



MONTH OF SHA'BAAN

The Holy Prophet ﷺ used to say, “Sha`ban is my month; hence, Paradise will be incumbently decided for him who observe fasting on one day of my month.”

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It is recommended to repeat as much as possible the invocation of blessings **(salwaat)** upon the Holy Prophet and his Household.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The narrator then asked again, “What are the best deeds that should be done in Sha`ban.” The Imam عليه السلام answered, “Almsgiving and imploring for forgiveness are the best deeds in Sha`ban. Verily, if anyone of you gives

alms in Sha`ban, Almighty Allah will breed that alms in the very same way as you breed your small camels. Hence, this alms will be as huge as Mount Uhud on the Resurrection Day.”

General Invocations for the Month of Sha'ban

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

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَأَسْأَلُهُ التَّوْبَةَ

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

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

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ

I implore for the forgiveness of Allah.
There is no god save Whom,

الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

the All-beneficent, the All-merciful,

الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ

the Ever-living, the Everlasting,

وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

and to Him I turn repentant.

It is recommended to repeat the following litany 1000 times in Sha`ban:
The reward of one who repeats this

litany in Sha`ban is that one is awarded the reward of serving (Almighty Allah) for 1000 years.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

There is no god save Allah

وَلَا نَعْبُدُ إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ

and we serve none save Him,

مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ

being sincere to Him in obedience,

وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ

though the unbelievers are averse.

Salwaat Sha'baaniyah

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

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اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

شَجَرَةَ النَّبُوَّةِ

the tree of Prophethood,

وَمَوْضِعِ الرِّسَالَةِ

the trustees of the (Divine) Mission,

وَمُخْتَلَفِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ

the frequently visited by the angels,

وَمَعْدِنِ الْعِلْمِ

the core of knowledge,

وَأَهْلِ بَيْتِ الْوَحْيِ

and the Household of the Divine
Revelation.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

أَلْفُلُكِ أَجْجَارِيَّةٍ فِي أَلْدُّجِ أَلْغَامِرَةِ

the sailing ships through the abysmal
waves.

يَأْمَنُ مَنْ رَكِبَهَا

He who embarks on will be saved

وَيَغْرَقُ مَنْ تَرَكَهَا

but he who abandons will be drowned.

أَلْمُتَقَدِّمُ لَهُمْ مَارِقٌ

He who precedes them will miss the
Right Path

وَأَلْمُتَأَخِّرُ عَنْهُمْ زَاهِقٌ

and he who misses them will lose,

وَاللَّازِمُ لَهُمْ لَاحِقٌ

but he who adheres to them will win.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

الْكَهْفِ الْخَصِينِ

the impregnable shelter,

وَعِيَاثِ الْمُضْطَرِّ الْمُسْتَكِينِ

the supporters of the helpless, distressed
ones,

وَمَلْجِ الْأَهَارِبِينَ

the haven of the fugitives,

وَعِصْمَةَ الْمُعْتَصِمِينَ

and the asylum of those who seek
refuge.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

صَلَاةً كَثِيرَةً تَكُونُ لَهُمْ رِضًا

so many blessings that please them

وَلِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ أَدَاءً وَقَضَاءً

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

بِحَوْلٍ مِنْكَ وَقُوَّةٍ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

by Your might and power, O Lord of the
worlds!

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

الطَّيِّبِينَ الْأَبْرَارِ الْأَخْيَارِ

the pure, pious, and righteous

الَّذِينَ أَوْجَبْتَ حُقُوقَهُمْ

whose rights have been made incumbent
upon us by You

وَفَرَضْتَ طَاعَتَهُمْ وَوَلَايَتَهُمْ

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

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

وَأَعْمُرْ قَلْبِي بِطَاعَتِكَ

and fill my heart with obedience to You,

وَلَا تُخْزِنِي بِمَعْصِيَتِكَ

do not disgrace me due to my acts of
disobedience to You,

وَأَرْزُقْنِي مُوَاسَاةَ مَنْ قَتَرْتَ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ رِزْقِكَ

and grant me the feeling of sympathy
towards those whom You have decided
to straighten their sustenance

بِمَا وَسَّعْتَ عَلَيَّ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ

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

وَنَشَرْتَ عَلَيَّ مِنْ عَدْلِكَ

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

وَأَحْيَيْتَنِي تَحْتَ ظِلِّكَ

Make me live under Your shade.

وَهَذَا شَهْرُ نَبِيِّكَ سَيِّدِ رُسُلِكَ

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

شَعْبَانُ الَّذِي حَفَفْتَهُ مِنْكَ بِالرَّحْمَةِ وَالرِّضْوَانِ

It is Sha`ban, which You have
encompassed with Your mercy and
pleasure

الَّذِي كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

and on which the Messenger of Allah,
peace and blessings be upon him and his
Household,

يَدْأَبُ فِي صِيَامِهِ وَقِيَامِهِ

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

فِي لَيَالِيهِ وَأَيَّامِهِ

on all of its days and nights

بُخُوعاً لَكَ فِي إِكْرَامِهِ وَإِعْظَامِهِ

on account of Your honoring and dignifying this month,

إِلَى مَحَلِّ حَمَامِهِ

up to his death.

اللَّهُمَّ فَأَعِنَّا عَلَى الْإِسْتِنَانِ بِسُنَّتِهِ فِيهِ

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

وَنَيْلِ الشَّفَاعَةِ لَدَيْهِ

and help us attain his intercession for us.

اللَّهُمَّ وَأَجْعَلْهُ لِي شَفِيعاً مُشَفَّعاً

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

وَطَرِيقاً إِلَيْكَ مَهِيَعاً

and as my clear path toward You,

وَأَجْعَلَنِي لَهُ مُتَّبِعاً

and make me follow him

حَتَّىٰ أَلْقَاكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَنِّي رَاضِياً

until I meet You on the Resurrection
Day enjoying Your pleasure with me

وَعَنْ ذُنُوبِي غَاضِياً

and Your overlooking my sins

قَدْ أَوْجَبْتَ لِي مِنْكَ الرَّحْمَةَ وَالرِّضْوَانَ

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

وَأَنْزَلْتَنِي دَارَ الْقَرَارِ وَمَحَلَّ الْأَخْيَارِ

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

Munajat Sha'baniyah

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

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اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

وَأَسْمَعُ دُعَائِي إِذَا دَعَوْتُكَ

listen to my prayer whenever I pray You,

وَأَسْمَعُ نِدَائِي إِذَا نَادَيْتُكَ

listen to my call whenever I call upon
you,

وَأَقْبِلْ عَلَيَّ إِذَا نَاجَيْتُكَ

and accept from me whenever I
confidentially whisper to You,

فَقَدْ هَرَبْتُ إِلَيْكَ

for here I am fleeing into You,

وَوَقَفْتُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ مُسْتَكِينًا لَكَ

standing before You, showing
submission to You,

مُتَضَرِّعاً إِلَيْكَ

imploring You,

رَاجِئاً لِمَا لَدَيْكَ ثَوَابِي

and hoping for the reward that You
have.

وَتَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِي

You do know what is in my inner self,

وَتَخْبُرُ حَاجَتِي

recognize my needs,

وَتَعْرِفُ ضَمِيرِي

recognize my hidden affairs,

وَلَا يَخْفَى عَلَيْكَ أَمْرٌ مُنْقَلَبِي وَمَثْوَايَ

and all my moves and stillness are
known by You.

وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ أُبْدِيَ بِهِ مِنْ مَنطِقِي

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

وَأَتَفَوَّهُ بِهِ مِنْ طَلْبَتِي

all the requests that I want to express,

وَأَرْجُوهُ لِعَاقِبَتِي

and all the expectation that I hope for
my future.

وَقَدْ جَرَتْ مَقَادِيرُكَ عَلَيَّ يَا سَيِّدِي

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

فِيمَا يَكُونُ مِنِّي إِلَى آخِرِ عُمْرِي

up to the end of my life,

مِنْ سَرِيرَتِي وَعَلَانِيَتِي

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

وَبِيَدِكَ لَا بِيَدِ غَيْرِكَ زِيَادَتِي وَنَقْصِي

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

وَنَفْعِي وَضَرِّي

and all my benefits and harms that come
upon me.

إِلَهِي إِنْ حَرَمْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَرْزُقُنِي

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

وَإِنْ خَذَلْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَنْصُرُنِي

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

إِلَهِي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ غَضَبِكَ وَحُلُولِ سَخَطِكَ

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

إِلَهِي إِنْ كُنْتُ غَيْرَ مُسْتَأْهِلٍ لِرَحْمَتِكَ

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

فَأَنْتَ أَهْلٌ أَنْ تَجُودَ عَلَيَّ بِفَضْلِ سَعَتِكَ

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

إِلٰهِي كَأَنِّي بِنَفْسِي وَاقِفَةٌ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

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

وَقَدْ أَظَلَّهَا حُسْنُ تَوَكُّلِي عَلَيْكَ

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

فَقُلْتَ مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ وَتَغَمَّدْتَنِي بِعَفْوِكَ

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

إِلٰهِي إِنَّ عَفْوَتَ فَمَنْ أَوْلَىٰ مِنْكَ بِذَلِكَ

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

وَإِنْ كَانَ قَدْ دَنَا أَجَلِي وَلَمْ يُدْنِي مِنْكَ عَمَلِي

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

فَقَدْ جَعَلْتُ الْإِقْرَارَ بِالذَّنْبِ إِلَيْكَ وَسِيلَتِي

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

إِلَهِي قَدْ جُرْتُ عَلَى نَفْسِي فِي النَّظَرِ لَهَا

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

فَلَهَا أَلْوَيْلٌ إِنْ لَمْ تَغْفِرْ لَهَا

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

إِلَهِي لَمْ يَزَلْ بِرُكِّ عَلَيَّ أَيَّامَ حَيَاتِي

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

فَلَا تَقْطَعْ بِرُكِّ عَنِّي فِي مَمَاتِي

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

إِلَهِي كَيْفَ آيَسُ مِنْ حُسْنِ نَظْرِكَ لِي بَعْدَ مَمَاتِي

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

وَأَنْتَ لَمْ تُؤَلِّني إِلَّا الْجَمِيلَ فِي حَيَاتِي

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

إِلٰهِي تَوَلَّ مِنْ أَمْرِي مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ

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

وَعُدُّ عَلَيَّ بِفَضْلِكَ عَلَيَّ مُذْنِبٌ قَدْ غَمَرَهُ جَهْلُهُ

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

إِلٰهِي قَدْ سَتَرْتَ عَلَيَّ ذُنُوبًا فِي الدُّنْيَا

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

وَأَنَا أَحْوَجُ إِلَى سِتْرِهَا عَلَيَّ مِنْكَ فِي الْآخِرَىٰ

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

إِذْ لَمْ تُظْهِرْهَا لِأَحَدٍ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ

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

فَلَا تَفْضَحْنِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَلَى رُؤُوسِ

الْأَشْهَادِ

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

إِلَهِي جُودُكَ بَسَطَ أَمَلِي

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

وَعَفْوُكَ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ عَمَلِي

and surely Your pardon is more preferable than my deeds.

إِلَهِي فَسُرِّبْنِي بِلِقَائِكَ يَوْمَ تَقْضِي فِيهِ بَيْنَ عِبَادِكَ

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

إِلَهِي أَعْتَدَارِي إِلَيْكَ أَعْتِدَارُ مَنْ لَمْ يَسْتَغْنِ عَنْ

قَبُولِ عُدْرِهِ

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

فَأَقْبَلْ عُدْرِي يَا أَكْرَمَ مَنْ أَعْتَدَرَ إِلَيْهِ الْمُسِيئُونَ

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

إِلٰهِي لَا تَرُدُّ حَاجَتِي

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

وَلَا تُخَيِّبْ طَمَعِي

do not fail my big hope for You,

وَلَا تَقْطَعْ مِنْكَ رَجَائِي وَأَمَلِي

and do not disappoint my desire and expectation for You.

إِلٰهِي لَوْ أَرَدْتَ هَوَانِي لَمْ تَهْدِنِي

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

وَلَوْ أَرَدْتَ فَضِيحَتِي لَمْ تُعَافِنِي

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

إِلَهِي مَا أَظُنُّكَ تَرُدُّنِي فِي حَاجَةٍ قَدْ أَفْنَيْتُ

عُمْرِي فِي طَلِبِهَا مِنْكَ

O my God, I do not expect You to reject my request that I spent my whole lifetime asking for it from You.

إِلَهِي فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَبَدًا أَبَدًا دَائِمًا سَرْمَدًا

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

يَزِيدُ وَلَا يَبِيدُ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَىٰ

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

إِلٰهِي إِنْ أَخَذْتَنِي بِجُرْمِي أَخَذْتُكَ بِعَفْوِكَ

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

وَإِنْ أَخَذْتَنِي بِذُنُوبِي أَخَذْتُكَ بِمَغْفِرَتِكَ

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

وَإِنْ أَدْخَلْتَنِي النَّارَ أَعْلَمْتُ أَهْلَهَا أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ

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

إِلَهِي إِنْ كَانَ صَغُرَ فِي جَنْبِ طَاعَتِكَ عَمَلِي

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

فَقَدْ كَبُرَ فِي جَنْبِ رَجَائِكَ أَمَلِي

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

إِلَهِي كَيْفَ أَنْقَلِبُ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ بِأَخِيْبَةٍ مَحْرُومًا

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

وَقَدْ كَانَ حُسْنُ ظَنِّي بِجُودِكَ أَنْ تَقْلِبَنِي بِالنَّجَاةِ

مَرْحُومًا

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

إِلَهِي وَقَدْ أَفْنَيْتُ عُمْرِي فِي شِرَّةِ السَّهْوِ عَنكَ

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

وَأَبْلَيْتُ شَبَابِي فِي سَكْرَةِ التَّبَاعُدِ مِنْكَ

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

إِلَهِي فَلَمْ أَسْتَيْقِظْ أَيَّامَ اغْتِرَارِي بِكَ

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

وَرَكُونِي إِلَى سَبِيلِ سَخَطِكَ

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

إِلَهِي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ وَأَبْنُ عَبْدِكَ قَائِمٌ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

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

مُتَوَسِّلٌ بِكَرَمِكَ إِلَيْكَ

and begging You in the name of Your
generosity.

إِلَهِي أَنَا عَبْدٌ أَتَنَصَّلُ إِلَيْكَ مِمَّا كُنْتُ أُوَاجِهُكَ بِهِ

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

مِنْ قِلَّةِ اسْتِحْيَائِي مِنْ نَظْرِكَ

namely, my shameless inconsideration
of You,

وَأَطْلُبُ الْعَفْوَ مِنْكَ إِذِ الْعَفْوَ نَعْتُ لِكِرْمِكَ

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

إِلَهِي لَمْ يَكُنْ لِي حَوْلٌ فَأَنْتَقِلَ بِهِ عَنْ مَعْصِيَتِكَ

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

إِلَّا فِي وَقْتِ أَيْقَظْتَنِي لِمَحَبَّتِكَ

except after You aroused me to love You.

وَكَمَا أَرَدْتَ أَنْ أَكُونَ كُنْتُ

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

فَشَكَرْتُكَ بِإِدْخَالِي فِي كَرَمِكَ

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

وَلِتَطْهِيرَ قَلْبِي مِنْ أَوْسَاحِ الْغَفْلَةِ عَنْكَ

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

إِلَهِي أَنْظِرْ إِلَيَّ نَظْرَ مَنْ نَادَيْتَهُ فَأَجَابَكَ

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

وَأَسْتَعْمَلْتَهُ بِمَعُونَتِكَ فَأَطَاعَكَ

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

يَا قَرِيباً لَا يَبْعُدُ عَنِ الْمُغْتَرِّ بِهِ

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

وَيَا جَوَاداً لَا يَبْخُلُ عَمَّنْ رَجَا ثَوَابَهُ

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

إِلَهِي هَبْ لِي قَلْباً يُدْنِيهِ مِنْكَ شَوْقُهُ

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

وَلِسَانًا يُرْفَعُ إِلَيْكَ صِدْقُهُ

a tongue whose truthfulness is directed
to You,

وَنَظْرًا يُقَرِّبُهُ مِنْكَ حَقُّهُ

and a sight whose righteousness
advances towards You.

إِلَهِي إِنَّ مَنْ تَعَرَّفَ بِكَ غَيْرُ مَجْهُولٍ

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

وَمَنْ لَآذَ بِكَ غَيْرُ مَخْذُولٍ

he who seeks Your shelter shall never be
disappointed,

وَمَنْ أَقْبَلَتْ عَلَيْهِ غَيْرُ مَمْلُولٍ

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

إِلَهِي إِنَّ مَنْ أَنْتَهَجَ بِكَ لَمْسْتَنِرٌ

O my God, he who abides by Your Path
shall be enlightened,

وَإِنَّ مَنْ أَعْتَصَمَ بِكَ لَمْسْتَجِيرٌ

and he who resorts to You shall be
succored.

وَقَدْ لُدْتُ بِكَ يَا إِلَهِي فَلَا تُخَيِّبْ ظَنِّي مِنْ

رَحْمَتِكَ

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

وَلَا تَحْجُبْنِي عَنْ رَأْفَتِكَ

and do not divest me of Your kindness.

إِلَهِي أَقِمْنِي فِي أَهْلِ وِلَايَتِكَ

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

مُقَامَ مَنْ رَجَا الزِّيَادَةَ مِنْ مَحَبَّتِكَ

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

إِلَهِي وَأَهْمِنِي وَهَاءَ بِذِكْرِكَ إِلَى ذِكْرِكَ

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

وَهَمَّتِي فِي رُوحِ نَجَاحِ أَسْمَائِكَ وَمَحَلِّ قُدْسِكَ

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

إِلٰهِي بِكَ عَلَيْكَ إِلَّا أَحَقَّتَنِي بِمَحَلِّ أَهْلِ طَاعَتِكَ

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

وَأَلْمَثُوِي الصَّالِحِ مِنْ مَرْضَاتِكَ

and in an honorable standing of Your
pleasure,

فَإِنِّي لَا أَقْدِرُ لِنَفْسِي دَفْعًا

for I, verily, have no power to rescue

وَلَا أَمْلِكُ لَهَا نَفْعًا

or to benefit myself.

إِلٰهِي أَنَا عَبْدُكَ الضَّعِيفُ الْمُدْنِبُ

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

وَمَمْلُوكُكَ الْمُتَنِيبُ

and Your slave—the penitent.

فَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ صَرَفْتَ عَنْهُ وَجْهَكَ

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

وَحَجَبَهُ سَهْوُهُ عَنْ عَفْوِكَ

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

إِلَهِي هَبْ لِي كَمَالَ الْإِنْقِطَاعِ إِلَيْكَ

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

وَأَنْزِرْ أَبْصَارَ قُلُوبِنَا بِضِيَاءِ نَظَرِهَا إِلَيْكَ

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

حَتَّى تَخْرُقَ أَبْصَارُ الْقُلُوبِ حُجُبَ النُّورِ

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

فَتَصِلَ إِلَى مَعْدِنِ الْعَظْمَةِ

and arrive at the Core of Magnificence,

وَتَصِيرَ أَرْوَاحَنَا مُعَلَّقَةً بِعِزِّ قُدْسِكَ

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

إِلٰهِيْ وَاجْعَلْنِيْ مِمَّنْ نَادَيْتَهُ فَاَجَابَكَ

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

وَلَا حَظَّتْهُ فَصَعِقَ جِلَالِكَ

those who were shocked for Your
Majesty when You observed them

فَنَاجَيْتَهُ سِرًّا وَعَمِلَ لَكَ جَهْرًا

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

إِلٰهِيْ لَمْ أُسَلِّطْ عَلَى حُسْنِ ظَنِّيْ قُنُوطَ الْأَيَّاسِ

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

وَلَا أَنْقَطَعَ رَجَائِي مِنْ جَمِيلِ كَرَمِكَ

and I have never lost hope in Your
excellent magnanimity.

إِلَهِي إِنْ كَانَتْ أَلْخَطَايَا قَدْ أَسْقَطْتَنِي لَدَيْكَ

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

فَأَصْفَحْ عَنِّي بِحُسْنِ تَوَكُّلِي عَلَيْكَ

then please pardon me for my excellent
trust in You.

إِلَهِي إِنْ حَطَّتْ عَلَيَّ الذُّنُوبُ مِنْ مَكَارِمِ لُطْفِكَ

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

فَقَدْ نَبَّهَنِي أَلْيَقِينُ إِلَى كَرَمِ عَطْفِكَ

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

إِلَهِي إِنْ أَنَامْتَنِي الْغَفْلَةُ عَنِ الْإِسْتِعْدَادِ لِلِقَائِكَ

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

فَقَدْ نَبَّهْتَنِي الْمَعْرِفَةُ بِكَرَمِ آيَاتِكَ

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

إِلَهِي إِنْ دَعَانِي إِلَى النَّارِ عَظِيمٍ عِقَابِكَ

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

فَقَدْ دَعَانِي إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ جَزِيلٍ ثَوَابِكَ

then Your opulent reward has drawn me
to Paradise.

إِلَهِي فَلَكَ أَسْأَلُ وَإِلَيْكَ أَبْتَهِلُ وَأَرْغَبُ

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

وَأَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

I beseech You to bless Muhammad and
the Household of Muhammad

وَأَنْ تَجْعَلَنِي مِمَّنْ يُدِيمُ ذِكْرَكَ

and to include me with those who
always mention You,

وَلَا يَنْقُضُ عَهْدَكَ

who never breach their covenant to You,

وَلَا يَغْفُلُ عَنْ شُكْرِكَ

who never fail to thank You,

وَلَا يَسْتَخِفُّ بِأَمْرِكَ

and who never belittle Your Affairs.

إِلَهِي وَأَلْحِقْنِي بِنُورِ عِزِّكَ الْأَجْبَجِ

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

فَأَكُونَ لَكَ عَارِفًا

so that I will recognize You

وَعَنْ سِوَاكَ مُنْحَرَفًا

and I will leave everybody else,

وَمِنْكَ خَائِفًا مُرَاقِبًا

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

يَا ذَا أَجْلالٍ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

O Lord of Majesty and Honor!

وَصَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ رَسُوْلِهِ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

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

وَسَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا

and exalt them very much.

Salaah for Every Thursday in Sha'ban

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

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

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

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

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sha'ban

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

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

Likewise, Sayyid Ibn Tawus has narrated on the authority of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم that an abundant

reward will be conferred to one who observes fasting on three days in Sha`ban at the nights of which a 2 unit prayer is offered. In each unit of this prayer, one should recite Surah *al-Fatihah* once and Surah *al-Tawhid* 11 times.

Dua for Day of 3rd Sha'ban

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

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اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِحَقِّ الْمَوْلُودِ فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ

O Allah, I beseech You in the name of
the one born on this day,

الْمَوْعُودِ بِشَهَادَتِهِ قَبْلَ اسْتِهْلَالِهِ وَوِلَادَتِهِ

the promised with martyrdom before
the beginning of his lifetime and before
his birth,

بَكْتُهُ السَّمَاءُ وَمَنْ فِيهَا

the heavens and all their inhabitants
wept for him;

وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ عَلَيْهَا

and so did the earth and those living on
it

وَلَمَّا يَطَأُ لَابَتَيْهَا

before his feet stepped on it,

قَتِيلِ الْعَبْرَةِ

the mourned slain one,

وَسَيِّدِ الْأُسْرَةِ

the master of the Family (of
Prophethood),

الْمَمْدُودِ بِالنُّصْرَةِ يَوْمَ الْكُرَّةِ

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

الْمُعَوَّضِ مِنْ قَتْلِهِ أَنَّ الْأَئِمَّةَ مِنْ نَسْلِهِ

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

وَالشِّفَاءَ فِي تُرْبَتِهِ

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

وَالْفَوْزَ مَعَهُ فِي أَوْبَتِهِ

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

وَالْأَوْصِيَاءَ مِنْ عِزَّتِهِ

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

بَعْدَ قَائِمِهِمْ وَغَيْبَتِهِ

after the advent of their Rising Imam
and after his occultation

حَتَّى يُدْرِكُوا الْأَوْتَارَ

so that they shall take revenge,

وَيَتَّارُوا النَّارَ

retaliate,

وَيُرْضُوا الْجَبَّارَ

please the Omnipotent Lord,

وَيَكُونُوا خَيْرَ أَنْصَارٍ

and be the best supporters.

صَلَّىٰ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَعَ اخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ

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

اللَّهُمَّ فَبِحَقِّهِمْ إِلَيْكَ أَتَوَسَّلُ

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

وَأَسْأَلُ سُؤَالَ مُقْتَرِفٍ مُعْتَرِفٍ

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

مُسِيءٍ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ

and who has done evil to himself

مِمَّا فَرَّطَ فِي يَوْمِهِ وَأَمْسِهِ

due to his violations—the past and the
present.

يَسْأَلُكَ الْعِصْمَةَ إِلَى مَحَلِّ رَمْسِهِ

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

اللَّهُمَّ فَصِّلْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعِزَّتِهِ

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

وَأَحْشُرْنَا فِي زُمْرَتِهِ

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

وَبَوِّئْنَا مَعَهُ دَارَ الْكِرَامَةِ

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

وَمَحَلِّ الْإِقَامَةِ

and in the abode of residence.

اللَّهُمَّ وَكَمَا أَكْرَمْتَنَا بِمَعْرِفَتِهِ فَأَكْرِمْنَا بِزُفْتِهِ

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

وَأَرْزُقْنَا مُرَافَقَتَهُ وَسَابِقَتَهُ

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

وَأَجْعَلْنَا مِمَّنْ يُسَلِّمُ لِأَمْرِهِ

and include us with those who submit to
him totally

وَيُكْتَرُ الصَّلَاةَ عَلَيْهِ عِنْدَ ذِكْرِهِ

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

وَعَلَىٰ جَمِيعِ أَوْصِيَاءِهِ وَأَهْلِ أَصْفِيَاءِهِ

and upon all his Successors and Selected
Ones,

الْمَمْدُودِينَ مِنْكَ بِالْعَدَدِ الْإِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ

whom are defined by You as twelve
persons,

النُّجُومِ الزُّهَرِ

being the luminous stars,

وَأَحْجَجِ عَلَىٰ جَمِيعِ الْبَشَرِ

and the Arguments against all
humankind.

اللَّهُمَّ وَهَبْ لَنَا فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ خَيْرَ مَوْهَبَةٍ

O Allah, and (please) grant us on this
day the best of grants,

وَأَنْجِحْ لَنَا فِيهِ كُلَّ طَلِبَةٍ

make all our prayers on this day
responded,

كَمَا وَهَبْتَ أَحْسَيْنَ لِمُحَمَّدٍ جَدِّهِ

just as You gifted al-Husain to
Muhammad, his grandfather,

وَعَاذَ فُطْرُسُ بِمَهْدِهِ

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

فَنَحْنُ عَائِدُونَ بِقَبْرِهِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ

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

نَشْهَدُ تُرْبَتَهُ وَنَنْتَظِرُ أَوْبَتَهُ

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

آمِينَ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Respond to us, O Lord of the worlds.

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

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ مُتَعَالِي الْمَكَانِ

O Allah, You are verily the Elevated in
position,

عَظِيمُ الْجَبْرُوتِ

the Magnificent in omnipotence,

شَدِيدُ الْمِحَالِ

the Mighty in prowess,

غَنِيٌّ عَنِ الْخَلَائِقِ

the Self-Sufficient from the creatures,

عَرِيضُ الْكِبْرِيَاءِ

the Ample in pride,

قَادِرٌ عَلَىٰ مَا تَشَاءُ

the Powerful over all that which You
want,

قَرِيبُ الرَّحْمَةِ

the Close in mercy,

صَادِقُ الْوَعْدِ

the Truthful in promise,

سَابِغُ النِّعْمَةِ

the Opulent in favors,

حَسَنُ الْبَلَاءِ

the Sympathetic in ordeals,

قَرِيبٌ إِذَا دُعِيَ

the Nigh when You are prayed,

مُحِيطٌ بِمَا خَلَقْتَ

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

قَابِلُ التَّوْبَةِ لِمَنْ تَابَ إِلَيْكَ

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

قَادِرٌ عَلَى مَا أَرَدْتَ

the Powerful to do whatever You want,

وَمُدْرِكٌ مَا طَلَبْتَ

the Taker in all that which You decide,

وَشَكُورٌ إِذَا شُكِرْتَ

the Thankful for those who thank You,

وَذِكُورٌ إِذَا ذُكِرْتَ

and the Rememberer of those who
mention You.

أَدْعُوكَ مُحْتَاجًا

I pray You for I need You,

وَأَرْغَبُ إِلَيْكَ فَقِيرًا

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

وَأَفْزَعُ إِلَيْكَ خَائِفًا

I resort to You for I am terrified,

وَأَبْكِي إِلَيْكَ مَكْرُوبًا

I weep before You for I am distressed,

وَأَسْتَعِينُ بِكَ ضَعِيفًا

I seek Your aid for I am weak,

وَأَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْكَ كَافِيًا

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

أُحْكَمْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ قَوْمِنَا بِالْحَقِّ

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

فِيهِمْ غَرَّبْنَا وَخَدَعُونَا

for they have deceived us, cheated us,

وَخَذَلُونَا وَغَدَرُوا بِنَا وَقَتَلُونَا

disappointed us, betrayed us, and killed
us.

وَنَحْنُ عِترَةُ نَبِيِّكَ

We are the progeny of Your Prophet

وَوَلَدُ حَبِيبِكَ

and the sons of Your beloved one;

مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ

namely, Muhammad the son of
'Abdullah,

الَّذِي اصْطَفَيْتَهُ بِالرَّسَالَةِ

whom You have chosen for the Divine
Mission

وَأَتَمَمْتَهُ عَلَى وَحْيِكَ

and for keeping Your Revelation.

فَأَجْعَلْ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا فَرَجًا وَمَخْرَجًا

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

بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

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

Ziyarah of Imam Ali Zayn ul Abideen عليه السلام

السلام عليك يا سيد الساجدين

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

السلام عليك يا زين العابدين

Peace be on you, O prestige of
Worshipping ones!

السلام عليك يا حليف الحسرات

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

السلام عليك يا ذا الثفات

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

السلام عليك يا صاحب العبرات

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

السلام عليك يا أسير الكربات

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

السلام عليك يا أعظم آل العباء

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

السلام عليك يا ابن خامس

أهل الكساء أصحاب

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

السلام عليك يا ابن سيد الشهداء

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

السلام عليك يا عماد الأتقياء

Peace be on you , O support of Pious
ones!

السلام عليك ورحمة الله وبركاته

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

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

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

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

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

Imam Ja`far al-Sadiq عليه السلام is reported

as saying, “Whoever offers these prayers, will be awarded the merits of these three months (namely, Rajab, Sha`ban, and Ramadan) and will have all his sins forgiven, except polytheism.

Last 3 Days of Sha'ban

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

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

Abu'l-Salt, the days of Sha`ban have almost passed. This is the last Friday. You should thus settle what you have missed in this month by working harder in the

rest of it. You may supplicate God, implore for His forgiveness, recite the Holy Qur'an, and repent to Him from your sins so that you receive the month of Ramadhan with pure sincerity to Him. You must fulfill all the trusts that you are liable to settle, do not bear malice against any of your brethren-in-faith, you must give up any sin that you commit. Fear Almighty Allah and trust in Him in secret and openly, for 'If any one puts his trust in Allah, sufficient is (Allah) for him. For Allah will surely accomplish his purpose. Verily, for all things has Allah appointed a due proportion. 65/3'

In the rest days of Sha`ban, you may

repeat the following supplicatory prayer very much for Almighty Allah saves many people from Hellfire on account of the sanctity of this month:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ لَمْ تُكُنْ غَفَرْتَ لَنَا فِيمَا مَضَى مِنْ

شَعْبَانَ

O Allah, if You have not forgiven us in the past days of Sha`ban,

فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا فِيمَا بَقِيَ مِنْهُ

(please do) forgive us in the rest of it.

Dua for Last Night of Sha'ban

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

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اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هَذَا الشَّهْرَ الْمُبَارَكَ

O Allah, this blessed month

الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ

in which the Qur'an was revealed

وَجُعِلَ هُدًى لِلنَّاسِ

and was made guidance for people

وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ

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

قَدْ حَضَرَ

has commenced.

فَسَلِّمْنَا فِيهِ

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

وَسَلِّمَهُ لَنَا

keep it sound for us,

وَتَسَلِّمَهُ مِنَّا فِي يُسْرٍ مِّنكَ وَعَافِيَةٍ

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

يَا مَنْ أَخَذَ الْقَلِيلَ وَشَكَرَ الْكَثِيرَ

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

أَقْبَلْ مِنِّي الْيُسِيرَ

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

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ

O Allah, I beseech You

أَنْ تَجْعَلَ لِي إِلَى كُلِّ خَيْرٍ سَبِيلًا

to make for me a path to every decency,

وَمِنْ كُلِّ مَا لَا تُحِبُّ مَانِعًا

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

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

O most Merciful of all those who show
mercy!

يَا مَنْ عَفَا عَنِّي وَعَمَّا خَلَوْتُ بِهِ مِنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ

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

يَا مَنْ لَمْ يُؤَاخِذْنِي بِأَرْتِكَابِ الْمَعَاصِي

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

عَفْوِكَ عَفْوِكَ يَا كَرِيمٌ

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

إِلَهِي وَعَظَّتْني فَلَمْ أَتَّعِظْ

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

وَزَجَرْتَنِي عَنْ مَحَارِمِكَ فَلَمْ أَنْزَجِرْ

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

فَمَا عُذْرِي

Now, what is my excuse?

فَاعْفُ عَنِّي يَا كَرِيمٌ

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

عَفْوِكَ عَفْوِكَ

I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon!

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ

O Allah, I beseech You

الرَّاحَةَ عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ

for rest at death

وَالْعَفْوِ عِنْدَ الْحِسَابِ

and for pardon at calling to account.

عَظْمَ الذَّنْبِ مِنْ عَبْدِكَ

Great is the sin of Your servant;

فَلِيْحَسْنِ التَّجَاوُزِ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ

so, let Your overlooking him be
excellent.

يَا أَهْلَ التَّقْوَىٰ وَيَا أَهْلَ الْمَغْفِرَةِ

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

عَفْوِكَ عَفْوِكَ

I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي عَبْدُكَ ابْنُ عَبْدِكَ ابْنُ أُمَّتِكَ

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

ضَعِيفٌ فَقِيرٌ إِلَى رَحْمَتِكَ

and I am weak and in need for Your
mercy;

وَأَنْتَ مُنْزِلُ الْمُنَى وَالْبَرَكَاتِ عَلَى الْعِبَادِ

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

قَاهِرٌ مُقْتَدِرٌ

You are omnipotent and full of power,

أَخْصَيْتَ أَعْمَالَهُمْ

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

وَقَسَمْتَ أَرْزَاقَهُمْ

decided the sustenance of each one
them,

وَجَعَلْتَهُمْ مُخْتَلِفَةً أَلْسِنَتُهُمْ وَالْوَأْنَهُمْ

and made them of different languages
and colors

خَلْقًا مِنْ بَعْدِ خَلْقٍ

in different stages of creation.

وَلَا يَعْلَمُ الْعِبَادُ عِلْمَكَ

Your servants can never attain Your
knowledge

وَلَا يَقْدِرُ الْعِبَادُ قَدْرَكَ

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

وَكُلُّنَا فَاقِرٌ إِلَىٰ رَحْمَتِكَ

All of us are needy for Your mercy.

فَلَا تَصْرِفْ عَنِّي وَجْهَكَ

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

وَأَجْعَلْنِي مِنْ صَالِحِي خَلْقِكَ

and include me with the virtuous
creatures of You

فِي الْعَمَلِ وَالْأَمَلِ

in deeds, hopes,

وَالْقَضَاءِ وَالْقَدْرِ

and Your decisions (for me).

اللَّهُمَّ أَبْقِنِي خَيْرَ الْبَقَاءِ

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

وَأَفْنِي خَيْرَ الْفَنَاءِ عَلَى مُوَالَاةِ أَوْلِيَائِكَ

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

وَمُعَادَاةِ أَعْدَائِكَ

incurring the enmity of Your enemies,

وَالرَّغْبَةَ إِلَيْكَ وَالرَّهْبَةَ مِنْكَ

keeping desiring for You, fearing from
You,

وَالْخُشُوعَ وَالْوَفَاءَ وَالتَّسْلِيمَ لَكَ

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

وَالْتَّصَدِيقِ بِكِتَابِكَ

believing in Your Book,

وَأَتَّبَاعِ سُنَّةِ رَسُولِكَ

and following Your Prophet's
instructions.

اللَّهُمَّ مَا كَانَ فِي قَلْبِي

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

مِنْ شَكٍّ أَوْ رَيْبَةٍ

including suspicion, doubt,

أَوْ جُحُودٍ أَوْ قُنُوطٍ

denial, despair,

أَوْ فَرَحٍ أَوْ بَدَخٍ أَوْ بَطْرِ

(excessive) joy, lavish expenditure or
recklessness,

أَوْ خِيَلَاءَ أَوْ رِيَاءٍ أَوْ سُمُعَةٍ

pride, arrogance, ostentation,

أَوْ شِقَاقٍ أَوْ نِفَاقٍ

discord, hypocrisy,

أَوْ كُفْرٍ أَوْ فُسُوقٍ أَوْ عِصْيَانٍ

unbelief, licentiousness, disobedience,

أَوْ عِظْمَةٍ أَوْ شَيْءٍ لَا تُحِبُّ

conceit, or anything else that You do not
like;

فَأَسْأَلُكَ يَا رَبِّ أَنْ تُبَدِّلَنِي مَكَانَهُ إِيْمَانًا بِوَعْدِكَ

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

وَوَفَاءَ بِعَهْدِكَ

fulfillment of my covenant to You,

وَرِضًا بِقَضَائِكَ

satisfaction with what You decide for
me,

وَزُهْدًا فِي الدُّنْيَا

indifference to the worldly pleasures,

وَرَغْبَةً فِيمَا عِنْدَكَ

desire for that which You have,

وَأَثَرَةً وَطْمَآنِينَةً

altruism, tranquility,

وَتَوْبَةً نَّصُوحًا

and sincere repentance.

أَسْأَلُكَ ذَلِكَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

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

إِلَهِي أَنْتَ مِنْ حِلْمِكَ تُعْصَى فَكَأَنَّكَ لَمْ تُرَ

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

وَمِنْ كَرَمِكَ وَجُودِكَ تُطَاعُ فَكَأَنَّكَ لَمْ تُعْصَ

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

وَأَنَا وَمَنْ لَمْ يَعْصِكَ سَكَّانُ أَرْضِكَ

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

فَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا بِالْفَضْلِ جَوَاداً

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

وَبِأَخَيْرِ عَوَاداً

and always refer to us with Your
goodness.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

O most Merciful of all those who show
mercy!

وَصَلَّىٰ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً

May Allah bless Muhammad and his
Household with endless blessings

لَا تُحْصَى وَلَا تُعَدُّ

that are innumerable, uncountable,

وَلَا يَقْدِرُ قَدْرَهَا غَيْرُكَ

and none can do it save You.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

O most Merciful of all those who show
mercy!