

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.

Devotional acts at the Entrance of Masjid al-Sahla

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 :

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَبِاللَّهِ

bismi allahi wa billahi

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

وَمِنَ اللَّهِ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ

wa min allahi wa ila allahi

from Allah (I derive power), to Allah (I refer all my affairs),

وَمَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ

wa ma sha'a allahu

only that which Allah wills shall come to pass,

وَخَيْرُ الْأَسْمَاءِ لِلَّهِ

wa khayru al-asma'i lillahi

and the most excellent Names are Allah's.

تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ

tawakkaltu `ala allahi
I rely upon Allah.

وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ 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.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنْ عُمَّارِ مَسَاجِدِكَ وَبُيُوتِكَ

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

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي اتَّوَجَّهْتُ إِلَيْكَ بِمُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

وَاقْدِمُهُمْ بَيْنَ يَدَيْ حَوَائِجِي

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

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فَاَجْعَلِنِي اللَّهُمَّ بِهِمْ عِنْدَكَ وَجِيهًا

faj`alni allahumma bihim `indaka wajihan

so, O Allah, (please) make me worthy of Your regard in their names,

فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَمِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ

fi alddunya wal-akhirati wa min almuqarrabina

in this world and the Hereafter and make me of those
who are made near to You.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ صَلَاتِي بِهِمْ مَقْبُولَةً

allahumma ij`al salati bihim maqbulahan

O Allah, (please) accept my prayers in their names,

وَذَنْبِي بِهِمْ مَغْفُورًا

wa dhanbi bihim maghfuran

forgive my sins in their names,

وَرِزْقِي بِهِمْ مَبْسُوطًا

wa rizqi bihim mabsutan

expand sustenance for me in their names,

وَدُعَائِي بِهِمْ مُسْتَجَابًا

wa du`ai bihim mustajaban

respond to my supplications in their names,

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وَحَوَائِجِي بِهِمْ مَقْضِيَّةً

wa hawa'iji bihim maqziyyatan

grant me all of my requests in their names,

وَأَنْظُرْ إِلَيَّ بِوَجْهِكَ الْكَرِيمِ

wanzur ilayya biwajhika alkarimi

and look at me with Your All-noble Face;

نُظْرَةً رَحِيمَةً اسْتَوْجِبُ بِهَا الْكَرَامَةَ عِنْدَكَ

nazratan rahimatan astawjibu biha alkaramata `indaka

such a kind look due to which I shall attain Your honor,

ثُمَّ لَا تَصْرِفْهُ عَنِّي أَبَدًا

thumma la tasrifhu `anni abadan

and (please) never turn Your Face away from me

بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

birahmatika ya arhama alrrahimina

in the name of Your mercy,

O most merciful of all those who show mercy.

يَا مُقَلِّبَ الْقُلُوبِ وَالْأَبْصَارِ

ya muqalliba alqulubi wal-absari

O He Who changes hearts and sights,

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ثَبَّتْ قَلْبِي عَلَى دِينِكَ

thabbit qalbi `ala dinika

(please do) make my heart permanently steady
in following Your religion

وَدِينِ نَبِيِّكَ وَوَالِيِّكَ

wa dini nabiyyika wa waliyyika

and the religion of Your Prophet and Intimate servant,

وَلَا تُزِعْ قَلْبِي بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنِي

wa la tuzigh qalbi ba`da idh hadaytani

do not cause my heart to deviate after You have guided me
(to the true path),

وَهَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً

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

إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

innaka anta alwahhabu

for You are the most liberal Giver.

اللَّهُمَّ إِلَيْكَ تَوَجَّهْتُ

allahumma ilayka tawajjahtu

O Allah, I am turning my face towards You,

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وَمَرْضَاتِكَ طَلَبْتُ

wa marzataka talabtu
seeking Your pleasure,

وَتَوَابِكَ ابْتَغَيْتُ

wa thawabaka ibtaghaytu
desiring for Your reward,

وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ

wa bika amantu
having full faith in You,

وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ

wa `alayka tawakkaltu
and putting all trust in You.

اللَّهُمَّ فَاقْبِلْ بِيُوجْهِكَ إِلَيَّ

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

وَاقْبِلْ بِيُوجْهِهِ إِلَيْكَ

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

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

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

subhana allahi walhamdu lillahi

All glory be to Allah. All praise be to Allah.

وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

wa la ilaha illa allahu wallahu akbaru

there is no god save Allah. Allah is the Most Great.

Then, you may say the following :

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ عَلَى مَا هَدَيْتَنِي

allahumma laka alhamdu `ala ma hadaytani

O Allah, all praise be to You for You have guided me.

وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ عَلَى مَا فَضَّلْتَنِي

wa laka alhamdu `ala ma fazzaltani

All praise be to You for You have favored me.

وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ عَلَى مَا شَرَّفْتَنِي

wa laka alhamdu `ala ma sharraftani

All praise be to You for You have honored me.

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وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ عَلَى كُلِّ بَلَاءٍ حَسَنٍ 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.

اللَّهُمَّ تَقَبَّلْ صَلَاتِي وَدُعَائِي

allahumma taqabbal salati wa du`a'i

O Allah, (please do) accept my prayer and supplication,

وَطَهِّرْ قَلْبِي وَأَشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي وَتُبْ عَلَيَّ

wa tahhir qalbi washrah li sadri wa tub `alayya

purify my heart, expand my breast for me,
and accept my repentance.

إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

innaka anta alttawwawabu alrrahimu

You are indeed the Oft-returning to mercy and the All-merciful.

Devotional acts at the Centre of Masjid al-Sahla

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:

أَنْتَ اللهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

anta allahu la ilaha illa anta

You are Allah; there is no god save You.

مُبْدِئُ الْخَلْقِ وَمُعِيدُهُمْ

mubdi' alkhalqi wa mu`iduhum

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

وَأَنْتَ اللهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

wa anta allahu la ilaha illa anta

You are Allah; there is no god save You.

خَالِقُ الْخَلْقِ وَرَازِقُهُمْ

khaliq al-khalqi wa raziqhum

You are the Creator of creatures and the Sustainer of them.

وَإِنَّتَ اللهُ لَإِلَهٌ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

wa anta allahu la ilaha illa anta

You are Allah; there is no god save You.

الْقَابِضُ الْبَاسِطُ

alqabizu albasitu

You are the Straightener and the Expander.

وَإِنَّتَ اللهُ لَإِلَهٌ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

wa anta allahu la ilaha illa anta

You are Allah; there is no god save You.

مُدَبِّرُ الْأُمُورِ

mudabbiru al'umuri

You are the Manager of all affairs

وَبَاعِثُ مَنْ فِي الْقُبُورِ

wa ba'ithu man fi alquburi

and the Resurrector of those who are in graves.

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أَنْتَ وَارِثُ الْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ عَلَيْهَا

anta warithu al-arzi wa man `alayha

You are the Inheritor of the earth & whatever/whoever is on it.

أَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الْبَخُزُونِ الْبَكُونِ

as'aluka bismika almakhzuni almaknuni

I beseech You by Your Name: the concealed, the obscured,

الْحَيِّ الْقَيُّومِ

alhayyi alqayyumi

the ever-living, and the self-subsistent.

وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

wa anta allahu la ilaha illa anta

You are Allah; there is no god save You.

عَالِمِ السِّرِّ وَآخْفَى

`alimu alssirri wa akhfa

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

أَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الَّذِي إِذَا دُعِيَ بِهِ أَجَبْتَ

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 سَأِلْتَ بِهِ اعْطَيْتَ

wa idha su'ilta bihi a'tayta

and the Name that You give him who asks You by it.

وَاسْأَلْكَ بِحَقِّكَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ 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 أَوْجَبْتَهُ عَلَى نَفْسِكَ

wa bihaqqihim alladhi awjabtahu `ala nafsika

and in the name of the duty that You have made
incumbent upon Yourself towards them

أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

an tusalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

to send blessings upon Muhammad
and the Household of Muhammad

وَأَنْ تَقْضِيَ لِي حَاجَتِي

wa an taqziya li hajati

and to grant me my requests

السَّاعَةَ السَّاعَةَ

alssa`ata alssa`ata

at this very hour! At this very hour!

يَا سَامِعَ الدُّعَاءِ

ya sami`a alddu`a'i

O Hearer of prayers!

يَا سَيِّدَاهُ يَا مَوْلَاهُ يَا غِيَاثَاهُ

ya sayyidahu ya mawlahu ya ghiyathahu

O my Master! O my Lord! O my Aide!

أَسْأَلُكَ بِكُلِّ اسْمٍ سَمَّيْتَهُ بِهِ نَفْسَكَ

as'aluka bikulli ismin sammayta bihi nafsaka

I beseech You by all the Names that You used for Yourself

أَوْ اسْتَأْثَرْتَهُ فِي عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ عِنْدَكَ

aw ista'tharta bihi fi `ilmi alghaybi `indaka

and the Names that You take exclusively for Yourself
in the Unseen Knowledge of You

أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

an tusalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

to send blessings upon Muhammad
and the Household of Muhammad

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وَأَنْ تُعَجِّلَ فَرَجَنَا السَّاعَةَ

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

يَا مُقَدِّبَ الْقُلُوبِ وَالْأَبْصَارِ

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

يَا سَمِيعَ الدُّعَاءِ

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:

اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ هَذِهِ الْبُقْعَةِ الشَّرِيفَةِ

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

وَبِحَقِّ مَنْ تَعَبَّدَ لَكَ فِيهَا

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

قَدْ عَلِمْتَ حَوَائِجِي

qad `alimta hawa'iji
You know my needs;

فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَقْضِهَا

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

وَقَدْ أَحْصَيْتَ ذُنُوبِي

wa qad ahsayta dhunubi
You have accounted my sins;

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

فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَاغْفِرْهَا

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

اللَّهُمَّ احْيِنِي مَا إِذَا كَانَتْ الْحَيَاةُ خَيْرًا لِي

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

وَامِتْنِي إِذَا كَانَتْ الْوَفَاةُ خَيْرًا لِي

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

عَلَى مَوْلَاةٍ أَوْلِيَاةٍ وَأَعْدَائِكَ

`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,

وَأَفْعَلْ بِي مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ

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

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

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:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي صَلَّيْتُ هَذِهِ الصَّلَاةَ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِكَ

allahumma inni sallaytu hadhihi alssalata ibtigha'a marzatika

O Allah, I have offered this prayer seeking Your pleasure,

وَطَلَبَ نَائِكَ

wa talaba na'ilika
wishing for Your gift,

وَرَجَاءَ رِفْدِكَ وَجَوَائِزِكَ

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

فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

وَتَقَبَّلْهَا مِنِّي بِأَحْسَنِ قَبُولٍ

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

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

وَبَلِّغْنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ الْبَامُولَ

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

وَأَفْعَلْ بِي مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ

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

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

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:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنْ كَانَتْ الذُّنُوْبُ وَالْخَطَايَا

allahumma in kanat aldhhdhunubu walkhataya

O Allah, if my sins and faults

قَدْ اَخْلَقْتُ وَجْهِيْ عِنْدَكَ

qad akhlaqat wajhi `indaka

have caused my face to be tattered in Your view;

فَلَمْ تَرْفَعْ لِيْ اِلَيْكَ صَوْتًا

falam tarfa` li ilayka sawtan

therefore, they impeded my voice from reaching You

وَلَمْ تَسْتَجِبْ لِيْ دَعْوَةً

wa lam tastajib li da`watan

and You thus have not responded to any of my prayers,

فَاِنِّيْ اَسْأَلُكَ بِكَ يَا اَللّٰهُ

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 أَحَدٌ

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

وَأَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِمُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

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

وَأَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

وَأَنْ تُقْبِلَ إِلَيَّ بِوَجْهِكَ الْكَرِيمِ

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

وَتُقْبِلَ بِوَجْهِهِ إِلَيْكَ

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

وَلَا تُخَيِّبْنِي حِينَ أَدْعُوكَ

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.)

وَلَا تَحْرِمْنِي حِينَ أَرْجُوكَ

wa la tahrinni hina arjuka

and not to deprive me (of Your response) when I please You.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

ya arhama alrrahimina

O most merciful of all those who show mercy!

Devotional acts at the Place of Ambiya & Saleheen

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:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ يَا اللَّهُ

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

أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

وَأَنْ تَجْعَلَ خَيْرَ عُمْرِي آخِرَهُ

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

وَخَيْرَ أَعْمَالِي خَوَاتِيمَهَا

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

وَخَيْرَ أَيَّامِي يَوْمَ أَلْقَاكَ فِيهِ

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

Devotional acts at the Place of Ambiya & Saleheen

إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

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

اللَّهُمَّ تَقَبَّلْ دُعَائِي

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

وَاسْمِعْ نَجْوَايَ

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

يَا عَلِيُّ يَا عَظِيمٌ

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

يَا قَادِرُ يَا قَاهِرُ

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

يَا حَيًّا لَا يَمُوتُ

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

Devotional acts at the Place of Ambiya & Saleheen

صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

وَاعْفِرْ لِي الذُّنُوبَ الَّتِي بَيْنِي وَبَيْنِكَ

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

وَلَا تَفْضَحْنِي عَلَى رُؤُوسِ الشَّهَادِ

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

وَاحْرُسْنِي بِعَيْنِكَ الَّتِي لَا تَنَامُ

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

وَارْحَمْنِي بِقُدْرَتِكَ عَلَيَّ

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

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

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

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وَصَلَّى اللهُ عَلَي سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

wa salla allahu `ala sayyidina muhammadin

May Allah send blessings upon our master Muhammad

وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

wa alihi alttahirina ya rabba al`alamina

and upon his Immaculate Household.

O Lord of the worlds!

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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:

يَا مَنْ هُوَ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيَّ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ

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

يَا فَعَّالًا لِمَا يُرِيدُ

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

يَا مَنْ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ

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

صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

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

وَحُلْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ مَنْ يُؤْذِينَا

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

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

بِحَوْلِكَ وَقُوَّتِكَ

bihawlika wa quwwatika

in the name of Your might and power.

يَا كَافِيَا مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ

ya kafiyan min kulli shay'in

O He Who saves from all things

وَلَا يَكْفِي مِنْهُ شَيْءٌ

wa la yakfi minhu shay'un

and nothing can ever save from Him!

اَكْفِنَا الْبُهِمَّ مِنْ أَمْرِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

ikfina almuhimma min amri alddunya wal-akhirati

(Please do) relieve us from whatever aggrieves us from our
worldly and religious affairs.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

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 Maqam Noah) :

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اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ يَا مَنْ لَا تَرَاهُ الْعُيُونُ

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

وَلَا تُحِيطُ بِهِ الظُّنُونُ

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

وَلَا يَصِفُهُ الْوَاصِفُونَ

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

وَلَا تُغَيِّرُهُ الْحَوَادِثُ

wa la tughayyiruhu alhawadithu
Whom cannot be affected by events,

وَلَا تُفْنِيهِ الدُّهُورُ

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

تَعْلَمُ مَثَاقِيلَ الْجِبَالِ

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

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

وَمَكَايِلَ الْبِحَارِ

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

وَوَرَقَ الْأَشْجَارِ

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

وَرَمْلَ الْقِفَارِ

wa ramla alqifari
the sands of deserts,

وَمَا أَضَاءَتْ بِهِ الشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ

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

وَإِظْلَمَ عَلَيْهِ اللَّيْلُ

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

وَوَضَحَ عَلَيْهِ النَّهَارُ

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

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

وَلَا تُوَارِي مِنْكَ سَبَاءٌ سَبَاءً

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

وَلَا أَرْضٌ أَرْضاً

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

وَلَا جَبَلٌ مَا فِي أُصْلِهِ

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

وَلَا بَحْرٌ مَا فِي قَعْرِهِ

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

اسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

وَأَنْ تَجْعَلَ خَيْرَ أَمْرِي آخِرَهُ

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

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وَخَيْرَ أَعْمَالِي خَوَاتِيمَهَا

wa khayra a`mali khawatimaha

to cause the best of my deeds to be the last of them,

وَخَيْرَ أَيَّامِي يَوْمَ التَّقَاكَ

wa khayra ayyami yawma alqaka

and to cause the best of my days to be the day when I meet You,

إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

innaka `ala kulli sha'in qadirun

for You verily have power over all things.

اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ أَرَادَنِي بِسُوءٍ فَارِدُهُ

allahumma man aradani bisu'in fa'arid-hu

O Allah, (please do) deter all those who intend evil to me,

وَمَنْ كَادَنِي فَكِدُهُ

wa man kadani fakid-hu

encumber all those who plan to do evil to me,

وَمَنْ بَغَانِي بِهَالِكَةٍ فَاهْلِكُهُ

wa man baghani bihalakatin fa'ahluk-hu

terminate all those who is set to terminate me,

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

وَإِكْفِنِي مَا أَهْبَنِي مِمَّنْ دَخَلَ هَمُّهُ عَلَيَّ

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.

اللَّهُمَّ ادْخِلْنِي فِي دُرْعِكَ الْحَصِينَةِ

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

وَاسْتُرْنِي بِسِتْرِكَ الْوَاقِي

wasturni bisitrika alwaqi
and cover me with Your protective shield.

يَا مَنْ يَكْفِي مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ

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

وَلَا يَكْفِي مِنْهُ شَيْءٌ

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

إِكْفِنِي مَا أَهْبَنِي مِنْ أَمْرِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

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

وَصَدِّقْ قَوْلِي وَفَعْلِي

wa saddiq qawli wa fi`li

and cause my words to be corresponding with my deeds.

يَا شَفِيقُ يَا رَافِقُ

ya shafiqu ya rafiqu

O All-sympathetic! O All-kind!

فَرِّجْ عَنِّي الْبُضِيقَ

farrij `anni almaziqa

(please) relieve me from depression

وَلَا تُحَبِّلْنِي مَا لَا أُطِيقُ

wa la tuhammilni ma la utiqu

and do not burden on me that which I cannot stand.

اللَّهُمَّ احْرُسْنِي بِعَيْنِكَ الَّتِي لَا تَنَامُ

allahumma ihrusni bi`aynika allati la tanamu

O Allah, (please) guard me with Your Eye that never sleeps

وَارْحَمْنِي بِقُدْرَتِكَ عَلَيَّ

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.)

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

ya arhama alrrahimina

O most merciful of all those who show mercy!

يَا عَلِيُّ يَا عَظِيمُ

ya `aliyyu ya `azimu

O All-high! O All-great!

أَنْتَ عَالِمٌ بِحَاجَتِي

anta `alimun bihajati

You know what I need

وَعَلَى قَضَائِهَا قَدِيرٌ

wa `ala qaza'iha qadirun

and You have the power to grant it to me,

وَهِيَ لَدَيْكَ يَسِيرٌ

wa hiya ladayka yasirun

which is an easy thing to be done by You

وَإِنَّا إِلَيْكَ فَاقِرٌ

wa ana ilayka faqirun

and I do want You;

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

فَبُنَّ بِهَا عَلَيَّ يَا كَرِيمُ

famunna biha `alayya ya karimu

so, (please) do me the favor of settling my need, O All-merciful!

إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

innaka `ala kulli shay'in qadirun

Verily, You have power over all things.

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

إِلٰهِي قَدْ عَلِمْتَ حَوَائِجِي

ilahi qad `alimta hawa'iji

O my God, You have known my needs;

فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَقْضِهَا

fasalli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin waqziha

so, please send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad and settle my needs.

وَقَدْ أَحْصَيْتَ ذُنُوبِي

wa qad ahsayta dhunubi

You have accounted all my sins;

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

فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاعْفُرْهَا

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

يَا كَرِيمُ

ya karimu

O All-generous!

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

Devotional acts at Maqam al-Mahdi (a.t.f.s.)

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 :

سَلَامُ اللَّهِ الْكَامِلُ التَّامُّ

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

الشَّامِلُ الْعَامُّ

alshshamilu al`ammu
comprehensive, and thorough;

وَصَلَوَاتُهُ الدَّائِبَةُ

wa salawatuhu aldda'imatu
and His endless benedictions

وَبَرَكَاتُهُ الْقَائِمَةُ التَّامَّةُ

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

Devotional acts at Maqam al-Mahdi (a.t.f.s.)

عَلَى حُجَّةِ اللَّهِ

`ala hujjati allahi
be upon the Argument of Allah,

وَوَلِيِّهِ فِي أَرْضِهِ وَبِلَادِهِ

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

وَخَلِيفَتِهِ عَلَى خَلْقِهِ وَعِبَادِهِ

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

وَسُلَالَةِ النَّبُوَّةِ

wa sulalati alnnubuwwati
the offspring of Prophethood,

وَبَقِيَّةِ الْعِتْرَةِ وَالصَّفْوَةِ

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

صَاحِبِ الزَّمَانِ

sahibi alzzamani
the Patron of the Age,

وَمُظْهِرِ الْإِيْمَانَ

wa muzhiri al-imani

the demonstrator of the (true) faith,

وَمُلَقِّنِ أَحْكَامِ الْقُرْآنِ

wa mulaqqini ahkami alqur'ani

the teacher of the laws of the Qur'an,

وَمُطَهِّرِ الْأَرْضِ

wa mutahhiri al-ardi

the purger of the earth,

وَنَاشِرِ الْعَدْلِ فِي الطُّوْلِ وَالْعَرْضِ

wa nashiri al`adli fi alttuli wal`ardi

the spreader of justice all over the earth,

وَالْحُجَّةِ الْقَائِمِ الْبَهْدِيِّ

walhujjati alqa'imi almahdiyyi

the Argument (al-Hujjah), the Riser (al-Qa'im),
the Well-guided (al-Mahdi),

الْإِمَامِ الْمُنْتَظَرِ الْبَرُضِيِّ

al-imami almntazari almardiyi

the Leader, the Awaited, the Pleased,

Devotional acts at Maqam al-Mahdi (a.t.f.s.)

وَابْنِ الْاِئِمَّةِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

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

الْوَصِيِّ ابْنِ الْاَوْصِيَاءِ الْبَرُضِيِّينَ

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

الْهَادِي الْبَعْصُومِ

alhadi alma`sumi
the Guide, the Immaculate,

ابْنِ الْاِئِمَّةِ الْهُدَاةِ الْبَعْصُومِينَ

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

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مُعَزَّ الْبُؤْمِنِينَ

الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ

alssalamu `alayka ya mu`izza almu'minina almustad`afina

Peace be upon you, O grantor of dignity to the
oppressed and faithful ones.

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السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مُذِلَّ الْكَافِرِينَ الْبُتْكَابِرِينَ
الطَّالِبِينَ

*alssalamu `alayka ya mudhilla alkafirina almutakabbirina
alzzalimina*

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

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ يَا صَاحِبَ الزَّمَانِ

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

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

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

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

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

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ فَاطِمَةَ الزُّهْرَاءِ

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

Devotional acts at Maqam al-Mahdi (a.t.f.s.)

سَيِّدَةَ نِسَاءِ الْعَالَمِينَ

sayyidati nisa'i al`alamina

and the Doyenne of the women of the world.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَنَ الْأَيْمَةِ الْحُجَبِ
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

وَالْإِمَامُ عَلَى الْخَلْقِ أَجْمَعِينَ

wal-imamu `ala alkhalqi ajma`ina

and the leader of all creatures.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ

alssalamu `alayka ya mawlaya

Peace be upon you, O my master

سَلَامَ مُخْلِصٍ لَكَ فِي الْوِلَايَةِ

salama mukhlisin laka fi alwilayati

addressed by him who is loyal to your
(divinely commissioned) leadership.

Devotional acts at Maqam al-Mahdi (a.t.f.s.)

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ الْإِمَامُ الْبَهْدِيُّ قَوْلًا وَفِعْلًا

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

وَأَنْتَ الَّذِي تَبْلَأُ الْأَرْضَ قِسْطًا وَعَدْلًا

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

بَعْدَ مَا مِلَّتْ ظُلْمًا وَجَوْرًا

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

فَعَجَّلَ اللَّهُ فَرَجَكَ

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

وَسَهَّلَ مَخْرَجَكَ

wa sahhala makhrajaka
make easy your advent,

وَقَرَّبَ زَمَانَكَ

wa qarraba zamanaka
make nearer the time of your coming,

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وَكَثَّرْنَا نَصْرَكَ وَاعْوَانَكَ

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

وَأَنْجَزْ لَكَ مَا وَعَدَكَ

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

فَهُوَ أَصْدَقُ الْقَائِدِينَ:

fahuwa asdaq alqaidina
He is surely the most truthful of all those who can speak
(and He has said):

﴿وَنُرِيدُ أَنْ نَمُنَّ عَلَى الَّذِينَ اسْتُضِعُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ

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,

وَنَجْعَلَهُمُ إِمَّةً وَنَجْعَلَهُمُ الْوَارِثِينَ﴾

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

يَا مَوْلَايَ يَا صَاحِبَ الزَّمَانِ

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

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يَا بْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

yabna rasuli allahi

O son of Allah's Messenger!

حَاجَتِي...

hajati...

My request is...

Mention your need and then go on saying :

فَاشْفَعْ لِي فِي نَجَاحِهَا

fashfa` li fi najahiha

So, intercede for me so that it will be settled,

فَقَدْ تَوَجَّهْتُ إِلَيْكَ بِحَاجَتِي

faqad tawajjahtu ilayka bihajati

for I am turning my face towards you for settling my request,

لِعَلِّيَ إِنَّ لَكَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ شَفَاعَةً مَقْبُولَةً

li`ilmi anna laka `inda allahi shafa`atan maqbulatan

since I know for sure that you enjoy with Allah

admissible word of intercession,

وَمَقَاماً مَحْمُوداً

wa maqaman mahmudan

and praiseworthy standing.

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فَبِحَقِّ مَنْ اخْتَصَّكُمْ بِأَمْرِهِ

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,

وَأَرْتَضَاكُمْ لِسِرِّهِ

wartadakum lisirrihi

and admitted you all to keep His secrets,

وَبِالشَّانِ الَّذِي لَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ بَيْنَكُمْ وَبَيْنَهُ

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,

سَلِ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى فِي نُجْحِ طَلِبَتِي

sal(i) allaha ta`ala fi nujhi talibati

to ask Allah, the Exalted, to render successful my request,

وِإِجَابَةِ دَعْوَتِي وَكَشْفِ كُرْبَتِي

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.

Devotional acts at Maqam al-Mahdi (a.t.f.s.)

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.

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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:

إِلٰهِ قَدْ مَدَّ إِلَيْكَ الْخَاطِئُ الْبُذْنِبُ يَدَيْهِ
بِحُسْنِ ظَنِّهِ بِكَ

*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.

إِلٰهِ قَدْ جَلَسَ الْبُسِيُّ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ
مُقِرًّا لَكَ بِسُوءِ عَمَلِهِ

*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

وَرَأَجِيًّا مِنْكَ الصَّفْحَ عَنْ زَلَلِيهِ

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

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إِلٰهِ قَدْ رَفَعْتُ إِلَيْكَ الظَّالِمَ كَفِّيهِ
رَاجِيًا بِأَلَدَيْكَ

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

فَلَا تُخَيِّبُهُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ

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

إِلٰهِ قَدْ جِثَا الْعَائِدُ إِلَى الْمَعَاصِي 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,

خَائِفًا مِنْ يَوْمٍ تَجْثُوفِيهِ الْخَلَائِقُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

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

إِلٰهِ جَاءَكَ الْعَبْدُ الْخَاطِئُ فَرِعًا مُشْفِقًا

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,

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وَرَفَعِ إِلَيْكَ طَرْفَهُ حَذِرًا رَاجِيًا

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

وَفَاضَتْ عَبْرَتُهُ مُسْتَغْفِرًا نَادِمًا

wa fazat `abratuhu mustaghfirā nadimā
shedding tears, seeking forgiveness, and showing regret.

وَعِزَّتِكَ وَجَلَالِكَ مَا أَرَدْتُ بِبَعْصِيَّتِي
مُخَالَفَتَكَ

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

وَمَا عَصَيْتُكَ إِذْ عَصَيْتُكَ وَأَنَا بِكَ جَاهِلٌ

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

وَلَا لِعُقُوبَتِكَ مُتَعَرِّضٌ

wa la li`uqubatika muta`arrizun
I have never intended to expose myself to Your punishment,

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وَلَا لِنَظْرِكَ مُسْتَخَفٌّ

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

وَلَكِنْ سَوَّلَتْ لِي نَفْسِي

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

وَاعَاتَتْنِي عَلَى ذَلِكَ شِقْوَتِي

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

وَعَرَّانِي سِتْرَكَ الْبُرْخَى عَلَى

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

فَبَيْنَ الْآنَ مِنْ عَذَابِكَ مَنْ يَسْتَنْقِذُنِي؟

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

وَبِحَبْلِ مَنْ اِعْتَصِمُ اِنْ قَطَعْتَ حَبْلَكَ عَنِّي؟

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 ?

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فَيَا سَوَاتَاهُ غَدًا 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

إِذَا قِيلَ لِلْمُخَفِّينَ: جُوزُوا

idha qila lilmukhiffina juzu

when the light-loaded ones will be allowed to pass,

وَاللِّمُثْقَلِينَ: حُطُّوا

wa lilmuthqilina huttu

but the heavy-loaded ones will be stopped ?

أَفَبِعَ الْمُخَفِّينَ أَجُوزُ أَمْ مَعَ الْمُثْقَلِينَ أَحُطُّ؟

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 ?

وَيْلِي كُلَّمَا كَبُرْتُ سِنِّي كَثُرَتْ ذُنُوبِي!

wayli kullama kabura sinni kathurat dhunubi

Woe to me! The older I am the more sinful I become!

وَيْلِي كُلَّمَا طَالَ عُمْرِي كَثُرَتْ مَعْاصِيِي

wayli kullama tala `umri kathurat ma`asiyyi

Woe to me! The more aged I am the more disobedient I become!

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فَكَمْ اتُّوبُ

fakam atubu

So often have I declared repentance!

وَكَمَّ اعُودُ

wa kam a`udu

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

أَمَا أَنْ لِي أَنْ اسْتَحْيِيَ مِنْ رَبِّي

ama ana li an astahyiya min rabbi

Has not the time come that I be ashamed of my Lord?

اللَّهُمَّ فَبِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahuma fabihaqqi muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

O Allah, (I beg You) in the name of Muhammad
and the Household of Muhammad,

إِغْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْنِي

ighfir li warhamni

please, forgive me and have mercy upon me.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ وَخَيْرَ الْغَافِرِينَ

ya arhama alrrahimina wa khayra alghafirina

O most merciful of all those who show mercy and most excellent
forgiver of all those who forgive!

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

إِرْحَمْ مَنْ أَسَاءَ وَاقْتَرَفَ

irham man asa'a waqtarafa

(Please) have mercy upon him who had misbehaved
and committed sins,

وَاسْتَكَانَ وَاعْتَرَفَ

wastakana wa`tarafa

but he then submitted and confessed.

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

إِنْ كُنْتُ بِسِّسِ الْعَبْدِ

in kuntu bi'ssa al`abdu

If I am the worst servant (of You),

فَأَنْتَ نِعْمَ الرَّبُّ

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:

عَظَمَ الذَّنْبُ مِنْ عَبْدِكَ

`azuma aldhhdhanbu min `abdika

Your servant's sin has been very flagrant,

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فَلْيَحْسِنِ الْعَفْوَ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ

falyahsun al`afwu min `indika

then let Your pardon be very excellent,

يَا كَرِيمُ

ya karimu

O All-generous!

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

الْعَفْوُ الْعَفْوُ

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

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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...

اللَّهُمَّ يَا ذَا الْمَنِّ السَّابِغَةِ وَالْأَلَاءِ الْوَازِعَةِ...

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.