MASJID SAHLA AAMAL





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Merits of Masjid al-Sahla

Excluding Masjid al-Kufa, no place in this region can match Masjid al-Sahla in merits and honor. Masjid al-Sahla was the house of Prophet Idris ('a) and Prophet Abraham ('a). It was also the abode of al-Khadir ('a).

Abu-Basir has reported that Imam al-Sadiq ('a), once, said to him, "Abu-Muhammad, I see coming that the Rising (al-Qa'im) Imam ('a), accompanied by his family members and dependants, shall reside at Masjid al-Sahla, which he shall betake as his house. All the Prophets that Almighty Allah sent offered prayers at this mosque, and one who resides there will have the reward of residing in the tent of Allah's Messenger ('a). A true believer's heart must long for that place, which contains a rock carrying the images of all Prophets. Verily, any one who offers a prayer in this mosque and beseeches Almighty Allah with sincerity shall have his needs settled by Almighty Allah. Also, any one who betakes this mosque as shelter shall definitely be protected by Almighty Allah against that which frightens him."

Abu-Basir answered, "This is in fact an unmatched virtue."

The Imam ('a) added, "Yes, it is. This place is one of the places at which Almighty Allah desires to be besought. Each day and night and without cessation, the angels visit this mosque to worship Almighty Allah therein. Verily, were I to live next to that mosque, I would perform all my prayers there. Abu-Muhammad, there is more to mention about this mosque."

Abu-Basir commented, "May Allah accept me as ransom for you! Will the Rising Imam live there forever?"

"Yes, he will," answered the Imam ('a)... etc.

It is highly recommended to offer at Masjid al-Sahla a two-unit prayer between the obligatory Maghrib (Sunset) and 'Isha' (Evening) prayers, for it has been reported that Imam al-Sidiq ('a) said that Almighty Allah shall definitely save whoever offers this prayer and supplicates Almighty Allah from all grievances.

When you intend to enter Masjid al-Sahla, you may stop at its gate and say the following words:



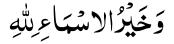
bismi allahi wa billahi In the Name of Allah (I begin), in Allah (I trust),



wa min allahi wa ila allahi from Allah (I derive power), to Allah (I refer all my affairs),



wa ma sha'a allahu only that which Allah wills shall come to pass,



wa khayru al-asma'i lillahi and the most excellent Names are Allah's.

تَوَكَّلُتُ عَلَى اللهِ

tawakkaltu `ala allahi I rely upon Allah.

وَلاَحُوْلَ وَلاَ قُوَّةً إِلاَّ بِاللهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

wa la hawla wa la quwwata illa billahi al`aliyyi al`azimi
There is neither might nor power except with
Allah the All-high and All-great.

allahumma ij`alni min `ummari masajidika wa buyutika O Allah, (please) make me of those who construct Your mosques and houses.

allahumma inni atawajjahu ilayka bimuhammadin wa ali muhammadin

O Allah, I turn my face toward You, asking You in the name of Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

wa uqaddimuhum bayna yaday hawa'iji and I present them before my requests;

فَاجْعَلْنِي اللَّهُمَّ بِهِمْ عِنْدَكَ وَجِيهاً

faj`alni allahumma bihim `indaka wajihan so, O Allah, (please) make me worthy of Your regard in their names,

fi alddunya wal-akhirati wa min almuqarrabina in this world and the Hereafter and make me of those who are made near to You.

ٱللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ صَلاَتِي بِهِمْ مَقْبُولَهُ

allahumma ij`al salati bihim maqbulahan
O Allah, (please) accept my prayers in their names,

wa dhanbi bihim maghfuran forgive my sins in their names,

wa rizqi bihim mabsutan expand sustenance for me in their names,

wa du`a'i bihim mustajaban respond to my supplications in their names,

wa hawa'iji bihim maqziyyatan grant me all of my requests in their names,

wanzur ilayya biwajhika alkarimi and look at me with Your All-noble Face;

nazratan rahimatan astawjibu biha alkaramata `indaka such a kind look due to which I shall attain Your honor,

thumma la tasrifhu `anni abadan and (please) never turn Your Face away from me

birahmatika ya arhama alrrahimina in the name of Your mercy, O most merciful of all those who show mercy.

ya muqalliba alqulubi wal-absari O He Who changes hearts and sights,

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thabbit qalbi `ala dinika (please do) make my heart permanently steady in following Your religion

wa dini nabiyyika wa waliyyika and the religion of Your Prophet and Intimate servant,

wa la tuzigh qalbi ba`da idh hadaytani do not cause my heart to deviate after You have guided me (to the true path),

wa hab li min ladunka rahmatan and grant me mercy from You,

innaka anta alwahhabu for You are the most liberal Giver.



allahumma ilayka tawajjahtu
O Allah, I am turning my face towards You,

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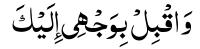
wa marzataka talabtu seeking Your pleasure,

wa thawabaka ibtaghaytu desiring for Your reward,

wa bika amantu having full faith in You,

wa `alayka tawakkaltu and putting all trust in You.

allahumma fa'aqbil biwajhika ilayya So, O Allah, meet me with Your face



wa aqbil biwajhi ilayka and allow me to meet You with my face.

You may then recite Ayah al-Kursi (2 : 255), Surah al-Falaq, Surah al-Nas, each one seven times and then repeat the following doxoloty prayer seven times, too :

subhana allahi walhamdu lillahi All glory be to Allah. All praise be to Allah.

wa la ilaha illa allahu wallahu akbaru there is no god save Allah. Allah is the Most Great.

Then, you may say the following:

allahumma laka alhamdu `ala ma hadaytani
O Allah, all praise be to You for You have guided me.

wa laka alhamdu `ala ma fazzaltani All praise be to You for You have favored me.

wa laka alhamdu `ala ma sharraftani All praise be to You for You have honored me.

وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ بَلاءٍ حَسَنِ ابْتَلَيْتَنِي

wa laka alhamdu `ala kulli bala'in hasanin ibtalaytani
All praise be to You for all of the good turns
that You have bestowed upon me.

allahumma taqabbal salati wa du`a'i
O Allah, (please do) accept my prayer and supplication,

wa tahhir qalbi washrah li sadri wa tub `alayya purify my heart, expand my breast for me, and accept my repentance.

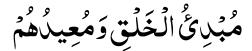
innaka anta alttawwawabu alrrahimu You are indeed the Oft-returning to mercy and the All-merciful.

Sayyid Ibn Tawus says that if you intend to visit Masjid al-Sahla, you may choose for this visit the time between the Maghrib and the `Isha' obligatory prayers at the night before Wednesday. This is because this time is better than any other time.

At Masjid al-Sahla, you may offer the obligatory Maghrib Prayer and then offer the Maghrib supererogatory prayer. Then, you may stand up for offering a two-unit prayer as the prayer of greeting the mosque. This prayer may be intended for seeking nearness to Almighty Allah. When you finish, you may raise your hands towards the sky and say the following supplicatory prayer:



anta allahu la ilaha illa anta You are Allah; there is no god save You.



mubdi' alkhalqi wa mu`iduhum

You are the Beginner of the process of creation
and the Repeater of it.



wa anta allahu la ilaha illa anta You are Allah; there is no god save You.

khaliqu alkhalqi wa raziquhum You are the Creator of creatures and the Sustainer of them.

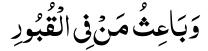
wa anta allahu la ilaha illa anta You are Allah; there is no god save You.

alqabizu albasitu
You are the Straightener and the Expander.

wa anta allahu la ilaha illa anta You are Allah; there is no god save You.

مُكَبِّرُالامُورِ

mudabbiru al'umuri You are the Manager of all affairs



wa ba`ithu man fi alquburi and the Resurrector of those who are in graves.

انْتَوَارِثُ الارُضِ وَمَنْ عَلَيْهَا

anta warithu al-arzi wa man `alayha You are the Inheritor of the earth & whatever/whoever is on it.

as'aluka bismika almakhzuni almaknuni
I beseech You by Your Name: the concealed, the obscured,

الُحَىّ الْقَيُّومِ

alhayyi alqayyumi the ever-living, and the self-subsistent.

wa anta allahu la ilaha illa anta You are Allah; there is no god save You.

`alimu alssirri wa akhfa

You are the Knower of secrets and what is yet more hidden.

as'aluka bismika alladhi idha du`ita bihi ajabta I beseech You by Your Name: the Name that You respond to him who beseeches You by it

وَإِذَا سُيِلْتَ بِهِ اعْطَيْتَ

wa idha su'ilta bihi a`tayta and the Name that You give him who asks You by it.

وَاسْالُكَ بِحَقِّكَ عَلَىٰ مُحَتَّدٍ وَاهْلِ بَيْتِهِ

wa as'aluka bihaqqika `ala muhammadin wa ahli baytihi
And I beseech You in the name of the duty of Muhammad
and his Household towards You

وَبِحَقِّهِمُ الَّذِي اوْجَبْتُهُ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِكَ

wa bihaqqihim alladhi awjabtahu `ala nafsika and in the name of the duty that You have made incumbent upon Yourself towards them

an tusalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin to send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

wa an taqziya li hajati and to grant me my requests

السَّاعَةُ السَّاعَةُ

alssa`ata alssa`ata
at this very hour! At this very hour!

ياسَامِعَ التُّعَاءِ

ya sami`a alddu`a'i
O Hearer of prayers!

يَا سَيِّدَاهُيَا مَوْلاَهُيَاغِيَاثًاهُ

ya sayyidahu ya mawlahu ya ghiyathahu O my Master! O my Lord! O my Aide!

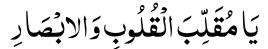
as'aluka bikulli ismin sammayta bihi nafsaka I beseech You by all the Names that You used for Yourself

aw ista'tharta bihi fi `ilmi alghaybi `indaka and the Names that You take exclusively for Yourself in the Unseen Knowledge of You

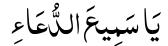
an tusalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin to send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

وَانُ تُعَجِّلَ فَرَجَنَا السَّاعَةَ

wa an tu`ajjila farajana alssa`ata and to expedite our relief to this very hour.



ya muqalliba alqulubi wal-absari O He Who changes hearts and sights!



ya sami`a alddu`a'i
O Hearer of prayers!

You may then prostrate yourself, show submission to Almighty Allah, and supplicate Him for anything you need.

Devotional acts at the Place of P. Ibrahim (a.s.)

West-northern side of the mosque, is the place of Prophet Ibrahim's house, from where he used to ready himself for fighting against the giants. At this place, you may offer a two-unit prayer after which you may say the Tasbih statements followed by this supplicatory prayer:

allahumma bihaqqi hadhihi albuq`ati alshsharifati O Allah, (I beseech You) in the name of this holy area

wa bihaqqi man ta`abbada laka fiha and in the name of him who used to worship You here.

قَالُ عَلِيْتُ حَوَائِجِي

qad `alimta hawa'iji You know my needs;

فَصَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَتَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَتَّدٍ وَاقْضِهَا

fasalli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin waqziha so, (please) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad and settle them for me.

وَقَدُ احْصَيْتَ ذُنُوبِي

wa qad ahsayta dhunubi You have accounted my sins;

Devotional acts at the Place of P. Ibrahim (a.s.)

فَصَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَتَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَتَّدٍ وَاغْفِيْهَا

fasalli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin waghfirha so, (please) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad and forgive them for me.

allahumma ahyini ma idha kanat alhayatu khayran li O Allah, (please do) keep me alive as long as life is better for me,

wa amitni idha kanat alwafatu khayran li cause me to die if death is better for me,

`ala muwalati awliya'ika wa mu`adati a`da'ika cause me to die bearing loyalty to Your intimate servants and antagonism against Your enemies,

وَافْعَلُ بِي مَا انْتَ اهْلُهُ

waf`al bi ma anta ahluhu and do to me that which befits You,



ya arhama alrrahimina
O most merciful of all those who show mercy!

Devotional acts at the Place of P. Idris (a.s.)

You may then move to the other side, which is in the kiblah direction, and offer a two-unit prayer. You may then raise your hands towards the sky and say the following supplicatory words:

allahumma inni sallaytu hadhihi alssalata ibtigha'a marzatika O Allah, I have offered this prayer seeking Your pleasure,

وَ طَلَبَ نَائِلِكُ

wa talaba na'ilika wishing for Your gift,

wa raja'a rifdika wa jawa'izika and hoping for Your prizes and rewards;

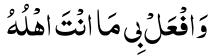
fasalli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin so, (please do) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad.

wa taqabbalha minni bi-ahsani qabulin accept it from me with the best acceptance,

Devotional acts at the Place of P. Idris (a.s.)

وَبَلِّغُنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ الْمَامُولَ

wa ballighni birahmatika alma'mula make me gain what I hope, out of Your mercy,



waf`al bi ma anta ahluhu and do to me that which befits You,



ya arhama alrrahimina
O most merciful of all those who show mercy!

You may then prostrate yourself and put your cheek on the ground.

Devotional acts at the Place of P. Khizr (a.s.)

Then, you may walk to the eastern side of the mosque where you may offer a two-unit prayer. After that, you may extend your hands and say the following supplicatory words:



allahumma in kanat aldhdhunubu walkhataya
O Allah, if my sins and faults

qad akhlaqat wajhi `indaka have caused my face to be tattered in Your view;

falam tarfa` li ilayka sawtan therefore, they impeded my voice from reaching You

wa lam tastajib li da`watan and You thus have not responded to any of my prayers,

fa'inni as'aluka bika ya allahu I then beseech You in Your Name, O Allah,

Devotional acts at the Place of P. Khizr (a.s.)

فَإِنَّهُ لَيْسَ مِثْلَكَ احَدُّ

fa'innahu laysa mithlaka ahadun for there is verily nothing like You,

wa atawassalu ilayka bimuhammadin wa alihi
I seek the intercession of Muhammad and his Household to You,

wa as'aluka an tusalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin and I beseech You to send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

wa an tuqbila ilayya biwajhika alkarimi to come to me with Your Noble Face,

wa tuqbila biwajhi ilayka to accept my turning my face towards You,

wa la tukhayyibni hina ad`uka not to let me down when I supplicate You,

Devotional acts at the Place of P. Khizr (a.s.)

وَلاَ تَحْمِ مُنِي حِينَ ارْجُوكَ

wa la tahrimni hina arjuka and not to deprive me (of Your response) when I please You.



ya arhama alrrahimina
O most merciful of all those who show mercy!

According to an anonymous guidebook of Ziyarah, it has been mentioned that you may then walk to the other eastern corner of the mosque and offer there a two-unit prayer and then say the following supplicatory prayer:

allahumma inni as'aluka bismika ya allahu O Allah, I do beseech You by Your Name, O Allah,

an tusalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin to send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

wa an taj`ala khayra `umri akhirahu to cause the best of my lifetime to be the last of it,

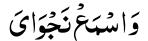
wa khayra a`mali khawatimaha the best of my deeds to be the last of them,

wa khayra ayyami yawma alqaka fihi and the best of my days to be the day on which I meet You.



innaka `ala kulli shay'in qadirun Verily, You have power over all things.

allahumma taqabbal du`a'i
O Allah, (please) accept my prayer



wasma`najwaya and listen to my confidential speech (with You).

ya `aliyyu ya `azimu O All-high! O All-great!

ya qadiru ya qahiru O All-powerful! O All-prevalent!



ya hayyan la yamutu
O He Who is Ever-living and never dies,

صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَتَّدٍ وَ ٱلِ مُحَتَّدٍ

salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin (please) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

waghfir liya aldhdhunuba allati bayni wa baynaka forgive my sins that I have committed between You and me,

wa la tafzahni `ala ru'usi al-ashhadi do not expose me in the presence of the witnesses,

wahrusni bi`aynika allati la tanamu guard me with Your Eye that never sleeps,

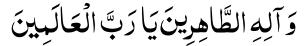
warhamni biqudratika `alayya and have mercy upon me as You have full power over me.



ya arhama alrrahimina
O most merciful of all those who show mercy!

وَصَلَّىٰ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

wa salla allahu `ala sayyidina muhammadin May Allah send blessings upon our master Muhammad



wa alihi alttahirina ya rabba al`alamina and upon his Immaculate Household. O Lord of the worlds!

Then, you may offer a two-unit prayer in the house that is situated in the middle of Masjid al-Sahla. Upon accomplishment, you may say the following supplicatory words:

ya man huwa aqrabu ilayya min habli alwaridi O He Who is nearer to me than my life-vein!

ya fa``alan lima yuridu O He Who does whatever He wills!

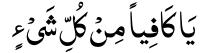
ya man yahulu bayna almar'i wa qalbihi
O He Who intervenes between man and his heart!

salli `ala muhammadin wa alihi
(Please do) send blessings upon Muhammad and his Household

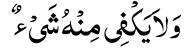
wa hul baynana wa bayna man yu'dhina and intervene between us and those who intend harm to us,



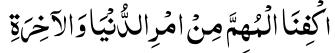
bihawlika wa quwwatika in the name of Your might and power.



ya kafiyan min kulli shay'in O He Who saves from all things



wa la yakfi minhu shay'un and nothing can ever save from Him!



ikfina almuhimma min amri alddunya wal-akhirati
(Please do) relieve us from whatever aggrieves us from our
worldly and religious affairs.



ya arhama alrrahimina
O most merciful of all those who show mercy!

You may then put both your cheeks on the ground.

In the book of al-Mazar al-Qadim, it is mentioned that one may offer at this place a two-unit prayer and then say the previously mentioned supplicatory prayer (in Masjid Kufa Magam Noah):

ٱللَّهُمَّ إِنِّ اسْالُكَ يَامَنُ لاَتَرَاهُ الْعُيُونُ

allahumma inni as'aluka ya man la tarahu al`uyunu O Allah, I beseech You, O He Whom cannot be seen by eyes,

wa la tuhitu bihi alzzununu
Whom cannot be comprehended by visions,

wa la yasifuhu alwasifuna
Whom cannot be described by all those who describe Him,

wa la tughayyiruhu alhawadithu Whom cannot be affected by events,

wa la tufnihi aldduhuru and Whom cannot be obliterated due to passage of ages!



ta`lamu mathaqila aljibali You know the measures of mountains,



wa makayila albihari the amounts (of water) of oceans,

وَوَرَقَ الاشْجَارِ

wa waraqa al-ashjari the number of the trees' leaves,

وَرَمُلَ الْقِفَارِ

wa ramla alqifari the sands of deserts,

وَمَااضَاءَتُ بِهِ الشَّبْسُ وَالْقَهَرُ

wa ma aza'at bihi alshshamsu walqamaru whatever is under the sunlight and moonlight,

wa azlama `alayhi allaylu whatever is under darkness of night,

wa wazaha `alayhi alnnaharu and whatever is shown by daylight.

wa la tuwari minka sama'un sama'an No sky can screen another sky from You,

wa la arzun arzan
no layer of the earth can screen another layer from You,

wa la jabalun ma fi aslihi no mountain can screen its other parts from You,

wa la bahrun ma fi qa`rihi and no ocean can screen its depths from You.

as'aluka an tusalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin I thus beseech You to send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

wa an taj`ala khayra amri akhirahu to cause the best of my affair to be the conclusion of it,

wa khayra a`mali khawatimaha to cause the best of my deeds to be the last of them,

wa khayra ayyami yawma alqaka and to cause the best of my days to be the day when I meet You,

innaka `ala kulli sha'in qadirun for You verily have power over all things.

allahumma man aradani bisu'in fa'arid-hu
O Allah, (please do) deter all those who intend evil to me,

wa man kadani fakid-hu encumber all those who plan to do evil to me,

wa man baghani bihalakatin fa'ahlik-hu terminate all those who is set to terminate me,

وَاكْفِنِي مَا اهَبَّنِي مِبَّنْ دَخَلَ هَبُّهُ عَكَى

wakfini ma ahammani mimman dakhala hammuhu `alayya and save me from all that which aggrieves me at the hands of those who intend grief to me.

allahumma adkhilni fi dir`ika alhasinati
O Allah, (please do) include me with Your impervious armor

wasturni bisitrika alwaqi and cover me with Your protective shield.

ya man yakfi min kulli shay'in O He Who saves from all things

wa la yakfi minhu shay'un and nothing can ever save from You,

إِكْفِنِي مَا اهَةَنِي مِنُ امْرِاللَّانْيَا وَالآخِرَةِ

akfini ma ahammani min amri alddunya wal-akhirati (please) relieve me from whatever has aggrieved me from the affairs of this world and the world to come

وَصَدِّقُ قَوْلِي وَفِعْلِي

wa saddiq qawli wa fi`li and cause my words to be corresponding with my deeds.

ya shafiqu ya rafiqu
O All-sympathetic! O All-kind!

farrij `anni almaziqa (please) relieve me from depression

wa la tuhammilni ma la utiqu and do not burden on me that which I cannot stand.

allahumma ihrusni bi`aynika allati la tanamu O Allah, (please) guard me with Your Eye that never sleeps

warhamni biqudratika `alayya and have mercy upon me in the name of Your power over me.

Devotional acts at Station of I. Zainul Abideen (a.s.)

يًا ارْحَمَ الرَّاحِيِينَ

ya arhama alrrahimina
O most merciful of all those who show mercy!

ياعلى ياعظيم

ya `aliyyu ya `azimu O All-high! O All-great!

انْتَعَالِمٌ بِحَاجَتِي

anta `alimun bihajati You know what I need

وَعَلَىٰ قَضَائِهَا قَدِيرٌ

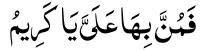
wa `ala qaza'iha qadirun and You have the power to grant it to me,

wa hiya ladayka yasirun which is an easy thing to be done by You

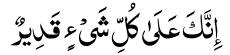


wa ana ilayka faqirun and I do want You;

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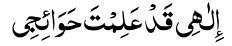


famunna biha `alayya ya karimu so, (please) do me the favor of settling my need, O All-merciful!



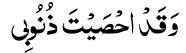
innaka `ala kulli shay'in qadirun Verily, You have power over all things.

You may then prostrate yourself and say the following supplicatory words:



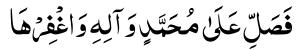
ilahi qad `alimta hawa'ijiO my God, You have known my needs;

fasalli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin waqziha so, please send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad and settle my needs.



wa qad ahsayta dhunubi You have accounted all my sins;

Devotional acts at Station of I. Zainul Abideen (a.s.)



fasalli `ala muhammadin wa alihi waghfirha so, please send blessings upon Muhammad and his Household and forgive them,



ya karimu O All-generous!

Next to this place, there is an area known as magam al-Mahdi (the Place of Imam al-Mahdi). It is thus appropriate to visit Imam al-Mahdi ('a) from this place.

In his book of al-Kalim al-Tayyib, Sayyid `Ali Khan says, "The following is a form of seeking aid petition from The Argument of Allah and the Patron of the Age (Imam al-Mahdi) – peace be upon him:

Wherever you are, you may take ghusl, offer a two-unit prayer, (beneath the sky). reciting Surah al-Fatihah and any other sura in each unit. Yet, it is preferable to read Surah al-Fath (No. 48) in the first unit and Surah al-Nasr (No. 110) in the second. You may then stand up, facing the kiblah direction under the sky and then say this dua:

سَلاَمُ اللهِ الْكَامِلُ التَّامُّر

salamu allahi alkamilu alttammu Peace of Allah – perfect, complete,

الشَّامِلُ الْعَامُر

alshshamilu al`ammu comprehensive, and thorough;

wa salawatuhu aldda'imatu and His endless benedictions

wa barakatuhu alqa'imatu alttammatu and His everlasting, perfect blessings



`ala hujjati allahi be upon the Argument of Allah,

wa waliyyihi fi ardihi wa biladihi His representative in His lands and realm,

wa khalifatihi `ala khalqihi wa `ibadihi His viceroy among His creatures and servants,

wa sulalati alnnubuwwati the offspring of Prophethood,

wa baqiyyati al`itrati walssafwati the completion of the (Holy) Progeny and the Choice Ones,

صَاحِبِ الرَّمَانِ

sahibi alzzamani the Patron of the Age,

وَمُظْهِرِالإِيمَانِ

wa muzhiri al-imani the demonstrator of the (true) faith,

wa mulaqqini ahkami alqur'ani the teacher of the laws of the Qur'an,

ومُطَهِّرِ الانرُضِ

wa mutahhiri al-ardi the purger of the earth,

وَنَاشِمِ الْعَدُلِ فِي الطُّولِ وَالْعَرْضِ

wa nashiri al`adli fi alttuli wal`ardi the spreader of justice all over the earth,

walhujjati alqa'imi almahdiyyi the Argument (al-Hujjah), the Riser (al-Qa'im), the Well-guided (al-Mahdi),

الإِمَامِ الْمُنْتَظَرِ الْمَرْضِ

al-imami almuntazari almardiyyi the Leader, the Awaited, the Pleased,

وَابُنِ الائِبَّةِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

wabni al-a'immati alttahirina the descendant of the Infallible Imams,

الُوَصِيِّ ابْنِ الاوُصِيَاءِ الْمَرْضِيِّينَ

alwasiyyi ibni al-awsiya'i almardiyyina the Successor, the son of the Pleased Successors (of the Prophets),

الهادى التغضوم

alhadi alma`sumi the Guide, the Immaculate,

ابن الائِبَّةِ الْهُدَاةِ الْبَعْصُومِينَ

ibni al-a'immati alhudati alma`sumina and the son of the Imams – the guides and immaculate.

alssalamu `alayka ya mu`izza almu'minina almustad`afina
Peace be upon you, O grantor of dignity to the
oppressed and faithful ones.

السَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مُنِلَّ الْكَافِينَ الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ الطَّالِدِينَ

alssalamu `alayka ya mudhilla alkafirina almutakabbirina alzzalimina

Peace be upon you, O humiliator of the arrogant and oppressing unbelievers.

السَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلا يَ يَاصَاحِبَ الرَّمَانِ

alssalamu `alayka ya mawlaya ya sahiba alzzamani Peace be upon you, O my master, the Patron of the Age.

alssalamu `alayka yabna rasuli allahi Peace be upon you, O son of Allah's Messenger.

alssalamu `alayka yabna amiri almu'minina Peace be upon you, O son of the Commander of the Believers.

alssalamu `alayka yabna fatimata alzzahra'i Peace be upon you, O son of Fatimah the Luminous

سَيِّدَةِ نِسَاءِ الْعَالَبِينَ

sayyidati nisa'i al`alamina and the Doyenne of the women of the world.

السَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بُنَ الائِبَّةِ الْحُجَجِ الْبَعْصُومِينَ

alssalamu `alayka yabna al-a'immati alhujaji alma`sumina Peace be upon you, O son of the Imams – the arguments (of Allah) and Immaculate

وَالإِمَامُ عَلَىٰ الْخَلْقِ اجْمَعِينَ

wal-imamu `ala alkhalqi ajma`ina and the leader of all creatures.

السَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلاي

alssalamu `alayka ya mawlaya Peace be upon you, O my master

salama mukhlisin laka fi alwilayati addressed by him who is loyal to your (divinely commissioned) leadership.

اشُهَدُ اتَّكَ الإِمَامُ الْمَهْدِئُّ قَوْلاً وَفِعْلاً

ash-hadu annaka al-imamu almahdiyyu qawlan wa fi`lan I bear witness that you are the well-guided Imam in word and deed,

wa anta alladhi tamla'u al-arda qistan wa `adlan it is you who shall fill the earth with justice and impartiality

ba`dama muli'at zulman wa jawran after it will be filled with wrong and partiality.

fa`ajjala allahu farajaka
So, may Allah hasten your reappearance,

wa sahhala makhrajaka make easy your advent,

wa qarraba zamanaka make nearer the time of your coming,

وَكُثَّرَانُصَارَكَ وَاعْوَانَكَ

wa kaththara ansaraka wa a`wanaka increase the number of your supporters and backers,

وَانْجَزَلَكَ مَا وَعَدَكَ

wa anjaza laka ma wa `adaka and fulfill for you all that which He has promised you.

: فَهُوَاصُدَقُ الْقَائِلِينَ

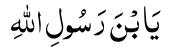
fahuwa asdaqu alqa'ilina
He is surely the most truthful of all those who can speak
(and He has said):

wa nuridu an namunna `ala alladhina istud`ifu fi al-ardi
"We desired to bestow a favor upon those who were deemed
weak in the land,

wa naj`alahum a'immatan wa naj`alahumu alwarithina make them the Imams, and make them the heirs."

يا مَوْلاى يَاصَاحِبَ الزَّمَان

ya mawlaya ya sahiba alzzamani O my master! O Patron of the Age!



yabna rasuli allahi O son of Allah's Messenger!

حَاجِتِي...

hajati... My request is...

Mention your need and then go on saying:



fashfa`li fi najahiha
So, intercede for me so that it will be settled,

فَقُهُ تُوجَّهُتُ إِلَيْكَ بِحَاجِ<u>تِي</u>

faqad tawajjahtu ilayka bihajati for I am turning my face towards you for settling my request,

li`ilmi anna laka `inda allahi shafa`atan maqbulatan since I know for sure that you enjoy with Allah admissible word of intercession,

وَمَقَاماً مَحْبُوداً

wa maqaman mahmudan and praiseworthy standing.



fabihaqqi man ikhtassakum bi-amrihi
So, I ask you in the name of Him Who granted you
(i.e. the Ahl al-Bayt) exclusively the right of representing Him,

wartadakum lisirrihi and admitted you all to keep His secrets,

wa bilshsha'ni alladhi lakum `inda allahi baynakum wa baynahu and I ask you in the name of the standing that you exclusively enjoy with Allah,

sal(i) allaha ta`ala fi nujhi talibati to ask Allah, the Exalted, to render successful my request,

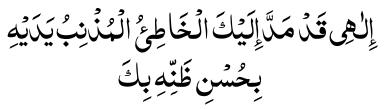
wa ijabati da`wati wa kashfi kurbati to answer my prayer, and to relieve my grief.

You may then ask for whatever you want, and it will be settled for you, by Allah's permission.

This form of ziyarah has been mentioned in the seventh chapter of the first section of this book under the title, Seeking Aid From Imam al-Mahdi (pp. 458 of vol. 1).

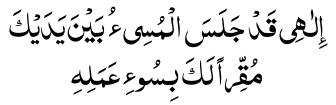
Sayyid Ibn Tawus has included this form of ziyarah with the other forms that are used for visiting Imam al-Mahdi ('a) in the Holy Vault (sirdab) in Samarra' after offering a two-unit prayer.

You may then walk to the mosque of Zayd ibn Sawhan, which is near to Masjid al-Sahla, and offer a two-unit prayer there. After accomplishment, you may extend your hand and say the following supplicatory prayer:



ilahi qad madda ilayka alkhati'u almudhnibu yadayhi bihusni zannihi bika

O my God, I, the wrongdoer and sinful, am extending my hands to You, on account of the good opinion that I carry about You.



ilahi qad jalasa almusi'u bayna yadayka
muqirran laka bisu'i `amalihi
O my God, I, the evildoer, am sitting before You,
confessing to You of my ill deeds



wa rajiyan minka alssafha `an zalalihi and hoping for You to overlook my faults.

إِلهِى قَدْ رَفَعَ إِلَيْكَ الظَّالِمُ كَفَّيْهِ رَاجِياً لِمَالَكَيْكَ

ilahi qad rafa`a ilayka alzzalimu kaffayhi rajiyan lima ladayka O my God, I, the unjust, am raising my hands in the hope of attaining that which You have in possession;

fala tukhayyibhu birahmatika min fazlika so, do not deprive me of Your favors, out of Your mercy.

إِلهِى قَدْ جَتَا الْعَائِدُ إِلَى الْمَعَاصِى بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

ilahi qad jatha al`a'idu ila alma`asi bayna yadayka O my God, I, the reverter to disobedience, am kneeling before You,

kha'ifan min yawmin tajthu fihi alkhala'iqu bayna yadayka for I fear the day on which all created beings shall kneel before You.

إِلهِي جَاءَكَ الْعَبْدُ الْخَاطِئُ فَزِعاً مُشْفِقاً

ilahi ja'aka al`abdu alkhati'u fazi`an mushfiqan
O my God, I, the faulty servant, am coming to You
with panic and fear,

wa rafa`a ilayka tarfahu hadhiran rajiyan raising my sight to You with caution and hope,

wa fazat `abratuhu mustaghfiran nadiman shedding tears, seeking forgiveness, and showing regret.

wa `izzatika wa jalalika ma aradtu bima`siyati mukhalafataka

By Your Might and Majesty I swear! When I disobeyed You,

I have not intended to violate You

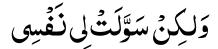
wa ma `asaytuka idh `asaytuka wa ana bika jahilun and when I disobeyed You, I have never been unaware of You

wa la li`uqubatika muta`arrizun

I have never intended to expose myself to Your punishment,

وَلاَلِنَظُرِكَ مُسْتَخِفٌّ

wa la linazarika mustakhiffun and I have never belittled Your watching over me;



wa lakin sawwalat li nafsi rather, my soul has commended to me,

wa a`anatni `ala dhalika shiqwati my adversity has overcome me,

wa gharrani sitruka almurkha `alayya and I was deceived by Your screen that covers all my defects.

famin al-ana min `adhabika man yastanqidhuni Now, who can save me from Your punishment?

وَبَحَبْلِ مَنِ اعْتَصِمُ إِنْ قَطَعْتَ حَبْلَكَ عَنِي؟

wa bahabli man a`tasimu in qata`ta hablaka `annai Whose rope can I maintain if You cut the rope that connects me with You?

فَيَا سَوْاتَاهُ غَداً مِنَ الْوُقُوفِ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

faya saw'atahu ghadan min alwuqufi bayna yadayka
What a shame shall be on me tomorrow
when I will be detained before You

idha qila lilmukhiffina juzu when the light-loaded ones will be allowed to pass,

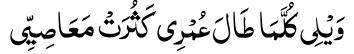
ولِلْهُثُقِلِينَ: حُطُّوا

wa lilmuthqilina huttu but the heavy-loaded ones will be stopped?

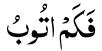
افَمَعَ الْمُخِفِّينَ اجُوزُ امْرِمَعَ الْمُثَّقِلِينَ احُطُّ؟

afama`a almukhiffina ajuzu am ma`a almuthqilina ahuttu Shall I pass with the light-loaded ones or shall I be stopped with the heavy-loaded ones?

wayli kullama kabura sinni kathurat dhunubi Woe to me! The older I am the more sinful I become!



wayli kullama tala `umri kathurat ma`asiyyi
Woe to me! The more aged I am the more disobedient I become!



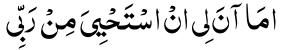
fakam atubu

So often have I declared repentance!

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wa kam a`udu

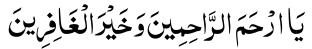
And so often have I returned to committing acts of disobedience!



ama ana li an astahyiya min rabbi
Has not the time come that I be ashamed of my Lord?

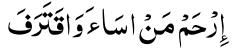
allahuma fabihaqqi muhammadin wa ali muhammadin O Allah, (I beg You) in the name of Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

ighfir li warhamni please, forgive me and have mercy upon me.



ya arhama alrrahimina wa khayra alghafirina
O most merciful of all those who show mercy and most excellent
forgiver of all those who forgive!

You may then try to weep and put your face on the dust, saying:

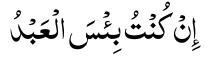


irham man asa'a waqtarafa
(Please) have mercy upon him who had misbehaved
and committed sins,

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wastakana wa`tarafa but he then submitted and confessed.

Then, you may put your right cheek on the ground and say the following words:



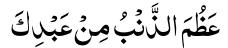
in kuntu bi'sa al`abdu

If I am the worst servant (of You),

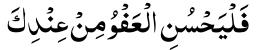


fa'anta ni`ma alrrabbu then You are the All-excellent Lord.

You may then put your left cheek on the ground and say the following words:



`azuma aldhdhanbu min `abdika Your servant's sin has been very flagrant,

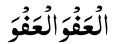


falyahsun al`afwu min `indika then let Your pardon be very excellent,



ya karimu
O All-generous!

You may then return to the normal position of prostration and repeat the following word one hundred times:



al`afwa al`afwa Pardon! Pardon!

Zayd and Sa'sa'ah

Zayd Mosque is one of the honorable mosques in the city of al-Kufah. It is ascribed to Zayd ibn Sawhan, one of the grand companions of Imam `Ali ('a). He is also regarded as one of the loftiest personalities. He was martyred in the Battle of the Camel (al-jamal) under the command of Imam `Ali ('a). The previously mentioned supplicatory prayer is ascribed to Zayd and he is reported to have used to said it in the supererogatory prayers of night (i.e. the night prayers).

Next to this mosque, there is the mosque of Sa`sa`ah ibn Sawhan, Zayd's brother. Sa`sa`ah was also one of the intimate companions of Imam `Ali ('a). He was one of the well-versed scholars of religious knowledge and one of the faithful believers. He was so eloquent that Imam `Ali ('a) called him as al-khatib al-shahshah (the skillful orator) and praised him for his rhetoric and expressiveness. The Imam ('a) also praised Sa`sa`ah for his asceticism and aid.

Having attended the funeral ceremony of Imam `Ali's holy body at night from al-Kufah to al-Najaf, Sa`sa`ah was present; and when Imam `Ali's body was buried, Sa`sa`ah stopped at the tomb, took a handful of its dust, dispersed it on his head, and said, "May Allah accept my father and mother as ransoms for you, O Commander of the Believers! Congratulations, Abu'l-Hasan! Your birth was uniquely excellent, your steadfastness was typically firm, and your striving was outstandingly great. You have thus attained that for which you hoped, your trade has been successful, and you have joined your Lord... etc."

Sa'sa'ah went on in the same style and he then wept so heavily that all those who were present could not resist weeping. Hence, Sa'sa'ah held and orated in a consolation ceremony at midnight in the presence of Imam al-Hasan, Imam al-Husayn, Muhammad ibn

Zayd and Sa'sa'ah

al-Hanafiyyah, al-`Abbas, and the other sons and cousins of Imam `Ali—peace be upon them all. When Sa`sa`ah finished his oration, the attendants turned to Imam al-Hasan and Imam al-Husayn to console them for their father's martyrdom. They then returned to al-Kufah.

In conclusion, Sa`sa`ah Mosque is also one of the holy places in the city of al-Kufah. A group of our scholars have seen Imam al-Mahdi ('a) offering a two-unit prayer there during the month of Rajab. He then said the supplicatory prayer that begins with the following statement:

O Allah, the Lord of the complete favors, the utter bounties...

allahumma ya dha alminani alssabighati wal-ala'i alwazi`ati...

This supplicatory prayer has been previously mentioned within the acts that are advisably done each day in the month of Rajab (i.e. General Acts in Rajab). It is the fourth in the order of these acts (pp. 520 of Vol. 1).

Although it may be understood that this supplicatory prayer is within the acts that are done at Sa`sa`ah Mosque, because Imam al-Mahdi ('a) said it there, this act (i.e. the two-unit prayer and the supplicatory prayer) is dedicated to the general acts of the month of Rajab, as is confirmed in the books of our scholars. Therefore, I have mentioned it within the acts of the month of Rajab.