

## VISITING THE HOLY INFALLIBLES ON FRIDAYS

Shaykh al-Ṭūsī, in *Miṣbāḥ al-Mutahajjid*, and Sayyid Ibn Ṭāwūs, in *Jamāl al-Uṣbū`*, have mentioned within the recommended acts on Fridays that it is recommended to visit the Holy Prophet (ṣ) and the Holy Imams (‘a) on Fridays. Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (‘a) is reported to have said that one who intends to visit the tombs of the Holy Prophet, Imam `Alī Amīr al-Mu`minīn, Lady Fāṭimah al-Zahrā', Imam al-Ḥasan, Imam al-Ḥusayn, and the Holy Imams (‘a) while he is in a remote place may bathe himself on Friday, put on two clean garbs, go to a desert, -or go up to a housetop, according to another narration- and then offer a four unit prayer reciting any Sūrah he can recite. When he finishes the prayer, he may stand up, face the kiblah direction, and say the following:

Peace be upon you, O Prophet and be upon you Allah's mercy and blessings.	alssalāmu `alayka ayyuhā alnabiyyu wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ الْمُرْسَلُ
Peace be upon you, O missioned Prophet,	alssalāmu `alayka ayyuhā alnabiyyu almursalu	وَأَلْوَصِيُّ الْمُرْتَضَىٰ وَالسَّيِّدَةُ الْكُبْرَىٰ وَالسَّيِّدَةُ الزَّهْرَاءُ
(and peace be upon you) O well-pleased successor (of the Prophet),	walwaṣiyyu almurtaḍā	وَالسَّبْطَانَ الْمُنْتَجَبَانَ وَالْأَوْلَادُ الْأَعْلَامَ
(and peace be upon you) O grand lady,	walssayyidatu alkubrā	وَالْأُمْنَاءُ الْمُنْتَجَبُونَ جِئْتُ أَنْقِطَاعًا إِلَيْكُمْ وَأِلَىٰ آبَائِكُمْ وَوَلَدِكُمْ
(and peace be upon you) O Luminous lady,	walssayyidatu alzzahrā'u	وَالْخَلْفَ عَلَىٰ بَرَكَةِ الْحَقِّ
(and peace be upon you) O two elite grandsons (of the Prophet),	walssibtāni almuntabāni	فَقَلْبِي لَكُمْ مُسَلِّمٌ وَنُصْرَتِي لَكُمْ مُعَدَّةٌ حَتَّىٰ يَحْكُمَ اللَّهُ بِدِينِهِ فَمَعَكُمْ مَعَكُمْ
(and peace be upon you) O descendants—the elite signs and the well-selected trustees.	wal-awlādu al-a`lāmu wal'umanā'u almuntabūna	لَا مَعَ عَدُوِّكُمْ
Here I am devoting myself to you,	ji'tu inqitā`an ilaykum	
to your fathers, and to your son, the Successor	wa ilā ābā'ikum wa waladikum alkhalaḥfi	
on the blessing of the truth.	`alā barakati alḥaqqi	
My heart is thus subservient to you and my support is prepared for you until Allah will judge about His religion.	faqalbī lakum musallimun wa nuṣratī lakum mu`addatun ḥattā yaḥkuma allāhu bidīnihī	
I am with you, verily with you but not with your enemy.	fama`akum ma`akum lā ma`a `aduwwikum	

I am one of them who believe in your superiority	innī lamin alqā'ilīna bifaḍḷikum	إِنِّي لَمِنَ الْقَائِلِينَ بِفَضْلِكُمْ
and I acknowledge your Return.	muqirrun biraj`atikum	مُقِرٌّ بِرَجْعَتِكُمْ
I never deny the all-powerfulness of Allah	lā unkiru lillāhi qudratan	لَا أَنْكُرُ لِلَّهِ قُدْرَةً
and I do not claim but that which Allah wills.	wa lā az`umu illā mā shā'a allāhu	وَلَا أَرْعُمُ إِلَّا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ
Glory be to Allah, Lord of kingdom and realm.	subhāna allāhi dhī almulki walmalakūti	سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ ذِي الْمُلْكِ وَالْمَلَكُوتِ
All His creatures glorify Allah by His Names.	yusabbiḥu allāha bi'asmā'ihī jamī`u khalqihī	يُسَبِّحُ اللَّهُ بِأَسْمَائِهِ جَمِيعُ خَلْقِهِ
Peace be upon your souls and your bodies.	wa alssalāmu `alā arwāḥikum wa ajsādikum	وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى أَرْوَاحِكُمْ وَأَجْسَادِكُمْ
Peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you all.	wa alssalāmu `alaykum wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

According to numerous narrations, the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) is informed about the greeting of those who greet him and the prayers of those who invoke Allah's blessings upon him wherever they are. In this respect, a Ḥadīth reads that an angel is commissioned to respond to everyone who says,

Allah may send peace and blessings upon Muḥammad and his Household,	ṣallā allāhu `alā muḥammadin wa ālihī wa sallama	صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ
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by saying, "peace be upon you, too." That angle, then, tells the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) that so-and-so has greeted him; therefore, the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) says, "May peace be upon him, too."

According to a considerable narration, the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) has said, "He who visits my tomb after my death will be considered to have immigrated to me in my lifetime. If you cannot visit my tomb, you can send me greetings, for they reach me."

Too many are the other narrations that carry the same meaning.

In the previous chapter of the Ziyārahs of the Holy Infallibles (‘a) on the days of the week, I have mentioned two forms of ziyārah of the Holy Prophet. You may refer to them to win the rewards of reciting them.<sup>(1)</sup>

It is also advisable to repeat the following words that Imam `Alī (‘a) mentioned in one of his sermons on Friday, as is cited in the book of *al-Rawḍah min al-Kāfī*, representing an invocation of Allah's blessings upon the Holy Prophet (ﷺ):

“Lo! Allah and His angels shower blessings on the	inna allāha wa malā'ikatahū yuṣallūna `alā alnabiyyi	«إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ
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<sup>(1)</sup> In the coming chapter of asking permission (*isti'dhān*) to enter the holy shrine of Imam `Alī (‘a), a brief form of ziyārah of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) will be cited.

Prophet.

O you who believe, ask blessings on him and salute him with a worthy salutation.”

yā ayyuhā alladhīna āmanū  
ṣallū `alayhi wa sallimū  
taslīman

يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا  
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

O Allah, send peace upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad,

allāhumma ṣalli `alā  
muḥammadin wa āli  
muḥammadin

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَأَلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

send blessings upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad,

wa bārik `alā muḥammadin  
wa āli muḥammadin

وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَلِ  
مُحَمَّدٍ

have compassion upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad,

wa taḥannan `alā  
muḥammadin wa āli  
muḥammadin

وَتَحَنَّنْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَلِ  
مُحَمَّدٍ

and send benedictions upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad

wa sallim `alā muḥammadin  
wa āli muḥammadin

وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَلِ  
مُحَمَّدٍ

as much as You have sent peace, blessings,

ka'afdali mā ṣallayta wa  
bārakta

كَأَفْضَلِ مَا صَلَّيْتَ وَبَارَكْتَ  
وَتَرَحَّمْتَ وَتَحَنَّنْتَ

mercy, compassion,

wa taraḥḥamta wa  
taḥannanta

and benedictions upon (Prophet) Abraham and the Household of Abraham.

wa sallamta `alā ibrahīma wa  
āli ibrahīma

وَسَلَّمْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ  
وَأَلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

You are verily Owner of praise, Owner of glory.

innaka ḥamīdun majīdun

إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

O Allah, give Muḥammad [the right of] mediation,

allāhumma a`ṭi muḥammadan  
alwasīlata

اللَّهُمَّ أَعْطِ مُحَمَّدًا  
الْوَسِيلَةَ

honor, virtue,

walshsharafa walfaḍīlata

وَالشَّرَفَ وَالْفَضِيلَةَ

and noble rank.

walmanzilata alkarīmata

وَالْمَنْزِلَةَ الْكَرِيمَةَ

O Allah, make Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad

allāhumma ij`al  
muḥammadan wa āla  
muḥammadin

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مُحَمَّدًا وَأَلِ  
مُحَمَّدٍ

to be the most honored of all Your creatures on the Resurrection Day,

a`zama alkhalā'iqi kullihim  
sharafan yawma alqiyāmati

أَعْظَمَ الْخَلَائِقِ كُلِّهِمْ  
شَرَفًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

the closest to You in position,

wa aqrabahum minka  
maq`adan

وَأَقْرَبَهُمْ مِنْكَ مَقْعَدًا

the most notable with You on the Resurrection Day,

wa awjahahum `indaka  
yawma alqiyāmati jāhan

وَأَوْجَهُهُمْ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ

الْقِيَامَةِ جَاهًا

and the most favorable in title and status.

wa afḍalahum `indaka  
manzilatan wa naṣīban

وَأَفْضَلَهُمْ عِنْدَكَ مَنْزِلَةً

وَنَصِيبًا

O Allah, give Muḥammad the most honorable position,

allāhumma a`ṭi muḥammadan  
ashrafa almaqāmi

اللَّهُمَّ أَعْطِ مُحَمَّدًا أَشْرَفَ

الْمَقَامِ

the most abundant salutation,

wa ḥibā'a alssalāmi

وَحِبَاءَ السَّلَامِ

and the intercession of Islam.

wa shafā`ata al-islāmi

وَشَفَاعَةَ الْإِسْلَامِ

O Allah, join us to him while we are neither disgraced, nor violating,

allāhumma wa alḥiqnā bihī  
ghayra khazāyā wa lā  
nākithīna

اللَّهُمَّ وَالْحِقْنَا بِهِ غَيْرَ

خَزَايَا وَلَا نَاكِثِينَ

nor regretful, nor distorting.

wa lā nādīmīna wa lā  
mubaddilīna

وَلَا نَادِمِينَ وَلَا مُبَدِّلِينَ

O God of all worlds, respond to us.

ilāha alḥaqqi āmīna

إِلَهَ الْحَقِّ آمِينَ