm busy days,

Who sent down the meaningful Quran,

Lord of the favourite angels, prophets and messengers.

O Allah! I beseech You, in the name of Your kind "ways and means",

in the name of the light of Your brilliant superiormost being,

and Your ever-existing kingdom.

O Ever-living! O Self-subsisting!

ٱللَّـهُمَّ رَبَّ النُّورِ الْعَظيمِ،

وَرَبَّ الْكُرْسِيِّ الرَّفيعِ ،

وَرَبَّ الْبَحْرِ الْمَسْجُورِ،

وَمُنْزِلَ التَّوْراةِ وَالإِنْجيلِ وَالزَّبُورِ،

وَرَبَّ الظِّلِّ وَالْحَرُورِ،

وَمُنْزِلَ الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظيمِ،

وَرَبَّ الْمَلائِكَةِ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ وَالأَنْبِياءِ وَالْمُرْسَلينَ

ٱللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْاَلُكَ بِإِسْمِكَ الْكَرِيمِ،

وَبِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ الْمُنيرِ

وَمُلْكِكَ الْقَديمِ،

يَا حَيُّ يا قَيُّومُ

I beseech You in the name of Your name, which gives light to the heavens and the earths;

and in the name of Your name, which sets the people (of all times) on the right path, from the beginning to the end.

O Ever-living who was (ever) there before life was created (by Him).

O Ever-living who shall be (for ever) there when life (of all kinds) shall die.

O Ever-living who is ever existing even when no life shall exist; which His-book contains.

O He who brings the dead to life, and puts the living to death.

O Ever-living! There is no god save You.

O Allah convey to our master the leader, the guide, the guided,

the upriser with Your command, blessings of Allah be on him, and on his pure forefathers,

from all the believing men and believing women,

living in the easts and the wests, in the valleys, over the mountains, on the land, over the seas,

أَسْاَلُكَ بِإسْمِكَ الَّذي أَشْرَقَتْ بِهِ السَّماواتُ وَالأَرَضُونَ،

وَبِاسْمِكَ الَّذي يَصْلَحُ بِهِ الأَوَّلُونَ وَالآخِرُونَ،

يا حَيّاً قَبْلَ كُلِّ حَيّ

وَيا حَيّاً بَعْدَ كُلِّ حَيٍّ

وَيا حَيّاً حينَ لا حَيَّ

يا مُحْيِيَ الْمَوْتَى وَمُمِيتَ الأَحْياءِ،

يا حَيُّ لا إِلهَ إِلاّ اَنْتَ

ٱللَّـهُمَّ بَلِّغْ مَوْلانَا الإِمامَ الْهادِيَ الْمَهْدِيَّ

الْقائِمَ بِأَمْرِكَ صَلَواتُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ وعَلَى آبائِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

عَنْ جَميعِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِناتِ

في مَشارِقِ الأَرْضِ وَمَغارِبِها، سَهْلِها وَجَبَلِها وَبَرِّها وَبَحْرِها،

and as well as from me and my parents,

blessings, which are the weight of Allah's throne and ink of His words,

and whatever His knowledge enumerates and His book encompases.

O Allah! I turn to him again, on the morning of this day, I always cling to the covenant, the pledge and the allegiance, I made with him, inclined towards him, solicitous for his help; neither turning my eyes, nor ever letting it go waste.

O Allah appoint me amongst his helpers, aides, and his protectors.

Those who hasten to fulfill his commands and obey his orders.

Those who defend him and compete with each other to (fulfill) his intention and seek martyrdom in his presence.

O Allah! If death comes first in between me and him, because death is an inevitable certainty for Your servants,

raise me from my grave, wearing the shroud,

my sword in my hand,

وَعَنِّي وَعَنْ والِدَيَّ

مِنَ الصَّلَواتِ زِنَةً عَرْشِ اللهِ وَمِدادَ كَلِماتِهِ،

وَما أَحْصَاهُ عِلْمُهُ وَأَحَاطَ بِهِ كِتابُهُ،

ٱللّـهُمَّ إِنِّي أُجَدِّدُ لَهُ في صَبيحَةِ يَوْمي هذا وَما عِشْتُ مِنْ أَيّامِي، عَهْداً وَعَقْداً وَبَيْعَةً لَهُ في عُنُقي، لا أَحُولُ عَنْها وَلا أَزُولُ أَبَداً

ٱللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْني مِنْ أَنْصارِهِ وَأَعْوانِهِ وَالذَّاتِينَ عَنْهُ

وَالْمُسارِعِينَ إِلَيْهِ فِي قَضاءِ حَوائِجِهِ، وَالْمُمْتَثِلِينَ لِأُوامِرِهِ

وَالْمُحامِينَ عَنْهُ ، وَالسَّابِقِينَ إِلَى اِرادَتِهِ وَالْمُسْتَشْهَدِينَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ

ٱللَّهُمَّ إِنْ حالَ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَهُ الْمَوْتُ الَّذِي جَعَلْتَهُ عَلَى عِبادِكَ حَتْماً مَقْضِيّاً

فَأَخْرِجْني مِنْ قَبْري مُؤْتَزِراً كَفَنِي

شاهِراً سَيْفي

fully protected by reason of my obedience to Allah,

answering to the call of the summoning authority, inviting all people living near and far.

O Allah! Give me the opportunity to look at the face of the rightly guided guide,

the dawn of a new awaited era;

and make me see clearly the face of the kind and loving divine administrator.

(Please) hasten his reappearance, make easy his arrival,

vasten his path, make me tread on his way

establish his authority, stand up for his motive and creed.

O Allah! Inhibit Your land through him,

bring to life again Your servants due to him.

Verily You said, and Your words are true and certain: "Corruption and mischief will appear on land and sea because of the evil which men's hands have done."

مُجَرِّداً قَناتي

مُلَبِّياً دَعْوَةَ الدّاعي فِي الْحاضِرِ وَالْبَادِي

اَللَّهُمَّ أَرِني الطَّلْعَةَ الرَّشيدَةَ،

وَالْغُرَّةَ الْحَميدَةَ،

وَالْحُلْ ناظِري بِنَظْرَةٍ مِنِّي إِلَيْهِ،

وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَهُ وَسَهِّلْ مَخْرَجَهُ،

وَأُوْسِعْ مَنْهَجَهُ وَاسْلُكْ بِي مَحَجَّتَهُ،

وَأَنْفِدْ أَمْرَهُ وَ اشْدُدْ أَزْرَهُ،

وَاعْمُرِ اللَّهُمَّ بِهِ بِلادَك،

وَأَحْيِ بِهِ عِبادَكَ،

فَإِنَّكَ قُلْتَ وَقَوْلُكَ الْحَقُّ: { ظَهَرَ الْفَسادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَ الْبَحْرِ بِما كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاس}، O Allah, make distinctly visible, for us, Your appointed authority, the son of the daughter of Your prophet,

named Muhammad, after the name of Your messenger,

so that he rests not after getting the better of the forces of evil, until he tears them to pieces,

makes clear the truth, and fulfils his duty in letter and spirit.

O Allah! Make him the ultimate refuge of the oppressed mankind;

the helper of those who dispute not in the truth that there is no helper save You;

and the renewer of all the laws of Your book which have been tampered with

and the rebuilder of the knowledge of Your religion

And the traditions of Your Prophet (peace of Allah be on him and his progeny)

O Allah! Keep him safe from hostility of adversaries.

O Allah! Make happy Your prophet, Muhammad; blessings of Allah be on him and on his children,by making known his beautiful aspect and vision, and let those, who obey his call, also rejoice in him,

فَأَظْهِرِ الَّلَهُمَّ لَنا وَلِيَّكَ وَابْنَ بِنْتِ نَبِيِّكَ

الْمُسَمّى بِاسْمِ رَسُولِكَ

حَتَّى لا يَظْفَرَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنَ الْباطِلِ إِلاَّ مَزَّقَهُ،

وَيُحِقَّ الْحَقَّ وَ يُحَقِّقَهُ،

وَاجْعَلْهُ اَللَّهُمَّ مَفْزَعاً لِمَظْلُومٍ عِبادِكَ،

وَناصِراً لِمَنْ لا يَجِدُ لَهُ ناصِراً غَيْرَكَ،

وَمُجَدِّداً لِما عُطِّلَ مِنْ أَحْكامٍ كِتابِكَ،

وَمُشَيِّداً لِما وَرَدَ مِنْ أَعْلامِ دينِكَ

وَسُنَنِ نَبِيِّكَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ،

وَاجْعَلْهُ اَللهُمَّ مِمَّنْ حَصَّنْتَهُ مِنْ بَأْسِ الْمُعْتَدينَ

ٱللَّهُمَّ وَسُرَّ نَبِيَّكَ مُحَمَّداً صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ بِرُؤْيَتِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُ عَلى دَعْوَتِهِ،

and bind us to his loyalty as soon as he comes in this world,

O Allah put an end to the sufferings of this nation by his presence,

And hasten for us his reappearance

They (the disbelievers) consider it to be distant while we consider it to be near.

through Your mercy, O the most merciful.

Then one should gently strike his right thigh with his palm three times, and in each time say.

Hasten! Hasten! O my Master, O Master of the era.

وَارْحَمِ اسْتِكَانَتَنَا بَعْدَهُ

اَللَّهُمَّ النَّشِفْ هذِهِ الْغُمَّةَ عَنْ هذِهِ الأُمَّةِ بِحُضُورِهِ،

وَ عَجِّلْ لَنا ظُهُورَهُ،

إِنَّهُمْ يَرَوْنَهُ بَعيداً وَنَراهُ قَريباً،

بِرَحْمَتِكَ يا أَرْحَمَ الرّاحِمينَ

Then one should gently strike his right thigh with his palm three times, and in each time say.

العَجَلَ العَجَلَ يَا مَوْلاَيَ يَا صَاحِبَ الزَّمَانِ

DUA'A AL-FARAJ The Supplication of Allegience

O Allah, irretrievable is our plight,

our helplessness causes pain and trouble,

(now our) urgency has been laid bare (before You)

(all) hopes have been cut off,

the (plentiful) earth has shrunk (with very little to spare) for us,

the heavenly blessings have been withheld.

You alone can help,

we refer our grief and sorrow to You,

we have full faith in You, in the time of distress, as well as in good fortune.

O Allah, send blessings on Muhammad and on the children of Muhammad,

the authority, obedience to whom has been made obligatory,

through which their high status has been made known.

إِلَهِي عَظُمَ البَلاَءُ،

وَبَرَحَ الخَفَاءُ،

وَانْكَشَفَ الغِطَاءُ،

وَانْقَطَعَ الرَّجَاءُ،

وَضَاقَتِ الأَرْضُ،

وَمُنِعَتِ السَّمَاءُ ،

وَأَنْتَ المُسْتَعَانُ ،

وَإِلَيْكَ المُشْتَكَي،

وَعَلَيْكَ المُعَوَّلُ فِي الشِّدَّةِ وَالرَّحَاءِ ،

اللَّهُمَ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

أُولِي الأَمْرِ الَّذِيْنَ فَرَضْتَ عَلَيْنَا طَاعَتَهْمْ ،

وَعَرَّفْتَنَا بِذَلِكَ مَنْزِلَتَهُمْ ،

Therefore let there be joy after sorrow for us for their sake, right away,

in the twinkle of an eye, more rapidly

O Muhammad, O Ali,

O Ali, O Muhammad,

Give me enough, because both of you provide sufficiently,

and help me, because both of you help and protect.

O our master, O the authority of our times,

Help! Help! Help!

Come to my help! Come to my help! Come to my help!

Reach me! Reach me! At once, in this hour

Be quick, be quick, be quick.

O (Allah) the most merciful,

for the sake of Muhammad and his pure children

فَفَرِّجْ عَنَّا بِحَقِّهِمْ فَرَجًا عَاجِلاً قَرِيباً ،

كَلَمْحِ البَصَرِ أَوْ هُوَ أَقْرَبُ،

يَا مُحَمَّدُ يَا عَلِيٌّ،

يَا عَلِيٌّ يَا مُحَمَّدُ،

اكْفِيانِي فَإِنَّكُما كَافِيَانِ،

وانْصُرَانِي فَإِنَّكُمَا نَاصِرَانِ،

يا مَوْلاَنَا يَا صَاحِبَ الزَّمِانِ ،

الغَوْثَ الغَوْثَ الغَوْثَ ،

أَدْرِكْنِي أَدْرِكْنِي أَدْرِكْنِي،

السَّاعَةَ السَّاعَةَ السَّاعَةَ ،

العَجَلَ العَجَلَ العَجَلَ ،

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمينَ ،

بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

DUA'A AL HUJJAT

The Supplication for the protection of our 12th Imam (a.s)

O Allah, be, for Your representative, the Hujjat (proof), son of Al-Hasan,

Your blessings be on him and his forefathers,

in this hour and in every hour,

a guardian, a protector,

a leader, a helper,

a proof, and an eye

until You make him live on the earth, in obedience (to You),

and cause him to live in it for a long time.

ٱللَّـهُمَّ كُنْ لِوَلِيِّكَ الحُجَّةِ بْنِ الحَسَنِ

صَلَوَاتُكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آبَائِهِ

فِي هذهِ السَّاعَةِ وَفِي كُلِّ سَاعَةٍ

وَلِيًّا وحَافِظاً

وَقائِدًا وَنَاصِرًا

وَدَلِيلًا وَعَيْنًا

حَتَّى تُسْكِنَهُ أَرْضَكَ طَوْعًا

وَتُمَتِّعَهُ فِيهَا طَوِيلًا

ZIYARAT OF ASHURA

The is the more widely recited one of two Ziyarats of Imam Hussein (as) to be recited on the day of Ashura. It is narrated from Imam Baqer (as) on the authority of Alqama bin Mohammad Alhathrumi and has great rewards. It is suitable for reciting both from near the shrine of Imam Hussein (as) and from far away. After teaching Alqama the Ziyarat, Imam Baqer (as) told him that if he could recite this Ziyarat every day from his home then he should do so.

Peace be upon you O' Father of Abdillah;

Peace be upon you O' son of the Messenger of Allah;

Peace be upon you O' Son of the Commander of the Faithful

and the son of the leader of the successors (of the Prophet);

Peace be upon you O' son of Fatimah, the leader of the women of the entire universe.

Peace be upon you O' whose avenging is in the hands of Allah, and the son of the one whose avenging is in the hands of Allah,

(Peace be upon you) O' the one who was alone, and individual (killed).

اَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يا أَبا عَبْداللهِ،

اَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ رَسُولِ اللهِ

ٱلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ أَميرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

وَابْنَ سَيِّد الْوَصِيِّينَ،

ٱلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ فاطِمَةَ سَيِّدَةِ نِساءِ الْعالَمينَ،

اَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يا ثارَ اللّهِ وَابْنَ ثارِهِ

وَالْوِتْرَ الْمَوْتُورَ،

Peace be upon you and also upon those souls who put themselves at your service in your camp I pray that Allah's peace be upon all of you

so far I am alive, (this is my prayer), and so long as the night and the day remain.

O Father of Abdillah!

Surely the tribulations are great

and your tragedy is great and unbearable for us,

and for all the people of Islam

and unbearable and great is your tragedy in the heavens

for all of the dwellers of the heavens.

May Allah's curse be upon those people who laid down the foundations for the oppression and the wrongs done upon you, the family of the Prophet.

May Allah curse those people who denied you your position (O' family of the Prophet)

ٱلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَى الأَرْواحِ الَّتِي حَلَّتْ بِفِنائِكَ

عَلَيْكُمْ مِنِّي جَميعاً سَلامُ اللهِ

أَبَداً ما بَقيتُ وَبَقِيَ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهارُ،

يا أُبا عَبْدِاللهِ

لَقَدْ عَظُمَتِ الرَّزِيَّةُ

وَجَلَّتْ وَعَظُمَتِ الْمُصيبَةُ بِكَ عَلَيْنا

وَعَلى جَميعِ أَهْلِ الإِسْلامِ

وَجَلَّتْ وَعَظُمَتْ مُصيبَتُكَ فِي السَّماواتِ

عَلَى جَميعِ أَهْلِ السَّماواتِ،

فَلَعَنَ اللّهُ أُمَّةً أُسَّسَتْ أُساسَ الظُّلْمِ وَالْجَوْرِ عَلَيْكُمْ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ،

وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ أُمَّةً دَفَعَتْكُمْ عَنْ مَقامِكُمْ

and removed you from the rank which Allah himself had granted you.

May the curse of Allah be upon those who killed you,

and may the curse of Allah be upon those people who made it easy for them by preparing the grounds of your killing.

I turn to Allah and I turn towards you, away from them

and their adherents, followers and friends.

O Father of Abdillah!

I am at peace with those who make peace with you

and I am at war with those who go to war against you

until the Day of Judgement.

May the curse of Allah be upon the family of Ziyaad and the family of Marwan

and may the curse of Allah be upon the tribe of Ummayah, one and all, altogether;

May the curse of Allah be Upon the son of Marjaana

وَأَزالَتْكُمْ عَنْ مَراتِبِكُمُ الَّتِي رَتَّبَكُمُ اللَّهُ فِيهَا،

وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ أُمَّةً قَتَلَتْكُمْ

وَلَعَنَ اللهُ الْمُمَهِّدينَ لَهُمْ بِالَّتَمْكِينِ مِنْ قِتَالِكُمْ،

بَرِئْتُ إِلَى اللّهِ وَإِلَيْكُمْ مِنْهُمْ

وَمِنْ أَشْياعِهِمْ وَأَتْباعِهِمْ وَأُوْلِيائِهِمْ،

يا أبا عَبْدِاللهِ

إِنِّي سِلْمٌ لِمَنْ سالَمَكُمْ

وَحَرْبُ لِمَنْ حارَبَكُمْ

إلى يَوْمِ الْقِيامَةِ،

وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ آلَ زِيادٍ وَآلَ مَرْوانَ،

وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ بَنِي أُمَيَّةً قاطِبَةً،

وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ ابْنَ مَرْجانَةً،

and may the curse of Allah be upon 'Umar the son of Sa'ad

and may the curse of Allah be upon Shimr.

And may the curse of Allah be upon the nation that bridled the horses and erected the saddles

and went in their way to kill you.

I sacrifice my father and mother for you.

Profound is my sorrow for you,

and I pray to Allah who has honoured your status

and has also honoured me through you

that He grant me the opportunity to seek your revenge

with the victorious Imam

from the family of Muhammad.

May Allah's blessings be upon him and his progeny

وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ عُمَرَ بْنَ سَعْدٍ،

وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ شِمْراً،

وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ أُمَّةً أَسْرَجَتْ وَأَلْجَمَتْ

وَتَنَقَّبَتْ لِقِتالِكَ،

بِأَبِي أَنْتَ وَاُمِّي

لَقَدْ عَظُمَ مُصابِي بِكَ

فَأَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَكْرَمَ مَقامَكَ

وَأَكْرَمَني بِكَ

أَنْ يَرْزُقَني طَلَبَ ثارِكَ

مَعَ إمامٍ مَنْصُورٍ

مِنْ أَهْلِ بَيْتِ مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ،

O' Allah! Make me worthy of respect with You through Husain, peace be upon him,

both in the transient world and also the next life.

O' Father of Abdillah!

I come nearer and seek greater intimacy with Allah and with His Messenger and with the Commander of the Faithful and with Fatimah

. aremar arra men r aemman

and with Hasan and with you

through your love and patronage

and through distancing myself from those who killed you

and those who took up arms against you

and through distancing myself from those who who laid down the foundations for the oppression and the wrongs done upon you, I take refuge with Allah and His

I take refuge with Allah and His Apostle اَللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْني عِنْدَكَ وَجِيهاً بِالْحُسَيْنِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلامُ السَّلامُ فِي الدُّنْيا وَالآخِرَةِ،

يا أَبا عَبْداللّهِ

إِنِّي أَتَقَرَّبُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَ إِلَى رَسُولِهِ

وَإِلَى أَميرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَإِلَى فَاطِمَةَ

وَإِلَى الْحَسَنِ وَإِلَيْكَ

بِمُوالاتِكَ

وَبِالْبَراءَةِ (مِمَّنْ قاتَلَكَ

وَنَصَبَ لَكَ الْحَرْبَ

وَبِالْبَراءَةِ مِمَّنْ أَسَسَّ أَساسَ الظُّلْمِ وَالْجَوْرِ عَلَيْكُمْ

وَأَبْرَأُ إِلَى اللّهِ وَإِلَى رَسُولِهِ)

from the guilt of associating with those who laid the foundation for (your suffering) and those who built upon it

and carried out oppression and cruelty upon you all

and upon your followers.

I disassociate myself from them through Allah and through all of you

and I seek nearness to Allah and then to you

through your love and patronage

and the love of your friends

and disassociation from your enemies

and from those who want to fight against you

and disassociation from their adherents and followers.

Surely I am at peace with those who are at peace with you

and I am at war with those who waged war against you

مِمَّنْ أُسَسَّ أُساسَ ذلِكَ

وَبَنِي عَلَيْهِ بُنْيانَهُ

وَجَرى فِي ظُلْمِهِ وَجَوْرِهِ عَلَيْكُمْ

وَعَلَى أَشْياعِكُمْ،

بَرِئْتُ إِلَى اللهِ وَإِلَيْكُمْ مِنْهُمْ

وَأَتَقَرَّبُ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ إِلَيْكُمْ

بِمُوالاتِكُمْ

وَمُوالاةِ وَلِيِّكُمْ

وَبِالْبَراءَةِ مِنْ أَعْدائِكُمْ

وَالنَّاصِينَ لَكُمُ الْحَرْبَ

وَبِالْبَراءَةِ مِنْ أَشْياعِهِمْ وَأَتْباعِهِمْ،

إِنِّي سِلْمٌ لِمَنْ سالَمَكُمْ

وَحَرْبُ لِمَنْ حارَبَكُمْ

I make friends with those who stood by you,

I strive against those who came in conflict with you,

So then I ask Allah who has honoured me with the awareness that perceives you

and your friends,

and has also granted me the opportunity to disassociate myself from your enemies

that He places me with you - both in the transient world and also in the next life -

and that he make me firm in your presence with a truthful stance both in the transient world and also in the next life.

And I ask Him (Allah) that he enables me to reach to the honoured station with you in the presence of Allah and that He grant me the ability to to fight for justice and fairplay

with the rightly guided Imam

who surely will come and speak the truth, (and who is) from your progeny

وَوَلِيٌّ لِمَنْ والأكُمْ

وَعَدُوٌّ لِمَنْ عاداكُمْ

فَأَسْأَلُ اللهَ الَّذي أَكْرَمَني بِمَعْرِفَتِكُمْ

وَمَعْرِفَةِ أَوْلِيائِكُمْ

وَرَزَقَنِي الْبَراءَةَ مِنْ أَعْدائِكُمْ

أَنْ يَجْعَلَني مَعَكُمْ فِي الدُّنْيا وَالآخِرَةِ

وَأَنْ يُثَبِّتَ لِي عِنْدَكُمْ قَدَمَ صِدْقٍ فِي الدُّنْيا وَالآخِرَةِ

وَأَسْأَلُهُ أَنْ يُبَلِّغَنِي الْمَقامَ الْمَحْمُودَ لَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللّهِ

وَأَنْ يَرْزُقَني طَلَبَ ثاري

مَعَ إِمامٍ هُديً

ظاهِرٍ ناطِقٍ بِالْحَقِّ مِنْكُمْ

And I ask Allah for your sake

and for the status and rank which you have with Him

that He grant me that thing due to me showing grief and sorrow at your sorrows

even more than of that which he gives in a person's own grief and sorrows,

and what great sorrow and tragedies you faced!

How great was your tragedy for Islam

and for all the inhabitants of the Heavens and the Earth!

O' Allah make me at this moment,

one who those whom received Your prayers, mercy and forgiveness.

O' Allah make me live the life of Muhammad and the family of Muhammad

and permit me to die the death of Muhammad and the family of Muhammad.

O' Allah! This is the day (the Day of Ashura) of rejoicing for Bani Ummayah

وَأَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ بِحَقِّكُمْ

وَبِالشَّأْنِ الَّذي لَكُمْ عِنْدَهُ

أَنْ يُعْطِيَني بِمُصابي بِكُمْ

أَفْضَلَ ما يُعْطي مُصاباً بِمُصيبَتِهِ

مُصيبَةً ما أَعْظَمَها

وَأَعْظَمَ رَزِيَّتَها فِي الإِسْلامِ

وَفِي جَميعِ السَّماواتِ وَالأَرْضِ

اَللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْني فِي مَقامي هَذا

مِمَّنْ تَنالُهُ مِنْكَ صَلَواتٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ،

ٱللَّـهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مَحْيايَ مَحْيا مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

وَمَماتي مَماتَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ،

ٱللَّـهُمَّ إِنَّ هذا يَوْمٌ تَبَرَّكَتْ بِهِ بَنُو أُمَيَّةَ

and for the son of the liver-eater,

the cursed, son of the cursed,

as said by You and Your Prophet

Blessing of Allah be upon him and his progeny

who, in every place and at all occasions, drew attention of people to this truism.

Blessing of Allah be upon him and his progeny

O' Allah! Curse Abu Sufyan

and Muawiyah

and Yazid son of Muawiyah -

upon them may Your curse be for ever and eternity.

And this is the day when the family of Ziyaad were happy

and so were the family of Marwan

at their killing of Husain, may the blessings of Allah be upon him.

وَابْنُ آكِلَةِ الأَكبادِ

اللَّعينُ ابْنُ اللَّعينِ

عَلَى لِسَانِكَ وَلِسَانِ نَبِيِّكَ

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

فِي كُلِّ مَوْطِنٍ وَمَوْقِفٍ وَقَفَ فيهِ نَبِيُّكَ

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ،

ٱللَّـهُمَّ الْعَنْ أَبا سُفْيانَ

وَمُعاوِيَةً

وَيَزِيدَ ابْنَ مُعاوِيَةً

عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْكَ اللَّعْنَةُ أَبَدَ الآبِدينَ،

وَهذا يَوْمٌ فَرِحَتْ بِهِ آلُ زِيادٍ

وَآلُ مَرْوانَ

بِقَتْلِهِمُ الْحُسَيْنَ صَلَواتُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ،

O' Allah! Increase upon the Your curse

and (Your) (painful) punishment.

O' Allah! Surely I seek nearness to you

on this day (the Day of Ashura)

and in this place (which I am in)

and in all days of my life

by disassociating myself from these people

and sending curses upon them,

and through my love and friendship to Your Prophet and the family of Your Prophet,

peace be upon him and upon all of them.

ٱللَّـهُمَّ فَضاعِفْ عَلَيْهِمُ اللَّعْنَ مِنْكَ

وَالْعَذابَ (الأَليمَ)

ٱللَّـهُمَّ إِنِّي أَتَقَرَّبُ إِلَيْكَ

فِي هذَا الْيَوْمِ

وَفِي مَوْقِفي هَذا

وَأَيّامِ حَياتِي

بِالْبَراءَةِ مِنْهُمْ

وَاللَّعْنَةِ عَلَيْهِمْ

وَبِالْمُوالاةِ لِنَبِيِّكَ وَآلِ نَبِيِّكَ

عليه وعليهم السلام

THEN SAY 100 TIMES

O' Allah! Curse the first tyrant who oppressed the right of Muhammad and the family of Muhammad,

and those who, after him, followed in his footsteps.

O' Allah! Curse the group who fought against Husain (Peace be upon him)

and those who followed them and supported them

and assisted them in killing him.

O' Allah curse all of them!

THEN SAY 100 TIMES

Peace be upon you O' Father of Abdillah

and upon those souls who put themselves at your service in your camp

I pray that Allah's peace be upon you

so far I am alive, (this is my prayer), and so long as the night and the day remain.

and may Allah not make this (Ziyarat) my last contact with you.

THEN SAY 100 TIMES

اَللَّهُمَّ الْعَنْ أَوَّلَ طَالِمٍ ظَلَمَ حَقَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدِ

وَآخِرَ تابِع لَهُ عَلى ذلك،

اَللَّهُمَّ الْعَنِ الْعِصابَةَ الَّتِي جاهَدَتِ الْحُسَيْنَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلامُ)

وَشايَعَتْ وَبايَعَتْ

وَتَابَعَتْ عَلَى قَتْلِهِ،

ٱللَّـهُمَّ الْعَنْهُمْ جَمِيعًا

THEN SAY 100 TIMES

اَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِاللّهِ

وَعَلَى الأَرْواحِ الَّتِي حَلَّتْ بِفِنائِكَ

عَلَيْكَ مِنِّي سَلامُ اللَّهِ

أَبَداً ما بَقِيْتُ وَبَقِيَ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهارُ

وَلا جَعَلَهُ اللهُ آخِرَ الْعَهْدِ مِنِّي لِزِيارَتِكُمْ،

Peace be upon Husain,

and upon Ali the Son of Husain,

and upon the children of Husain,

and upon the companions of Husain.

THEN SAY

O' Allah! Particularly curse the first tyrant, a curse from me,

and begin the first curse with him,

and then send the curse on the second and the third and then the fourth (tyrant).

O' Allah curse Yazid, the fifth (Tyrant)

and curse Ubaydulla the son of Ziyaad and Marjaanah

and Umer the son of Sa'ad

and Shimr

and the family of Sufyan

اَلسَّلامُ عَلَى الْحُسَيْنِ

وَعَلَى عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ

وَعَلَى أَوْلادِ الْحُسَيْنِ

وعلى اصحاب الحسين

THEN SAY

ٱللَّـهُمَّ خُصَّ أَنْتَ أَوَّلَ ظالِمٍ بِاللَّعْنِ مِنِّي

وَابْدَأْ بِهِ أَوَّلاً

ثُمَّ (الْعَنِ) الثّانيَ وَالثّالِثَ وَالرّابِعَ

ٱللَّـهُمَّ الْعَنْ يَزِيدَ خامِساً

وَالْعَنْ عُبَيْدَ اللَّهِ بْنَ زِيادٍ وَابْنَ مَرْجانَةً

وَعُمَرَ بْنَ سَعْدٍ

وَشِمْراً

وَآلَ أَبِي سُفْيانَ

and the family of Ziyaad

and the family of Marwan

until the day of Judgement.

THEN PROSTRATE AND SAY:

O' Allah! To You belongs the praise,

the praise of those who are thankful to you for their tribulations.

All praise belongs to Allah for my intense grief.

O' Allah grant me the blessing of intercession of Husain on the Day of Appearance (before You) and strengthen me with a truthful stand in Your presence

along with Husain and the companions of Husain

those people who sacrificed everything for Husain peace be upon him.

وَآلَ زِيادٍ

وَآلَ مَرْوانَ

إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيامَةِ

THEN PROSTRATE AND SAY:

ٱللَّـهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ

حَمْدَ الشَّاكِرِينَ لَكَ عَلَى مُصابِهِمْ

ٱلْحَمْدُ للّهِ عَلى عَظيمِ رَزِيَّتي

ٱللَّـهُمَّ ارْزُقْني شَفاعَةَ الْحُسَيْنِ يَوْمَ الْوُرُودِ

وَثَبِّتْ لِي قَدَمَ صِدْقٍ عِنْدَكَ

مَعَ الْحُسَيْنِ وَأَصْحابِ الْحُسَيْنِ

ٱلَّذِينَ بَذَلُوا مُهَجَهُمْ دُونَ الْحُسَيْنِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلامُ.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ANSWERED

SHIA/ SUNNI PRACTICES, UNDERSTANDING WHERE WE DIFFER AND WHY?

For centuries the enemy of Islam have tried to drive a wedge in between the two main faces of the Islamic Nation, the Shia and Sunni school thoughts. The news and TV headlines repeatedly flame up the division using context of civil disturbance in Iraq and are trying to slander leadership in Iran. From within we know that 'Salafees' or wahabis are always on front foot to negate the madhab of Ahlul bayt among our youths using Islamic media & university campus societies. Yet to get true unity we have to understand our philosophies and practices and be able to explain this to our non Shia brothers.

We should equip ourselves with knowledge to dispel misconceptions of those whom the guidance of Ahlul bayt has not reached.

The Holy Prophet Mohamed Mustafa (saw) in a hadith narrated by Ibn Hajjar in Lisan al Mizan states "the parable of Ali is like a tree, in which I am the root, Ali is the branch, Hassan and Hussayn are the fruits and shias are the leaves." How great is the status of a true shia, just like leaves connected to the tree, playing its utmost role in sustaining the tree, the true shia does all that he can for the maqsad (mission) of Ahlul bayt and when winter comes they will wither away and sacrifice themselves for saving the tree.

The followers of the madhab of shia (23% of Muslims) are often confronted about their beliefs and practices. Alhamdulilah most of us can explain our beliefs and philosophies briefly like the concept of Imama (divine

leadership appointed by Allah), the event of ghadeer, the Ahlul bayt, ayat of mawaddah, and mubahila and the reappearance of Imam Mahdi. The understanding of all these need to be fully developed by us so that we can explain our beloved faith. In this brief article an attempt is made to address some misconception relating to our common daily practices.

WHY DO WE DO THE WADHOO DIFFERENTLY?

"Oh you who believe, when you intend (to perform) your prayers wash your faces and your hands from the elbow and wipe passing wet hands over your head and your feet up to the ankles" (Sura Al Maida Ayat 6). The ahle sunnah who practice washing of their feet during wadhoo, do so linking the latter part of the ayat to the earlier part instead of connecting to the words immediately before "passing of wet hands".

In 'Al Shahristani wudhoo al nabi' there is hadith from Ibne Abbas narrating from the Holy Prophet that the feet should be wiped. This continued during the khilafat of Abu Bakr and Umar apart from Umar allowing to wipe on socks (Sahi Bukhari vol.1,52 Sahi Muslim vol,204) In the time of Uthman's khilafat, he introduced the washing of the feet quoting a number of ahadith from himself (Sahi Muslim vol,207-208). Which resulted in ahle sunnah washing their feet, whilst the shia remained following the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet, wiping the head and feet.

THE SHIA HAVE A DIFFERENT ADHAN WHERE DID THIS COME FROM?

Quite often our ahle sunnah brothers confront us with the above question. In response quoting a number of hadith from sunni sources such as Sahi Muslim vol. I:48 in which it is clearly stated that 'haya ala khairil ammal' was dropped by Umar from adhaan as he feared that it would discourage people from going to jihad. Thus before the khilafat of Umar this sentence was an integral part of adhaan as recited by the Holy Prophet and followed by the shia till today.

Furthermore when Umar, the second khalif, was woken up and told 'assalaatu khairum minan nawm - prayer is better than sleep' he loved it so much so that he introduced it in the Adhaan of the Muslims -'Sunnah al Tamrithi' vol. I:64. Thus during the Holy Prophet's time this was never part of the Adhaan.

As for the shias introducing 'ashhaduanna aliyun waliyullah' in the adhaan all the shia faqhi (learned scholars) are unanimous that this sentence does not form part of the Adhaan but is recited for thawaab. Furthermore there is a hadith from shia sources that after the event of ghadeer Abudhar Ghafari added this to his adhaan and the Holy Prophet was questioned about it. The Holy Prophet replied that you have just acknowledged Ali as the Wali of Allah in the event of ghadeer and thus this sentence only acknowledges this fact. Hence showing that this sentence was added during the Holy Prophet's time and in his presence. It is also a known fact for a shia that if he leaves out this sentence his adhaan is complete, whilst for the sunni brothers it is unacceptable to leave out the added items or add the sentence left out.

METHOD OF PRAYERS

Whilst most of the methods of salaat are similar for both sunni and shias there are a few differences;

Crossing of the hands

Firstly the Holy Prophet never used to practice this method of standing for prayers hence in the shia faith crossing of hands is not permissible. Also, it was the practice of the Majjusi (fire worshippers of the time) as they considered to be a humbling gesture. The hanafi and shafi sect recommend the crossing of hands but they differ whether it is above or below the belly. However the Hambali and the Maliki sect of the ahle sunna, like the shia follow the method of the Holy Prophet and pray with their hands by their side.

Prostrating on the earth (sajdagah)

Sahi al Bukhari the main book of the ahle Sunni in the "book" on abulation hadith 323, 429 hadith 2890 and also in Sahi Muslims book 'hadith on masjid' hadith 810 The Holy Prophet says the earth has been made pure and a place of prostration for me so whenever the time of prayers come for any of you, prostrate wherever you are and on the earth. Abu Saeed Al-Khicri, a companion says — "I saw with my own eyes the holy Holy Prophet had on his nose traces of mud. Masjid Nabavi did not have any covering or rugs (though this was available) and Muslims prostrated on earth even if it rained. Once a man was prostrating on his Turban cloth, the Holy Prophet stopped him and told him to prostrate on the earth. It quoted in the book 'Masnad' vol.6:58 where the wife of the Holy Prophet said I never saw Holy Prophet prevent his forehead touching earth.

Furthermore, all Muslims used to prostrate on earth even during the time of the khilafat of the first to fourth khalifa. Also Imam Bukhari narrates, when the Holy Prophet used to pray in his room he used to pray on khumbra which is a solid piece of earth or piece of straw, which is the practice of the shia till today.

The prostration on earth is a gesture of humiliation and insignificance in front of Allah, and in wasailushia states the need to prostrate on earth with exception of emergency.

One may then question, why soil of Kerbala? Some places are shaairrullah (signs of Allah-mentioned in Quran) like, Hajjre aswad, safa and marwa. Similarly the Holy Prophet's mosque in medina and a place like Karbala that has saved the institution of salaah have great status in the eyes of Allah, thus the shia prefer to use this soil for sajdagah, though any pure soil is acceptable.

Combining of the prayers

The combining of prayers is allowed in all figh at certain times e.g. on the day of Arafat and travelling (Maliki, Shafi and Hanafi). The shia figh allows this at all times and conditions. It is the fundamental Islamic rule that in dispute refer to Holy Quran and Holy Prophet's sunnah. Sura 17 ayat 78 states - "perform the prayers from midday until darkness of night, verily the recitation of the Quran in early dawn is witnessed."

Accordingly, although there are 5 daily prayers, the Quran clearly states three main times for prayer, "midday" (shared time of zohar and asr), "darkness of night" (shared time of maghrib and isha) "early dawn" (time for fajar). Some great Sunni scholars come to the same interpretation of this verse. Imam Bukhari in Sahi bukhari hadith 510, 529 "book on times of prayer" states - the messenger of Allah observed zohar and asr prayers,

maghrib and isha prayers together without being in state of fear or on a journey. Sahi Bukhari chapter 6 hadith 50-54 and hadith 38-62 (Ibne Abbas) states "Holy Prophet used to combine the two prayers. He asked the Holy Prophet why do you authorise the combining? He replied he did not want to cause difficulty for his umah (nation). Allah wishes to make his religion easy for the believers".

The shia view is that there are different times for each of the five prayers but there is no problem in combing two prayers together.

Tarawih prayers

There is a clear rule of sharia as interpreted by the shia jurisprudence that sunnat namaaz may not be recited with jamaat. This has always been so since the Holy Prophet's time. Our Sunni brother pray nawafil sunna of mahe Ramadan with jamaat called the tarawih prayers. According to Sahi Bukhari vol. 1:341 even in Abu Baker's time there was no tarawih prayers.

In one of the nights of Ramadan Omar Ibne Khatab was with Abdullah Ibne Abdal Qari, and they saw many Muslim praying nawafil in masjid nabawi. Umar looked at Abdullah and said if I can get them to pray together it would be better. He then got Ubay Ibne Kaab to lead them all and commanded them to pray their nawafil in janmaat. Then as they were praying together he said this is "ni'mata bidda" a good innovation and change.

The above are some of the principle challenges for a person practicing shia faith. It is hope this will equip us with answers that we can provide our sunni brothers in order to clarify any misconceptions.

METHODS OF OFFERING SPECIAL SALAAT AND THEIR IMPORTANCE

SALAT - AL - AYAT

This prayer is obligatory on every mature person and is prayed at the time of appearance of any 'Signs of Allah' which manifest His power and glory. These include solar and lunar eclipses, earthquakes, violent storms, unusual thunder and lightning etc. For detailed rules please consult your resident Aalim or refer to your Mujtahid's Risalah.

MFTHOD

These prayers contain two rakats and there are five rukoos in each rakat.

After making an intention of offering the prayers one should pronounce takbir and then recite Surat Al-Fatiha once followed by another sura then go into rukoo. Thereafter stand and recite Surat Al-Fatiha once followed by another sura then go into rukoo. This action should be repeated five times and after standing up from the fifth rukoo perform sujood and then stand for the second rakat. The second rakat should be performed in the same manner ending with tashahhud and salaam.

The salat can also be offered in the following manner. After making an intention to offer the prayers a person should pronounce takbir and proceed with the recitation of Surat Al-Fatiha. They should then divide the verses of the second sura into five parts and recite one verse and thereafter perform rukoo. Then standing from rukoo recite another verse from the sura (without reciting Surat Al-Fatiha) and then perform another rukoo.

Continue repeating this action and finish that sura before the fifth rukoo before proceeding into sujood.

E.g. If reciting Surat Al-Ikhlas as the second sura it can be easily divided in to the five parts to be recited before each rukoo.

Ist Rukoo – Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

2nd Rukoo – Qulhuwallahu Ahad

3rd Rukoo – Allahus Samad

4th Rukoo – Lam yalid walam yulad

5th Rukoo - Walam yakullahu kufuwan ahad

Continue the second rakat in the same manner as the first ending with tashahhud and salaam.

SALAT - AL - LAYL

This salat is highly recommended. It can be prayed after midnight till the time of Salat ul-Fajr.

The Holy Quran refers to this salat as "...and pray in the small hours of the morning an additional prayer (of spiritual profit) for thee. Soon will thy Lord raise thee to a station of praise and glory" Holy Quran (17:79)

Imam Ja'far As-Sadiq (AS) enlightens us about some of the benefits of this salat.

- It makes the face good looking and radiant.
- It improves morals and manners.
- It helps emanate a pleasant odour from the body.
- It increases livelihood and clears debts.
- Removes sadness and improves ones eyesight.

MFTHOD

The salat consists of 3 parts and a total of 11 rakats

- Niyyat: Salat al-Layl Qurbattan Illallah.
 8 rakats (4 salat consisting of 2 rakats each) to be prayed like morning prayers.
- Niyyat: Salat al-Shafa Qurbattan Illallah2 rakats like the morning prayers
- 3. Niyyat: Salat al-Witr Qurbattan Illallah

Ist rakat as follows:

Recite Surat al-Fatiha once Recite Surat al-Ikhlas thrice Recite Surat al-Nas once Recite Surat al-Falak once

After completing the Surahs recite Qunut in the following manner. It is highly emphasized to be humble and tearful in Salat ul-Witr. Raise the left hand for asking forgiveness and use the right for holding a tasbih.

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful O Allah bless Muhammad and his family
There is no god but Allah
the Forbearing the Noble
There is no god but Allah
the High, the Mighty
Glory be to the Lord of the seven heavens
and the Lord of the seven earths
and what is in them and what is between them
and what is above them and what is under them
Lord of the Mighty throne

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b) Ask for the forgiveness of forty believers, men and women, who have died or are living, by repeating forty times:

O Allah Forgive

اللهُمَّ اغْفِر ْ لِ

Fill in the names of believers. Apart from relatives and friends, it is recommended to remember the Ulama (Scholars) who have served and propagated Islam. If it is not possible to name forty believers, name as many as possible and then say:

O Allah forgive all believers, male and female

c) Recite 70 times this prayer for forgiveness

I seek forgiveness of Allah my Lord and I turn to Him

d) Repeat seven times:

This is the position of one who seeks refuge in You from the fire

e) Say three hundred times

(I ask for Your) pardon

الْعَقُو َ

Then complete the salat with rukoo, sujood and salaam

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The Council of European Jamaats – Please see the resources section of the site for more links and resources

www.coej.org

The World Fedeation

www.world-federation.org

Duas:

www.duas.org

Fiqh & Islamic knowledge:

www.najaf.org/english

www.al-islam.org

www.sistani.org

Muslim Youth Helpline

www.myh.org.uk

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