

Ziyarahs of Masjidun-

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Ziyarah of Prophet Muhammad (saws)

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(sa)

ZIYARAH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAWS)

The method of visiting the shrine of the Holy Prophet (saws) is as follows:

When you arrive in the holy city of al-Madinah, you may bathe yourself, preparing yourself for the ziyarah. When you intend to enter The Holy Prophet's Mosque, you should stop at the door of the mosque and say the form of asking permission for entering as follows:

O Allah, I am standing at one of the doors

of Your Prophet's Houses—

may Your blessings be upon him and his Household.

وَقَدْ مَنَعْتَ ٱلنَّاسَ أَنْ يَدْخُلُواْ إِلاَّ بِإِذْنِهِ

And You have prevented people to enter there before they obtain his permission.

You have thus said, "O ye who believe!

Enter not the Prophet's houses until leave is given you."

O Allah, I believe in the sanctity of the owner of this holy shrine in his absence

as same as I believe in it in his presence.

I also know for sure that Your Messenger and Your Representatives—peace be upon them—

are live, finding their sustenance in the presence of You;

يَرَوْنَ مَقَامِي

they can see my place,

وَيَسْمَعُونَ كَلاَمِي

hear my words,

وَيَرُدُّونَ سَلاَمِي

and respond to my greetings,

وَأَنَّكَ حَجَبْتَ عَنْ سَمْعِي كَلاَمَهُمْ

but You have prevented my hearing from receiving their words

وَفَتَحْتَ بَابَ فَهْمِي بِلَذِيذِ مُنَاجَاتِهِمْ

and You have opened the door of my understanding to taste the fine flavor of my confidential speech with them.

وَإِنِّي أَسْتَاذِنُكَ يَا رَبِّ أُوَّلاً

I thus ask Your permission—O my Lord—first of all,

وَأَسْتَاذِنُ رَسُولَكَ صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ ثَانِياً

the permission of Your Prophet—peace be upon him and his Household—secondly,

والسُتَاذِنُ خَليفَتكَ ٱلإِمَامَ

the permission of Your Representative, the Imam

the obedience to whom is incumbent upon me...

You may now mention the name of the Imam that you are visiting his holy shrine and also mention the name of his father. You may then say:

...and the permission of the angels whom are commissioned to supervise this blessed area, thirdly.

May I enter, O Messenger of Allah?

May I enter, O Argument of Allah?

May I enter, O angels of Allah—the intimate,

the residing in this shrine?

فَاذَنْ لِي يَا مَوْلاَيَ فِي ٱلدُّخُولِ

So, (please do) permit me to enter, O my Master,

in the best way of permission that you have ever conferred upon any of your intimate adherents.

If I do not deserve such permission,

then you are worthy of conferring it upon me.

You may then kiss the holy doorstep (of the shrine) and enter, saying:

بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ وَبِٱللَّهِ

In the Name of Allah (I begin), in Allah (I trust),

وَفِي سَبِيلِ ٱللَّهِ

on the way of Allah (I proceed),

وَعَلَى مِلَّةِ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ

and on the norm of the Messenger of Allah,

may Allah bless him and his Household.

O Allah, (please do) forgive me,

have mercy upon me, and accept my repentance,

for You are verily the Oft-Returning, the All-Merciful.

You may enter from the Gate of Archangel Gabriel (*Bab Jibra'il*) preceding the right foot to the left.

You may then repeat the following phrase one hundred times:

Allah is the Most Great

You may then offer the two unit prayer of greeting

the Mosque (tahiyyat al-masjid). After that, you may walk to the holy chamber that includes the tomb of the Holy Prophet. There, you may touch it with your hand, kiss it, and say the following:

Peace be upon you, O Messenger of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O Prophet of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O Muhammad the son of `Abdullah.

Peace be upon you, O Seal of the Prophets.

I bear witness that you conveyed the Mission,

performed the prayers,

وَآتَيْتَ ٱلزَّكَاةَ

gave alms,

وَأُمَرْتَ بِٱلْمَعْرُوفِ

enjoined the right,

وَنَهَيْتَ عَنِ ٱلمُنْكَرِ

forbade the wrong,

وَعَبَدْتَ ٱللَّهَ مُخْلِصاً حَتَّىٰ ائْتَاكَ ٱليَقِينُ

and served Almighty Allah sincerely until death came upon you.

فَصَلَواتُ ٱللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَتُهُ

Blessings and mercy of Allah be upon you

and upon your Household, the Immaculate.

You may then stand near the fore pillar on the right hand side of the tomb with the minbar to your right, facing the kiblah, and this is where the Holy Prophet's head rests. You may then say the following:

I bear witness that there is no god save Allah, One and Only and having no associate,

and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger.

I bear witness that you are the messenger of Allah

and you are Muhammad the son of `Abdullah.

I bear witness that you have conveyed the messages of your Lord,

وتصحت لامتيك

offered your people good advice,

وَجَاهَدْتَ فِي سَبِيلِ ٱللَّهِ

striven hard in the way of Allah,

وَعَبَدْتَ ٱللَّهَ حَتَّىٰ اٰ تَاكَ اليَقِينُ ۗ

worshipped Allah -until death came upon you-

بألْحِكْمَةِ وَٱلْمَوْعِظَةِ ٱلْحَسَنَةِ

with wisdom and fair exhortation,

وَأَدَّيْتَ ٱلَّذِي عَلَيْكَ مِنَ ٱلْحَقِّ

fulfilled the duty that was incumbent upon you,

وَأَنَّكَ قَدْ رَوِّفْتَ بِٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

acted compassionately to the believers,

وَغَلُظْتَ عَلَى الكَافِرينَ

and been firm of heart against the unbelievers.

فَبَلَّغَ ٱللَّهُ بِكَ أَفْضَلَ شَرَفِ مَحَلِّ ٱلْمُكَرَّمِينَ

Therefore, Almighty Allah has exalted you to the most honorable position of the ennobled ones.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ٱلَّذِي ٱسْتَنْقَذَنَا بِكَ مِنْ ٱلشِّرْكِ

وألضَّلالَةِ

All praise be to Allah Who has saved us, through you, from polytheism and error.

O Allah, (please do) pour Your blessings and the blessings of Your Archangels,

Your commissioned Prophets,

Your righteous servants,

the inhabitants of the heavens and the earth,

and all those who glorified You, O Lord of the Worlds,

from the past and the coming generations,

on Muhammad—Your servant, Your Messenger,

Your Prophet, Your Trustee,

Your Confidant, Your Most Beloved,

Your Choice, Your Select,

Your elite, and the best of Your creation.

O Allah, (please do) confer upon him with the Elevated Rank,

grant him the right of intercession for entering Paradise,

وَٱبْعَتْهُ مَقَاماً مَحْمُوداً يَغْبِطُهُ بِهِ ٱلأُوَّلُونَ وَٱلْآخِرُونَ

and raise him to a Position of Glory that all the past and the coming generations will wish to have.

O Allah, You have said,

"And had they, when they were unjust to themselves, come to you and asked forgiveness of Allah

and the Messenger had (also) asked forgiveness for them,

they would have found Allah Oft-returning (to mercy),
Merciful."

Here I am, before you, asking Allah's forgiveness, repenting from my sins,

and seeking your intercession for me before Almighty Allah—your and my Lord—that He may forgive my sins.

If you have a certain request to pray Almighty Allah for granting it, you may stand before the holy tomb and make it between your shoulders, face the direction of kiblah, raise your hands, and pray for the settlement of your need, for it is predictable that your need will be settled, Allah willing.

Ibn Qawlawayh, through a considerable chain of authority, has reported Muhammad ibn Mas`ud as saying that he, once, saw Imam Ja`far al-Sadiq ('a) coming near the tomb of the Holy Prophet(saws), putting his hand on it, and saying these words:

أَسْأَلُ ٱللَّهَ ٱلَّذِي ٱجْتَبَاكَ وَٱخْتَارَكَ

I pray Allah -Who has chosen you, selected you,

guided you, and guided (others) through you-

to bless You.

The Imam ('a) then recited this holy verse:

"Surely, Allah and His angels bless the Prophet;

O you who believe! Call for (Divine) blessings on him and salute him with a (becoming) salutation."

In *Misbah al-Mutahajjid*, Shaykh al-Tusi says: When you finish praying near the tomb (of the Holy Prophet), you may come to the minbar, pass your

hand over it, hold the two lower pommels, and then rub your face and eyes, for this brings about eye healing. You may then offer prayers there, praise and thank Almighty Allah, and ask for the settlement of your needs. In this respect, the Holy Prophet (saws) is reported to have said, "The area between my tomb and my minbar is one of the gardens of Paradise. My minbar is situated at one of the gates of Paradise." You may then come near the standing-place of the Holy Prophet (Magam al-Nabi) and offer as many prayers as possible therein. You may also offer as many prayers as possible in the Holy Prophet's Mosque, for the reward of one prayer herein is equal to the reward of one thousand prayers (offered at other places). Whenever you enter or leave the Mosque, you may invoke Almighty Allah's blessings upon the Holy Prophet. You may also offer prayers at the House of Lady Fatimah ('a). You may also visit the standingplace of Archangel Gabriel (*Maqam Jibra'il*), which lies under the waterspout. At this very place, Archangel Gabriel used to stay after he would ask permission of the Holy Prophet (saws). At this place, you may say the following:

I beseech You, O All-magnanimous,

أيْ كَرِيمٌ

O All-generous,

ائي ْ قَرِيبُ

O Nigh,

ائي بَعِيدٌ

O Remote,

ائنْ تَرُدَّ عَلَيَّ نِعْمَتَكَ

to renew Your boons to me.

BIDDING FAREWELL

If you intend to leave the holy city of al-Madinah, you may bathe yourself, direct to the tomb of the Holy Prophet (saws), and do the acts you did before. You may then bid farewell to the Holy Prophet (saws), by saying these words:

Peace be upon you, O Allah's Messenger.

I entrust you with Allah and ask Him to keep you under His custody

and to send blessings upon you.

I believe in Allah and in whatever you have conveyed (from Him) and instructed.

O Allah, (please) do not make this to be my last visit

to the tomb of Your Prophet;

and if you grasp my soul before that,

I bear in my death

the same witness that I bear in my lifetime,

which is that there is no god save You

and that Mulammad is Your servant and messenger;

may Allah's blessings be upon his and his Household.

Imam al-Sadiq (as) has instructed Yunus ibn Ya`qub to say the following words when he intends to leave the tomb of the Holy Prophet (saws):

صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ

May Allah send blessings upon you.

السَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ

Peace be upon you.

May Allah not make this visit of mine to be the last of my compliments to you.

ZIYARAH OF LADY FATIMAH AL-ZAHRA' (SA)

While standing in the area between the Holy Prophet's tomb and minbar (i.e. Garden of Paradise – *Rawdhah*), you may visit the tomb of Lady Fatimah al-Zahra' ('a).

There is disagreement about the place of the tomb of Lady Fatimah ('a); some say that she was buried in the Rawdhah. Others say that she was buried at her house. Others say that she was buried in the Baqi` Cemetery.

However, the majority of our scholars agree that she must be visited from the Rawdhah, although to visit her at these three places is more preferable.

When you stand for the ziyarah of Lady Fatimah al-Zahra's tomb, you may say the following:

بَا مُمْتَحَنَةُ

O carefully examined (lady):

أَمْتَحَنَكِ ٱللَّهُ ٱلَّذِي خَلَقَكِ

Allah Who created you had tried you

before He created you (for this worldly life),

and thus He found you successfully enduring in that trial.

We claim being loyalists to you, believers in you,

and tolerant as regards all that which has been conveyed to us by your father,

peace of Allah be upon him and his Household,

and all that which his Successor has brought to us.

We, thus, ask you, if we have really believed you,

that you may include us with those who believe in both of them (i.e. the Holy Prophet and Imam `Ali),

so that we may feel happy that we have been purified on account of our loyalty to you.

It is recommended to add the following:

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the Messenger of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the Prophet of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the most beloved of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the Intimate Servant of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the Choice of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the Trustee of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the best of Allah's creatures.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the best of Allah's Prophets, Messengers, and angels.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the best of all created beings.

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكِ يَا سِيِّدَةَ نسَاء الْعَالَمينَ

Peace be upon you, O doyenne of all women of the world,

including the past and the coming generations.

Peace be upon you, O lady of the Intimate Servant of Allah

and the best of all created beings after the Messenger of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O mother of al-°asan and al-°usayn,

the two chiefs of the youth of Paradise.

Peace be upon you, O veracious and martyr.

Peace be upon you, O content and pleased.

اَلسلامُ علَيْكِ الْيَتُهَا الْفَاضِلةُ الزَّكِيةُ

Peace be upon you, O virtuous and pure.

Peace be upon you, O Paradisiacal human being.

Peace be upon you, O pious and immaculate.

Peace be upon you, O one talked by the angels, O knowledgeable.

Peace be upon you, O oppressed lady whose right was usurped.

Peace be upon you, O persecuted and maltreated.

Peace be upon you, O Fatimah the daughter of the Messenger of Allah.

وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

So be upon you the mercy and blessings of Allah.

May Allah bless you,

your soul, and your body.

I bear witness that you have spent your life with full awareness of your duty towards your Lord

and (I bear witness) that he who pleases you will have pleased the Messenger of Allah,

peace be upon him and his Household,

and he who displeases you will have displeased the Messenger of Allah,

صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

peace be upon him and his Household,

and he who harms you will have harmed the Messenger of Allah,

peace be upon him and his Household,

and he who respects you will have respected the Messenger of Allah,

peace be upon him and his Household,

and he who disrespects you will have disrespected the messenger of Allah,

peace be upon him and his Household.

لاِ تَنكِ بِضْعَةٌ مِنْهُ

This is because you are an inseparable part of him (i.e. the Holy Prophet),

and you are his soul with which he lives.

I ask Allah, His Messengers, and His angels to be the witnesses

that I am verily pleased with him whomever you accept,

I am displeased with him whomever you detest,

I disavow him whomever you disavow,

I am loyal to him whomever you support,

مُعَادٍ لِمَنْ عَادِيْتِ

I am the enemy of him whomever you betake as enemy,

I am hateful to him whomever you hate,

and I like him whomever you like.

Verily, Allah is Sufficient as Witness, Reckoner,

Punisher, and Rewarder.

You may then invoke Almighty Allah's blessings upon the Holy Prophet and Imams.

ANOTHER FORM OF ZIYARAH FOR LADY FATIMA ZAHRA (SA)

Scholars have mentioned another form of ziyarah whose statements are similar to the statements of the aforementioned ziyarah that has been quoted from Shaykh al-Tusi. However, the complete form of this ziyarah is as follows:

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the Messenger of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the Prophet of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the most beloved of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the Intimate Servant of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the Choice of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the Trustee of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the best of Allah's creatures.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the best of Allah's Prophets, Messengers, and angels.

Peace be upon you, O daughter of the best of all created beings.

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكِ يَا سِيِّدَةَ نسَاء الْعَالَمينَ

Peace be upon you, O doyenne of all women of the world,

including the past and the coming generations.

Peace be upon you, O lady of the Intimate Servant of Allah

and the best of all created beings after the Messenger of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O mother of al-°asan and al-°usayn,

the two chiefs of the youth of Paradise.

Peace be upon you, O veracious and martyr.

Peace be upon you, O content and pleased.

اَلسلاَمُ علَيْكِ الْيَتُهَا الْفَاضِلةُ الزَّكِيةُ

Peace be upon you, O virtuous and pure.

Peace be upon you, O Paradisiacal human being.

Peace be upon you, O pious and immaculate.

Peace be upon you, O one talked by the angels, O knowledgeable.

Peace be upon you, O oppressed lady whose right was usurped.

Peace be upon you, O persecuted and maltreated.

Peace be upon you, O Fa§imah the daughter of the Messenger of Allah.

وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

So be upon you the mercy and blessings of Allah.

May Allah bless you,

your soul, and your body.

I bear witness that you have spent your life with full awareness of your duty towards your Lord;

and (I bear witness) that he who pleases you will have pleased the Messenger of Allah,

peace be upon him and his Household,

he who displeases you will have displeased the Messenger of Allah,

peace be upon him and his Household,

he who harms you will have harmed the Messenger of Allah,

peace be upon him and his Household,

he who respects you will have respected the Messenger of Allah,

peace be upon him and his Household,

and he who disrespects you will have disrespected the messenger of Allah,

peace be upon him and his Household.

لاِ تَّنَكِ بِضْعَةٌ مِنْهُ

This is because you are an inseparable part of him (i.e. the Holy Prophet),

and you are his soul with which he lives.

I ask Allah and His angels to be the witnesses

that I am the friend of him who adheres to you,

I am the enemy of him who makes an enemy of you,

and I am in war against him who wages war against you.

O my doyenne, I have full faith in you, your father,

your husband, and your sons—the Imams,

I believe in their (Divinely commissioned) leadership,

and I commit myself to the obedience to them.

I bear witness that their religion is the true religion,

their command is the true command,

they have conveyed on behalf of Almighty Allah (flawlessly),

and they have called to the Way of Allah with wisdom and fair exhortation.

لاَ تَاخُذُهُمْ فِي ٱللَّهِ لَوْمَةُ لاَئِمِ

They have never feared the blame of anyone concerning carrying out their duty towards Almighty Allah.

Blessings of Allah be upon you

and upon your father, your husband,

and your descendants—the Immaculate Imams.

O Allah, (please do) send blessings upon Mulammad and his Household

and send blessings upon the chaste, the immaculate,

the veracious, the infallible,

ٱلتَّقِيَّةِ ٱلنَّقِيَّةِ

pious, pure,

ٱلرَّضِيَّةِ ٱلْمَرْضِيَّةِ

amiable, well-pleased,

ٱلزَّكِيَّةِ ٱلرَّشِيدَةِ

virtuous, right-minded,

ٱلْمَظْلُومَةِ ٱلْمَقْهُورَةِ

oppressed, and wronged lady

ٱلْمَغْصُوبَةِ حَقُّهَا

whose right was usurped,

ٱلْمَمْنُوعَةِ إِرْثُهَا

whose right of inheritance was violated,

ٱلْمَكْسُورَةِ ضِلْعُهَا

whose rib was broken,

ألمظلوم بعلها

whose husband was persecuted,

ٱلْمَقْتُولِ وَلَدُهَا

and whose son was slain;

(she is) Fa§imah: the daughter of Your Messenger,

the inseparable part of his flesh,

the essence of his heart,

the piece of his innermost,

the choice of You for him,

the gift that You have given exclusively to the Successor of him,

وَحَبِيبَةِ ٱلْمُصْطَفَى

the most beloved of the Preferred Prophet,

the wife of the Pleased Successor,

the doyenne of all women,

the conveyor of good tidings to the intimate servants (of Almighty Allah),

the inseparable from piety and asceticism,

and the Apple of the Heaven and Eternity (in Paradise);

(she is) the lady through whose birth You have honored the women of Paradise,

from whom You have pulled the Lights of the Imams,

وَأَرْخَيْتَ دُونَهَا حِجَابَ ٱلنُّبُوَّةِ

and fixed the Veil of Prophethood.

ٱللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهَا

O Allah, (please do) confer upon her

صَلاةً تَزِيدُ فِي مَحَلِّهَا عِنْدَكَ

with blessings that raise her standing

وَشَرَفِهَا لَدَيْكَ

and honor with You,

وَمَنْزِلَتِهَا مِنْ رِضَاكَ

raise her position from Your Pleasure,

وَبَلِّغْهَا مِنَّا تَحِيَّةً وَسَلاَماً

convey to her our greetings and compliments,

وَآتِنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ فِي حُبِّهَا فَضْلاً وَإِحْسَاناً

and grant us, from You on account of our love for her, favor, kindness,

وَرَحْمَةً وَغُفْرَاناً

mercy, and forgiveness.

إِنَّكَ ذُو ٱلْعَفْوِ ٱلْكَرِيمِ

Verily, You are the All-generous Lord of pardon.

In *Tahdhib al-Ahkam*, Shaykh al-Tusi says that the narrations dealing with the merits and rewards of visiting the tomb of Lady Fatimah al-Zahra' ('a) are too numerous to be counted.

From the book of *Misbah al-Anwar*, `Allamah al-Majlisi has reported Lady Fatimah al-Zahra' (`a) as saying, "My father said to me: If one invokes Almighty Allah's blessings upon you, Almighty Allah will forgive him and will join him to me in Paradise wherever I am."