

In most cases, the recitation of the Holy Qur'an is accomplished on the thirtieth of Ramadhan; therefore, it is highly advisable to read the supplication numbered forty-two of the *al-Sahifa al-Kamilah al-Sajjadiyyah*, which is as follows:

O Allah, You have helped me complete Your Book, which You sent down as a light

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ أَعَنْتَنِي عَلَى خْتَمِ كِتَابِكَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلْتَهُ نُورًا

appointed as a guardian over every book You have sent down,
preferring it over every narrative which You have recounted,
a separator, through which You have separated Your lawful from Your unlawful,
a Qur'an, through which You have made plain the approaches to Your ordinances,
a book, which You have distinguished very distinctly for Your servants,

وَجَعَلْتَهُ مُهَيِّمًا عَلَى كُلِّ كِتَابٍ أَنْزَلْتَهُ
وَفَضَّلْتَهُ عَلَى كُلِّ حَدِيثٍ قِصَصْتَهُ
وَفَرَّقَانًا فَرَقْتَ بِهِ بَيْنَ حَلَالِكَ وَحَرَامِكَ
وَقُرْآنًا أَعْرَبْتَ بِهِ عَنْ شَرَائِعِ أَحْكَامِكَ
وَكِتَابًا فَصَّلْتَهُ لِعِبَادِكَ تَفْصِيلًا

a revelation, which You have sent down, a sending down, upon Your prophet Muhammad (Your blessings be upon him and his Household).

وَوَحِيًّا أَنْزَلْتَهُ عَلَى نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَوَاتِكَ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ تَنْزِيلًا

You appointed it a light through following which we may be guided from the shadows of error and ignorance,

وَجَعَلْتَهُ نُورًا نَهْتَدِي مِنْ ظَلَمِ الضَّلَالَةِ وَالْجَهَالَةِ بِاتِّبَاعِهِ

a healing for him who turns ear toward hearing it with the understanding of attestation,

وَشِفَاءً لِمَنْ أَنْصَتَ بِفَهْمِ التَّصَدِيقِ إِلَى اسْتِمَاعِهِ

a just balance whose tongue does not incline away from truth,

وَمِيزَانَ قِسْطٍ لَا يَحِيفُ عَنِ الْحَقِّ لِسَانَهُ

a light of guidance whose proof is not extinguished before the witnesses,

وَنُورَ هُدًى لَا يَطْفَأُ عَنِ الشَّاهِدِينَ بُرْهَانَهُ

and a guidepost of deliverance, so that he who repairs straight way to its prescription will not go astray and

he who clings to its preservation's handhold will not be touched by the hands of disasters.

O Allah, since You have given us help to recite it

made smooth the roughness of our tongues through the beauty of its expression,

place us among those who observe it as it should be observed,

serve You by adhering in submission to the firm text of its verses, and

seek refuge in admitting both its ambiguous parts and the elucidations of its clear signs

O Allah, You sent it down upon Your prophet Muhammad (Allah bless him and his household) in summary form

inspired him with the science of its wonders to complement it,

made us the heirs of its knowledge as interpreters,

made us to surpass him who is ignorant of its knowledge, and

gave us strength over it to raise us above those not able to carry it.

وَعِلْمَ نَجَاةٍ لَا يَضِلُّ مَنْ أَمَّ قَصْدَ سُنَّتِهِ

وَلَا تَنَالُ أَيْدِي الْهَلَكَاتِ مَنْ تَعَلَّقَ بِعُرْوَةِ
عِصْمَتِهِ

اللَّهُمَّ فَإِذَا أَفَدْتَنَا الْمَعُونَةَ عَلَى تِلَاوَتِهِ

وَسَهَّلْتَ جَوَاسِي أَلْسِنَتِنَا بِحُسْنِ عِبَارَتِهِ

فَجَعَلْنَا مِمَّنْ يَرْعَاهُ حَقَّ رِعَايَتِهِ

وَيَدِينُ لَكَ بِاعْتِقَادِ التَّسْلِيمِ لِمُحْكَمِ

آيَاتِهِ

وَيَفْزَعُ إِلَى الْإِقْرَارِ بِمُتَشَابِهِهِ وَمُوضِحَاتِ

بَيِّنَاتِهِ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ أَنْزَلْتَهُ عَلَى نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى

اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ مُجْمَلًا

وَأَلْهَمْتَهُ عِلْمَ عَجَائِبِهِ مُكْمَلًا

وَوَرِّثْتَنَا عِلْمَهُ مُفَسَّرًا

وَفَضَّلْتَنَا عَلَى مَنْ جَهِلَ عِلْمَهُ

وَقَوَّيْتَنَا عَلَيْهِ لِتَرْفَعَنَا فَوْقَ مَنْ لَمْ يُطِيقْ

حَمْلَهُ

O Allah, just as You have appointed
our hearts as its carriers and
made known to us through Your
mercy its nobility and excellence,
so also bless Muḥammad, its preacher,
and his Household, its guardians, and

place us among those who confess
that it has come from You, lest

doubt about attesting to it assail us,
or deviation from its straightforward
path shake us

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his
Household and
make us one of those who hold fast to
its cord,

seek haven from its ambiguities in its
fortified stronghold,

rest in the shadow of its wing,

find guidance in the brightness of its
morning,

follow the shining of its disclosure,

acquire light from its lamp, and

beg not guidance from any other

اللَّهُمَّ فَمَا جَعَلْتَ قُلُوبَنَا لَهُ حَمَلَةً
وَعَرَّفْتَنَا بِرَحْمَتِكَ شَرَفَهُ وَفَضْلَهُ
فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ الْخَطِيبِ بِهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
الْخِزَّانِ لَهُ
وَاجْعَلْنَا مِمَّنْ يَعْتَرِفُ بِأَنَّهُ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ
حَتَّى

لَا يُعَارِضُنَا الشَّكُّ فِي تَصَدِيقِهِ
وَلَا يَخْتَلِجُنَا الزَّيْغُ عَنْ قَصْدِ طَرِيقِهِ
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
وَاجْعَلْنَا مِمَّنْ يَعْتَصِمُ بِحَبْلِهِ
وَيَأْوِي مِنَ الْمُتَشَابِهَاتِ إِلَى حِرْزِ مَعْقِلِهِ
وَيَسْكُنُ فِي ظِلِّ جَنَاحِهِ
وَيَهْتَدِي بِضَوْءِ صَبَاحِهِ
وَيَقْتَدِي بِتَبْلُجِ إِسْفَارِهِ
وَيَسْتَصْبِحُ بِمِصْبَاحِهِ
وَلَا يَلْتَمِسُ الْهُدَى فِي غَيْرِهِ

O Allah, just as through it You have set up Muhammad as a guidepost to point to You and

through his Household You have made clear Your good pleasure's roads to You,

so also bless Muhammad and his Household and

make the Qur'an

our mediation to the noblest stations of Your honor,

a ladder by which we may climb to the place of safety,

a cause for our being repaid with deliverance at the Plain of Resurrection, and

a means whereby we may reach the bliss of the House of Permanence

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his Household,

lessen for us through the Qur'an the weight of heavy sins,

give to us the excellent qualities of the pious, and

make us follow the tracks of those who stood before You in the watches of the night and the ends of the day, such that You

purify us from every defilement through its purification and

make us to follow the tracks of those

Who have taken illumination from its light

اللَّهُمَّ وَكَمَا نَصَبْتَ بِهِ مُحَمَّدًا عَلِمًا لِلدَّلَالَةِ
عَلَيْكَ

وَأَنْهَجْتَ بِآلِهِ سُبُلَ الرِّضَا إِلَيْكَ

فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

وَاجْعَلِ الْقُرْآنَ

وَسِيلَةً لَنَا إِلَى أَشْرَفِ مَنَازِلِ الْكِرَامَةِ

وَسَلَّمًا نَعْرُجُ فِيهِ إِلَى مَحَلِّ السَّلَامَةِ

وَسَبَبًا نُجْزَى بِهِ النِّجَاةَ فِي عَرْصَةِ الْقِيَامَةِ

وَذَرِيعةً نَقْدُمُ بِهَا عَلَى نَعِيمِ دَارِ الْمُقَامَةِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

وَاحْطُطْ بِالْقُرْآنِ عَنَّا ثِقْلَ الْأَوْزَارِ

وَهَبْ لَنَا حُسْنَ شَمَائِلِ الْأَبْرَارِ

وَاقْفُ بِنَا آثَارَ الَّذِينَ قَامُوا لَكَ بِهِ آثَارَ

اللَّيْلِ وَأَطْرَافِ النَّهَارِ

حَتَّى تُطَهِّرَنَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَنَسٍ بِتَطْهِيرِهِ

وَتَقْفُوا بِنَا آثَارَ الَّذِينَ

اسْتَضَاءُوا بِنُورِهِ

and whom expectation has not
distracted from works, cutting them
off through its delusions' deceptions!

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his
Household and

appoint the Qur'an for us

an intimate in the shadows of nights
and

a guardian against the instigations of
SATAN and confusing thoughts,

for our feet an obstruction from
passing to acts of disobedience,

for our tongues a silencer without
blight preventing a plunge into
falsehood,

for our limbs a restrainer from
committing sins, and

for the scrutiny of heedfulness rolled
up in heedlessness an unroller,

Such that You attach to our hearts the
understanding of the Qur'an's
wonders and its restraining similitudes
which immovable mountains in all
their solidity were too weak to carry!

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his
Household and

وَلَمْ يُلْهِهِمُ الْأَمَلُ عَنِ الْعَمَلِ فَيَقْطَعَهُمْ
بِخُدَعِ غُرُورِهِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

وَاجْعَلِ الْقُرْآنَ لَنَا

فِي ظِلْمِ اللَّيَالِي مُؤْنَسًا

وَمِنْ نَزَعَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ وَخَطَرَاتِ

الْوَسَاوِسِ حَارِسًا

وَلَأَقْدَامِنَا عَنْ نَقْلِهَا إِلَى الْمَعَاصِي حَابِسًا

وَلَأَلْسِنَتِنَا عَنِ الْخَوْضِ فِي الْبَاطِلِ مِنْ

غَيْرِ مَا آفَةٍ مُخْرِسًا

وَلِجَوَارِحِنَا عَنْ اقْتِرَافِ الْآثَامِ زَاجِرًا

وَلِمَا طَوَّتِ الْغَفْلَةُ عَنَّا مِنْ تَصْفُحِ الْأَعْتِبَارِ

نَاشِرًا

حَتَّى تُوصِلَ إِلَى قُلُوبِنَا فَهَمَّ عَجَائِبِهِ

وَزَوَاجِرِ أَمْثَالِهِ الَّتِي ضَعُفَتِ الْجِبَالُ

الرَّوَّاسِي عَلَى صَلَابَتِهَا عَنِ احْتِمَالِهِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

through the Qur'an make permanent
the rightness of our outward selves,

veil the ideas of confusing thoughts
from the soundness of our innermost
minds,

wash away the dirt of our hearts and
the ties of our heavy sins,

gather our scattered affairs,

quench the thirst of our burning heat
in the standing place of the
presentation to You, and

clothe us in the robes of security on
the Day of the Greatest Terror at our
uprising!

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his
Household and

through the Qur'an redress our lack—
our destitution in poverty—

drive toward us the comforts of life
and an abundance of plentiful
provisions,

turn aside blameworthy character
traits and base moral qualities, and

preserve us from the pit of unbelief
and the motives for hypocrisy,

وَأَدِمَّ بِالْقُرْآنِ صَلَاحَ ظَاهِرِنَا

وَاحْجُبْ بِهِ خَطَرَاتِ الْوَسْوَاسِ عَنِ صِحَّةِ
ضَمَائِرِنَا

وَاعْسِلْ بِهِ دَرَنَ قُلُوبِنَا وَعَلَائِقَ أَوْزَارِنَا

وَاجْمَعْ بِهِ مُنْتَشِرَ أُمُورِنَا

وَارَوْ بِهِ فِي مَوْقِفِ الْعَرْضِ عَلَيْكَ ظَمَأً
هُوَاجِرِنَا

وَاكْسُنَا بِهِ حُلَّ الْأَمَانِ يَوْمَ الْفَزَعِ الْأَكْبَرِ
فِي نَشُورِنَا

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

وَاجْبُرْ بِالْقُرْآنِ خَلْتَنَا مِنْ عَدَمِ الْإِمْلَاقِ

وَسُقِّ إِلَيْنَا بِهِ رَغْدَ الْعَيْشِ وَخِصْبَ سَعَةِ
الْأَرْزَاقِ

وَاجْنُبْنَا بِهِ الضَّرَائِبَ الْمَذْمُومَةَ وَمَدَانِي
الْأَخْلَاقِ

وَاعْصِمْنَا بِهِ مِنْ هُوَّةِ الْكُفْرِ وَدَوَاعِي
النَّفَاقِ

such that the Qur'an may be

for us at the resurrection a leader to
Your good pleasure and Your gardens,

for us in this world a protector against
Your displeasure and transgressing
Your bounds,

and for what is with You a witness by
its declaring lawful the lawful and its
declaring unlawful the unlawful!

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his
Household and

through the Qur'an make easy for our
souls at death

the distress of the driving,

the effort of the moaning,

and the succession of the rattling,

"when souls reach the throats and it is
said, 'Where is the enchanter?'"

when the angel of death discloses
himself to seize them from behind the
veils of unseen things,

حَتَّىٰ يَكُونَ
لَنَا فِي الْقِيَامَةِ إِلَىٰ رِضْوَانِكَ وَجَنَانِكَ
قَائِدًا

وَلَنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا عَنْ سَخَطِكَ وَتَعَدِّي
حُدُودِكَ ذَائِدًا

وَلِمَا عِنْدَكَ بِتَحْلِيلِ حَلَالِهِ وَتَحْرِيمِ
حَرَامِهِ شَاهِدًا

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
وَهَوِّنْ بِالْقُرْآنِ عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِنَا

كَرْبِ السِّيَاقِ

وَجَهْدِ الْأَيْنِ

وَتَرَادُفِ الْحَشَارِجِ

(إِذَا بَلَغَتِ النَّفُوسُ التَّرَاقِي وَقِيلَ مَنْ

رَاقٍ)

وَتَجَلَّىٰ مَلِكُ الْمَوْتِ لِقَبْضِهَا مِنْ حُجْبِ

الْغُيُوبِ

letting loose at them from the bow of destinies the arrows of the terror of lonesome separation, and

ورماها عن قوسِ المنايا بأسهمِ وحشةِ
الفراقِ

mixing for them from sudden death a cup poisoned to the taste; and

وداف لها من دُعافِ الموتِ كأساً
مسمومة المذاقِ

when departure and release for the hereafter come close to us,

ودنا منّا إلى الآخرة رحيلٌ وانطلاقٌ

works become collars around the necks, and

وصارت الأعمالُ قلائد في الأعناقِ

the graves become the haven until the appointed time of the Day of Encounter!

وكانت القبورُ هي المأوى إلى ميقاتِ يومِ
التلاقِ

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his Household,

اللهم صلِّ على محمدٍ وآله

make blessed for us the arrival at the house of decay and the drawn out residence between the layers of the earth,

وبارك لنا في حُلُولِ دارِ البلى وطُولِ
المُقامةِ بين أطباقِ الثرى

appoint the graves, after separation from this world, the best of our way stations,

واجعل القبور بعد فراقِ الدُّنيا خير
منازلنا

make roomy for us through Your mercy the narrowness of our tombs, and

وافسح لنا برحمتك في ضيقِ ملاحِدنا

disgrace us not among those present at the Resurrection through our ruinous sins!

ولا تفضحنا في حاضرِ القيامةِ بموبقاتِ
آثامنا

Through the Qur'an have mercy upon the lowliness of our station at the standing place of presentation to You,

وَارْحَمِ بِالْقُرْآنِ فِي مَوْقِفِ الْعَرْضِ عَلَيْكَ
ذُلَّ مَقَامِنَا

make firm the slips of our feet during the shaking of the bridge across hell on the day of passage over it,

وَتَبَّتْ بِهِ عِنْدَ اضْطِرَابِ جِسْرِ جَهَنَّمَ يَوْمَ
الْمَجَازِ عَلَيْهَا زَلَّ أَقْدَامِنَا

illuminate the darkness of our graves before the Uprising, and

وَنُورٌ بِهِ قَبْلَ الْبَعْثِ سُدْفِ قُبُورِنَا

deliver us from every distress on the Day of Resurrection and from the hardships of terrors on the Day of Disaster!

وَنَجِّنَا بِهِ مِنْ كُلِّ كَرْبٍ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ
وَشَدَائِدِ أَهْوَالِ يَوْمِ الطَّامَةِ

Whiten our faces on the day when the faces of wrongdoers are blackened during the Day of Regret and Remorse,

وَبَيِّضُ وُجُوهَنَا يَوْمَ تَسْوَدُّ وُجُوهَ الظَّالِمَةِ
فِي يَوْمِ الْحَسْرَةِ وَالنَّدَامَةِ

appoint love for us in the breasts of the faithful, and

وَاجْعَلْ لَنَا فِي صُدْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وُدًّا

make not life for us troublesome!

وَلَا تَجْعَلِ الْحَيَاةَ عَلَيْنَا نَكْدًا

O Allah, bless Muḥammad, Your servant and Your messenger, just as He delivered Your message,

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ
كَمَا بَلَغَ رِسَالَتِكَ

executed Your command,

وَصَدَعَ بِأَمْرِكَ

and counseled Your servants!

وَنَصَحَ لِعِبَادِكَ

O Allah, on the Day of Resurrection make our Prophet (Your blessings be upon him and his Household)

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ نَبِيَّنَا صَلَوَاتِكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى
آلِهِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

the nearest of the prophets to You in seat,

the ablest of them before You with intercession,

the greatest of them with You in measure, and

the most eminent of them with You in rank!

O Allah, bless Muhammad and the Household of Muḥammad,

ennoble his edifice,

magnify his proof, make

weighty his balance,

accept his intercession,

bring near his mediation,

whiten his face,

complete his light, and

raise his degree!

Make us live according to his Sunnah,

make us die in his creed,

take us on his road,

make us travel his path,

أَقْرَبَ النَّبِيِّينَ مِنْكَ مَجْلِسًا

وَأَمْكَنَهُمْ مِنْكَ شَفَاعَةً

وَأَجَلَّهُمْ عِنْدَكَ قَدْرًا

وَأَوْجَهَهُمْ عِنْدَكَ جَاهًا

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

وَشَرِّفْ بُنْيَانَهُ

وَعِظْمَ بُرْهَانِهِ

وَتَقْلُ مِيزَانِهِ

وَتَقَبَّلْ شَفَاعَتَهُ

وَقَرِّبْ وَسِيلَتَهُ

وَبَيِّضْ وَجْهَهُ

وَأَتِمِّمْ نُورَهُ

وَارْفَعْ دَرَجَتَهُ

وَأَحِينَا عَلَى سُنَّتِهِ

وَتَوَقَّنَا عَلَى مِلَّتِهِ

وَخُذْ بِنَا مِنْهَاجَهُ

وَاسْلُكْ بِنَا سَبِيلَهُ

place us among the people who obey
him,

muster us in his band,

lead us to up his pool,

and give us to drink of his cup!

And bless Muhammad and his
Household,

with a blessing through which You will
take him to the most excellent of Your
good, Your bounty, and Your
generosity for which he hopes!

You are Possessor of boundless mercy
and generous bounty.

O Allah, repay him for Your messages
which he delivered,

Your signs which he passed on,

the good counsel he gave to Your
servants, and

the struggle he undertook in Your
way,

with the best You have repaid any of

Your angels brought nigh and

Your prophets sent out and chosen!

And upon him and his Household, the
good, the pure, be peace, Allah's
mercy, and His blessings!

وَجْعَلْنَا مِنْ أَهْلِ طَاعَتِهِ

وَاحْشَرْنَا فِي زُمْرَتِهِ

وَأُورِدْنَا حَوْضَهُ

وَاسْقِنَا بِكَأْسِهِ

وَصَلِّ اللَّهُمَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

صَلَاةً تُبَلِّغُهُ بِهَا أَفْضَلَ مَا يَأْمَلُ مِنْ خَيْرِكَ

وَفَضْلِكَ وَكَرَامَتِكَ

إِنَّكَ ذُو رَحْمَةٍ وَاسِعَةٍ وَفَضْلٍ كَرِيمٍ

اللَّهُمَّ اجْزِهِ بِمَا بَلَغَ مِنْ رِسَالَاتِكَ

وَأَدَّى مِنْ آيَاتِكَ

وَنَصَحَ لِعِبَادِكَ

وَجَاهَدَ فِي سَبِيلِكَ

أَفْضَلَ مَا جَزَيْتَ أَحَدًا

مِنْ مَلَائِكَتِكَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ

وَأَنْبِيَائِكَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ الْمُصْطَفِينَ

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ

الطَّاهِرِينَ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ