In the blessed month of Dhu’l-Hijjah, the pious companions of the Holy Prophet and their followers used to do acts of worship extraordinarily. The first ten days of this month are called al-ayyam al-ma`lummat (The Stated Days) by the Holy Qur'an. (22:28)

About these highly honorable days, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings upon him and his family) is reported to have said that nothing is more preferable to
Almighty Allah than practicing acts of worship on these ten stated days.

It is recommended to observe fasting on the first nine days of Dhu’l-Hijjah, for it is equal to the fasting of one’s whole lifetime.

2 Raka’ Salaah Between Maghrib and ‘Isha

Dua After Fajr and Maghrib Prayers

Dua for 1st 10 Days of Dhul-Hijjah

Tahlilaat for 1st 10 Days of Dhul-Hijjah
2 Raka’ Salaah Between Maghrib and ‘Isha

At each of these ten nights, it is recommended to offer a two unit prayer between the Maghrib and `Isha' obligatory prayers and to recite at each unit Surah al-Fatiyah once, Surah al-Tawhid once, and the following verse (7/142):

وَوَاعَدْنَا مُوسَىٰ ثَلَاثَيْنَ لَيْلَةٍ

wa wa`adna musa thalathina laylatan

And We appointed with Moses a time of thirty nights

وَأَتَمَّنَاهَا بِعَشْرٍ

wa atmamnaha bi`ashrin
and completed them with ten more,

فَتَمَّ مِيقَاتُ رَبِّهِ أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً

fatamama miqatu rabbih arba`ina laylatan

so the appointed time of his Lord was complete forty nights,

وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ لَأَخِيِّهِ هَارُونَ أَخْلُفْنِ فِٰ قَوْمِي

wa qala musa li'akhihi haruna ikhlufni fi qawmi

and Moses said to his brother Aaron:

Take my place among my people,

وَأَصْلِحْ وَلَا تَتَّبَعْ سَبِيلَ أَلْمُفْسِدِينَ

wa a`shlih wa la tattabi` sabila almufsidina

and act well and do not follow the way of the mischief-makers.

The reward of offering this prayer is to participate in the rewards of those who go on Hajj.
Dua After Fajr and Maghrib Prayers

It is recommended to say the following supplicatory prayer, which is reported by Shaykh al-Tusi and Sayyid Ibn Tawus from Imam Ja`far al-Sadiq (peace be upon him), after the obligatory Fajr and Maghrib Prayers since the first day of Dhu’l-Hijjah and up to the eve of the `Arafat Night, the ninth of Dhu’l-Hijjah:

اللَّهُمَّ هَذِهِ ٱلَّيََّّمُ ٱلَّتِِ فَضَّلْت َهَا عَلَىٰ ٱلَّيََّمِ وَشَرَّف ْت َهَا

allahumma hadhihi al-ayyamu allati faḍḍaltaha `ala al-ayyami wa sharraftaha
O Allah, these days that You have preferred and favored on other days,

قَدْ بَلَّغْتَنِيهَا بِمَّنَاكَ وَرَحْمَتِكَ

You have allowed me to attain them out of Your favor and mercy;

فَأَنزِلْ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ بَرَكَاتِكَ

so, (please) descend on us Your blessings

وَأَوْسِعْ عَلَيْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ نَعْمَائِكَ

and expand for us Your boons.

اَللَّهُمَّ إِنّي أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّي عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ
O Allah, I beseech you to send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

and to guide us on these days to the path of guidance,

chastity, sufficiency,
and doing that which You like and please.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنّي أَسْأَلُكَ نَا مَوْضِعَ كُلِّ شَكْوَى

allahumma inni as'aluka ya mawdi'a kulli shakwa

O Allah, I beseech You, O object of all complaints,

وَيَّا سَامِعَ كُلِّ نََْوَىٰ

wa ya sami'a kulli najwa

O Hearer of all confidential talks,

وَيَّا شَاهِدَ كُلِّ مَلَأٍ

wa ya shahida kulli mala'in

O Attendant in all sessions,

وَيَّا عَالَِِ كُلِّ حَفَيْيَةٍ

wa ya `alima kulli khafiyyatin
O Knower of all hidden matters,

أن تصلَّي على محمد وآل محمد

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

وَأَنْ تَكْشِفَ عَنَا فِيهَا الْبَلَاءَ

wa an takshifa `anna fiha albala'a
relieve us from all hardships on these days,

وَتَسْتَجِيبَ لَنَا فِيهَا الْدُّعَاءَ

wa tastajiba lana fiha alddu`a'a
respond to our prayers,

وَتُقَوِّينَا فِيهَا وَتُعِينَنَا

wa tuqawwiyana fiha wa tu`inanana
grant us power, aid us,

وَتُوَفِّقْنَا فِيهَا لِمَا تُحِبُّ رَبِّنَا وَتُرْضِيْ

wa tuwaffiqana fiha lima tuhibbu rabbana wa tarḍa

and lead us successfully to all that which You, O our Lord, like and please

وَعَلَىٰ مَا أَفْتَرَضْتَ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ طَاعَتِكَ

wa `ala ma `iftaraḍtα `alayna min ta`atika

and to do acts of obedience to You that which You have made obligatory upon us

وَطَاعَةٍ رَسُولِكَ وَأَهْلِ وَلَّيْتِكَ

wa ṭa`ati rasulika wa ahli wilayatika

as well as acts of obedience to Your Messenger and to the men of Your leadership.
O Allah, I beseech You, O most Merciful of all those who show mercy,

an tuṣalliya `ala muhammadadin wa ali muhammadadin

to send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

wa an tahaba lana fiha alriḍa

and grant us [Your] pleasure on these days.

innaka sami`u aldu`a`i
You are verily Hearer of prayers.

وَلَا تَحْرِمْنَا خَيْرًا مَا تُنْزِلُ فِيهَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ

wa la tahrinma khayra ma tunzilu fiha min alssama'i

Do not deprive us of the good that You cause to come down from the heavens on these days,

وَطَهَّرْنَا مِنَ الْذُّنُوبِ

wa tahuhrina min aldhdhunubi

purify us from sins,

يَا عَلَمَ الْغُيُوبِ

ya `allama alghuyubi

O Knower of all unseen things,

وَأَوْجَبْ لَنَا فِيهَا دَارَ اخْتُلُؤِدِ

wa awjib lana fiha dara alkhuludi
and make certain for us the abode of immortality.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلَى عَلَيّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma šallī `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

O Allah, send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

وَلا تَتَرَكْ لَنَا فِيهَا ذَنْبًا إِلَّا غَفَرْتَهُ

wa la tatruk lana fiha dhanban illa ghafartahu

and do not leave for us a sin but that You forgive it,

وَلا هَمَا إِلَّا فَرِجَتْهُ

wa la hamman illa farrajtahu

no depression but that You relieve it,

وَلا دَيْنَا إِلَّا قَضَيْتُهُ

wa la deina`ila` qiytuhu
wa la daynan illa qaḍaytahu
no debt but that You help us settle it,

وَلَا غَائِبًا إِلَّا أَدَيْتُهُ
wa la gha'iban illa addaytahu
no absent but that You make join us,

وَلَا حَاجَةً مِنْ حَوَائِجِ الْدُنْيَا وَالآخِرَةِ
wa la hajatan min hawa'iji alddunya wal-akhirati
and no need in this world and the Next World

إِلَّاََّ سَهَّلْتَهَا وَيَسَّرْهَا
illa sahhaltaha wa yassartaha
but that You make it easy and obtainable.

إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدير
innaka `ala kulli shay'in qadirun
You, verily, have power over all things.

أَلْإِلَهُمَّ يَا عَالِمِ أَخْفَيْاتِ

allahumma ya `alima alkhafiyyati

O Allah! O Knower of all hidden things!

يَأَ رَاحِمَ الْعَبَََاتِ

ya rahima al`abarati

O Merciful of all tears!

يَأَ مُُيِّبَ الْدَّعَوَاتِ

ya mujiba aldda`awati

O Answerer of all prayers!

يَأَ رَبَّ ٱلْأَرْضِينَ وَٱلْسَّمَاءَاتِ

ya rabba al-aradina walssamawati

O Lord of the [layers of the] earth and the heavens!
O He Who is not confused by various sounds!

(Please) send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

and include us, on these days, with those whom You release and discharge from Hellfire,
walfa'izina bijannatika  
those whom You make win Your Paradise,

وَٱلنَّاجِينَ بِرَحَْْتِكَ  
and those whom You save, out of Your mercy.

يا أَرْحَمَ آلَرَاحِمِينَ  
O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!

وَصَلَّىٰ ٱللََُّّ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِ ٱلسَّيِّدَةَ  
Allah may send blessings to our master, Muhammad, and to his entire Household.

wa šalla allahu `ala sayyidina muhammadin wa alihi ajma`ina

Allah may send blessings to our master, Muhammad, and to his entire Household.
Dua for the 1st 10 Days of Dhul-Hijjah

It is recommended to say the following five supplications that were brought for Prophet ‘Isa as a gift from Allah to be recited in the first ten days of Dhu’l-Hijjah:

ashhadu an la ilaha illa allahu
(1) I bear witness that there is no god save Allah,

wahdahu la sharika lahu
alone without having any partner.
His is the kingdom and His is all praise.

In His Hand is all goodness,

and He has power over all things.

I bear witness that there is no god save Allah,
alone without having any partner.

One and Only and Besought of all.

He has not taken to Himself wife nor son.

(3) I bear witness that there is no god save Allah,
wَحُدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ
alone without having any partner,
أَحَدًا صَمَدًا
ahadan šamadan
One and Only and Besought of all.
لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ
lam yalid wa lam yulad
He begets not, nor is He begotten,
وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُُوا أَحَدُ
wa lam yakun lahu kufwan ahadun
and there is none comparable to Him.
(4) أَشْهَدْ أَنْ لَا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا ٱللَّٰهُ
ashhadu an la ilaha illa allahu
(4) I bear witness that there is no god save Allah,

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَريكَ لِهُ

wahdahu la sharika lahu
alone without having any partner.

لَهُ ٱلْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ ٱلَّهُ أَحْمَدُ

lahu almulku wa lahu alhamdu
His is the kingdom and His is all praise.

يُعْيِي وَيُمُيتُ

yuhyi wa yumitu
He brings to life and causes to die,

وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ

wa huwa hayyun la yamutu
and He is Ever-living and never dies.
بِيَدِهِ أَحْيَر

biyadihi alkhayru

In His Hand is all goodness

وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدير

wa huwa `ala kulli shay'in qadirun

and He has power over all things.

(5) حَسْبَِِ ٱللََُّّ وَكَفَى

hasbiya allahu wa kafa

(5) Sufficient to me is Allah and nothing else.

سََِعَ ٱللََُّّ لِمَنْ دَعَا

sami`a allahu liman da`a

May Allah listen from him who prays to Him.
لَيْسَ وَرَاءَ ٱللَّٰهِ مُنْتَهَىٰ

There is no end beyond Allah.

أَشْهَدُ لِلِّلَّٰهِ بِمَا دَعَٰ

I bear witness to Allah for all that He has declared,

وَآتَٰهُ بَرِيءٌ مِّمَّنْ تَبَرَّأَٰ

He is clear of all that from which He has declared clearness,

وَأَنَّ لِلِّلَّٰهِ الْآخِرَةَ وَالْأُولِيَاءِ

and Allah’s is the end and the beginning of all things.
An excellent reward has been mentioned to be for whoever repeats these five statements one hundred times each day. However, `Allamah al-Majlisi says that it is not improbable that each of these five testaments is repeated ten times each day. Yet, to repeat them one hundred times is better.
Tahlilaat for the 1st 10 Days of Dhul-Hijjah

It is recommended to say the following tahlilaat (hymns of God’s Unity), which is reported from Imam `Ali Amir al-Mu'minin (peace be upon him), on the first ten days of Dhu’l-Hijjah. An excellent reward has been reported for those saying this doxology, which should preferably be repeated ten times a day:

لا إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللهُ عَدَدَ اللَّيَاليِ وَالدُّهُورِ

La ilaha illa allahu `adada allayali waldduhuri

There is no god save Allah as often as nights and ages.
There is no god save Allah as often as the waves of oceans.

There is no god save Allah and His mercy is better than what they amass.

There is no god save Allah as often as thorns and trees.

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There is no god save Allah as often as hairs and furs.

لا إِلَّهَ إِلَّاَ اللَّهَ عَدَدَ أَحْجَرِ وَالْمَدَرِ

la ilaha illa allahu `adada ahjari walmadari

There is no god save Allah as many times as there are stones and loams.

لا إِلَّهَ إِلَّاَ اللَّهَ عَدَدَ لَمْحِ الْعُيُونِ

la ilaha illa allahu `adada lamhi al`uyuni

There is no god save Allah as often as sights of eyes.

لا إِلَّهَ إِلَّاَ اللَّهَ فِي أَلْلَيْلِ إِذَا عَسَعَسَ وَالْصَّبْحِ

إِذَا تَنَفَّسَ

la ilaha illa allahu fi allayli idha `as`asa walssubhi idha tanaffasa
There is no god save Allah in the night when it departs and in the morning when it brightens.

لا إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اَللَّهُ عَدَدَ الْرِّيَاحِ فِي الْبَرَارِي وَالصُّخُورِ

لا إِلَا اَللَّهَ مِنْ أَلِيْوَمِ إِلَى يَوْمِ يَنْفَخُ فِى الْصُّورِ

There is no god save Allah as often as the wind blows over deserts and rocks.

There is no god save Allah from this day up to the day when the Trumpet
will be blown.