

This night is called *laylat dahw al-arz* (the night at which the earth was spread on the water where the Holy Ka`bah is now situated). At this night the mercy of Almighty Allah is poured on people.

Great rewards are mentioned for who practice acts of worship at this night. Imam al-Riza ( `a) said, "At the twenty-fifth night of Dhu'l-Qa`dah, Prophet Abraham was born, Prophet Jesus the son of Mary was born, and the earth was spread on the water where the Holy Ka`bah is now situated. "

If **one observes fasting on this day**, he will be given the reward of observing fasting in sixty months."

According to another narration, Imam al-Riza ( `a) added, "Verily, on this day, Imam al-Mahdi(ajtf) will appear." According to another narration, to observe fasting on this day and to practice acts of worship at its night is equal (in reward) to one hundred year worship. Everything that is between the sky and the earth will ask God's forgiveness for one who does these rites. On this day, the mercy of Almighty Allah has been spread. To practice acts of worship and hold sessions for mentioning Almighty Allah on this day bring about an abundant reward.

**Ghusl /bathing**, is recommended & then there are two other acts that are done on this day:

In the morning after sunrise , a prayer consisting of two units, reciting in the each unit Surah *al-Fatihah* once and repeating **Surah al-Shams (No. 91)** five times. After salat is finished the following is said: once

There is no power and no strength except with Allah, the Most High, the All-great.

la hawla wa la quwwata  
illa billahi al`aliyyi  
al`azimi

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

Then,

O He Who overlooks slips, (please) overlook my slip.

ya muqila al`atharati  
aqilni `athrati

يَا مُقِيلَ الْعَثَرَاتِ اِقْلِنِي عَثْرَتِي

O He Who responds to prayers, (please) respond to my prayer.

ya mujiba aldda`awati  
ajib da`wati

يَا مُجِيبَ الدَّعَوَاتِ اجِبْ دَعْوَتِي

O He Who hears all sounds, (please) listen to mine,

ya sami`a al-aşwati  
isma`şawti

يَا سَامِعَ الْأَصْوَاتِ أَسْمَعْ صَوْتِي

have mercy on me, and excuse my wrongdoings and whatever I have committed.

warhamni wa tajawaz  
`an sayyi'ati wa ma  
`indi

وَأَرْحَمْنِي وَتَجَاوَزْ عَن سَيِّئَاتِي وَمَا عِنْدِي

O Lord of majesty and honor!

ya dha aljalali wal-  
ikrami

يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

### Sura Shams 91 بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالشَّمْسِ وَضُحَاهَا ﴿١﴾ وَالْقَمَرِ إِذَا تَلَّهَا ﴿٢﴾ وَالنَّهَارِ إِذَا جَلَّاهَا ﴿٣﴾ وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا

يَعْشَاهَا ﴿٤﴾ وَالسَّمَاءِ وَمَا بَنَاهَا ﴿٥﴾ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا طَحَاهَا ﴿٦﴾ وَنَفْسٍ وَمَا سَوَّاهَا ﴿٧﴾ فَأَلْهَمَهَا فُجُورَهَا

وَتَقْوَاهَا ﴿٨﴾ قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا ﴿٩﴾ وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهَا ﴿١٠﴾ كَذَّبَتْ ثَمُودُ بِطَغْوَاهَا ﴿١١﴾ إِذِ

انْبَعَثَ أَشْقَاهَا ﴿١٢﴾ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ نَاقَةَ اللَّهِ وَسُقْيَاهَا ﴿١٣﴾ فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَعَقَرُوهَا فَدَمْدَمَ عَلَيْهِمْ رَبُّهُمْ

بِذُنُوبِهِمْ فَسَوَّاهَا ﴿١٤﴾ وَلَا يَخَافُ عُقْبَاهَا ﴿١٥﴾

I CALL TO witness the sun and his early morning splendour, (1) And the moon as she follows in his wake, (2) The day when it reveals his radiance, (3) The night when it covers him over, (4) The heavens and its architecture, (5) The earth and its spreading out, (6) The soul and how it was integrated (7) And given the faculty of knowing what is disruptive and what is intrinsic to it. (8) He who nourishes it will surely be successful, (9) And he who confines it will surely come to grief. (10) The Thamud denied (the truth) in their perverseness (11) When among them the great wretch arose, (12) And the apostle of God had to tell them: "This is God's she-camel, let her drink." (13) But they called him a liar and hamstrung her. So God obliterated them for their crime, and (destroyed) all of them alike. (14) He does not fear the consequence. (15)

**Second:** In *Misbah al-Mutahajjid*, Shaykh al Tusi has mentioned that it is recommended to say the following prayer on this day: -

O Allah Who spread the Ka`bah,	allahumma dahiya alka` bati	اللَّهُمَّ دَاحِيَا الْكَعْبَةِ
split the kernel,	wa faliqa alhabbati	وَقَالِقَ الْحَبَّةِ
removes troubles,	wa şarifa allazbati	وَصَارِفَ اللَّزْبَةِ
and relieves from all distresses!	wa kashifa kulli kurbatin	وَكَاشِفَ كُلِّ كُرْبَةٍ
I beseech You on this day, which is one of Your days	as'aluka fi hadha alyawmi min ayyamika	أَسْأَلُكَ فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ مِنْ أَيَّامِكَ
whose standing You have deemed great,	allati a` zamta haqqaha	الَّتِي اعْظَمْتَ حَقَّهَا
whom You have given preference,	wa aqdamta sabqaha	وَأَقْدَمْتَ سَبْقَهَا
and whom You have put as trust with the believers	wa ja`altaha`inda almu'minina wadi`atan	وَجَعَلْتَهَا عِنْدَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَدِيْعَةً
and as means to approaching to You;	wa ilayka dhari`atan	وَإِلَيْكَ ذَرِيْعَةً
and [I beseech You] in the name of Your ample mercy	wa birahmatika alwasi`ati	وَبِرَحْمَتِكَ الْوَسِيْعَةِ
to send blessings to Muhammad,	an tuşalliya`ala muhammadin	أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ
Your servant that You have selected in the Nigh Covenant	`abdika almuntajabi fi almithaqi alqaribi	عَبْدِكَ الْمُتَجَبِّ فِي الْمِيثَاقِ الْقَرِيبِ
on the Meeting Day,	yawma alttalaqi	يَوْمَ التَّلَاقِ
the splitter of all joined things	fatiqi kulli ratqin	فَاتِقِ كُلِّ رَتْقٍ
and the caller to all truths,	wa da`in ila kulli haqqin	وَدَاعٍ إِلَى كُلِّ حَقٍّ
and to his Household, the pure,	wa`ala ahli baytihi al- athari	وَعَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ الْأَطْهَارِ
the guides, the lanterns,	alhudati almanari	الْهُدَاةِ الْمَنَارِ
the pillars of the Omnipotent (Lord),	da`a'imi aljabbari	دَعَائِمِ الْجَبَّارِ
and the supervisors on Paradise and Hell,	wa wulati aljannati walnari	وَوُلَاةِ الْجَنَّةِ وَالنَّارِ
to give us on this day from Your stored gifts,	wa a`ţina fi yawmina hadha min`aţa'ika almakhzuni	وَاعْطِنَا فِي يَوْمِنَا هَذَا مِنْ عَطَائِكَ الْمَخْزُونِ
gifts that are neither interrupted nor prohibited	ghayra maqtu`in wa la mamnu`in	غَيْرَ مَقْطُوعٍ وَلَا مَمْنُوعٍ
by which You join for us both repentance and acceptable return	tajma`u lana bihi alttawbata wa husna al-	تَجْمَعُ لَنَا بِهِ التَّوْبَةَ وَحُسْنَ الْاَوْبَةِ

[to You].

awbati

O He Who is the best of all supplicated ones

ya khayra mad`uwwin

يَا خَيْرَ مَدْعُوٍّ

and the most generous of all hoped ones!

wa akrama marjuwwin

وَأَكْرَمَ مَرْجُوٍّ

O All-sufficer! O All-true!

ya kafiyyu ya wafiyyu

يَا كَفِيٌّ يَا وَفِيٌّ

O He Whose grace is gentle!

ya man luṭfuhu khafiyyun

يَا مَنْ لُطْفُهُ خَفِيٌّ

(Please) treat me gracefully with Your graciousness,

ulṭuf li biluṭfika

الطُّفُّ لِي بِلُطْفِكَ

make me feel happy with Your pardon,

wa as`idni bi`afwika

وَأَسْعِدْنِي بِعَفْوِكَ

aid me with Your support,

wa ayyidni binaṣrika

وَأَيِّدْنِي بِنَصْرِكَ

never make me inattentive of Your noble mention through Your Representatives

wa la tunsini karima dhikrika biwulati amrika

وَلَا تُنْسِنِي كَرِيمَ ذِكْرِكَ بِوَلَاةِ أَمْرِكَ

and the keepers of Your secret,

wa hafaḏati sirrika

وَحَفَظَةَ سِرِّكَ

protect me against the vicissitudes of time

wahfaḏni min shawa'ibi alldahri

وَأَحْفَظْنِي مِنْ شَوَائِبِ الدَّهْرِ

up to the day of resurrection and raising (the dead to life),

ila yawmi alhashri walnashri

إِلَى يَوْمِ الْحَشْرِ وَالنَّشْرِ

and make Your Representatives attend at the hour of the departure of my souls,

wa ashhidni awliya'aka `inda khuruji nafsi

وَأَشْهِدْنِي أَوْلِيَاءَكَ عِنْدَ خُرُوجِ نَفْسِي

the time of my entry to my grave,

wa hululi ramsi

وَحُلُولِ رَمْسِي

when my deed will be interrupted

wa inqita`i `amali

وَأَنْقِطَاعِ عَمَلِي

and my lifetime will come to its end.

wa inqiza'i ajali

وَأَنْقِضَاءِ اجْلِي

O Allah, (please) remember me all over the stages of trial

allahumma wa idhkurni `ala ṭuli albila

اللَّهُمَّ وَاذْكُرْنِي عَلَى طُولِ الْبَلَى

when I will reside between the layers of the earth

idha halaltu bayna aṭbaqi alththara

إِذَا حَلَلْتُ بَيْنَ أَطْبَاقِ الثَّرَى

and the forgetful people will forget me.

wa nasiyani alnnaṣuna min alwara

وَتَسِينِي النَّاسُونَ مِنْ أَلْوَرَى

Allow me to dwell in the abode of eternity,

wa ahlilni dara almuqamati

وَأَحْلِلْنِي دَارَ الْمُقَامَةِ

settle me in the residence of honor,

wa bawwi'ni manzila alkaramati

وَبَوِّئْنِي مَنَزِلَ الْكِرَامَةِ

make me of the companions of Your intimate servants

waj`alni min murafiqi awliya'ika

وَأَجْعَلْنِي مِنْ مُرَافِقِي أَوْلِيَائِكَ

and the people of Your choice and selection,

wa ahli ijtiba'ika wa iṣṭifa'ika

وَأَهْلِ اجْتِبَائِكَ وَأَصْطَفَائِكَ

bless me by meeting You,

wa barik li fi liqa'ika

وَبَارِكْ لِي فِي لِقَائِكَ

and grant me good-doing before the end of my lifetime, making me free from slips and foolish doing.	warzuqni husna al`amali qabla hululi al-ajali bari'an min alzzalali wa su'i alkhatali	وَأَرْزُقْنِي حُسْنَ الْعَمَلِ قَبْلَ حُلُولِ الْأَجَلِ بَرِيئاً مِنَ الزَّلَلِ وَسَوْءِ الْخَطَلِ
O Allah, allow me to enter the Pool of Your Prophet, Muhammad,	allahumma wa awridni hawza nabiiyika muhammadin	اللَّهُمَّ وَأُورِدْنِي حَوْضَ نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
Allah's blessings be upon him and his Household, allow me to drink from it a quenching drink	şalla allahu `alayhi wa alihi wasqini minhu mashraban rawiyyan	وَأَسْقِنِي مِنْهُ مَشْرَباً رَوِيّاً سَائِغاً هَنِيئاً
that is palatable and salubrious after which I will never be thirsty, I will never be prevented from reaching it,	sa'ighan hani'an la azma'u ba`dahu wa la uhalla'u wirdahu	لَا أَظْمَأُ بَعْدَهُ وَلَا أَحَلُّوْ وَرِدَهُ وَلَا عَنْهُ إِذَا دُ
and I will never be disallowed to approach it.	wa la `anhu udhadu	وَأَجْعَلْهُ لِي خَيْرَ زَادٍ وَأَوْفَىٰ مِيعَادٍ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْأَشْهَادُ
Make for me the best nourishment and the most fulfilling promise on the day when the Witnesses will rise.	waj`alhu li khayra zadin wa awfa mi`adin yawma yaqumu al-ashhadu	اللَّهُمَّ وَالْعَن جَبَابِرَةَ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ وَبِحَقُوقِ أَوْلِيَّائِكَ الْمُسْتَأْثِرِينَ
O Allah, curse the tyrants from the past and the last generations	allahumma wal`an jababirata al-awwalina wal- akhirina	اللَّهُمَّ وَأَقْصِمُ دَعَائِمَهُمْ وَأَهْلِكَ أَشْيَاعَهُمْ وَعَامِلَهُمْ
who usurped the dues of Your Representatives.	wa bihuquqi awliya'ika almusta'thirina	وَعَجَّلْ مَهَالِكَهُمْ وَأَسْلُبْهُمْ مَمَالِكَهُمْ
O Allah, demolish their posts, annihilate their allies and their assistants,	allahumma waqsim da`a'imahum wa ahlik ashya`ahum wa `amilahum	وَضَيِّقْ عَلَيْهِمْ مَسَالِكَهُمْ وَأَلْعَنُ مُسَاهِمَهُمْ وَمُشَارِكَهُمْ
and hasten their perdition, seize their estates,	wa `ajzil mahalikahum waslubhum mamalikahum	اللَّهُمَّ وَعَجَّلْ فَرَجَ أَوْلِيَّائِكَ وَأَرْدُدْ عَلَيْهِمْ مَظَالِمَهُمْ
make narrow their ways, and curse their helpers and aides.	wa zayyiq `alayhim masalikahum wal`an musahimahum wa musharikahum	وَأَظْهَرِ بِالْحَقِّ قَائِمَهُمْ وَأَجْعَلْهُ لِدِينِكَ مُنْتَصِراً
Allah, (please) hasten the relief of Your Representatives, restore to them their usurped rights, cause their Riser to prevail with the truth,	allahumma wa `ajzil faraja awliya'ika wardud `alayhim mazalimahum wa azhir bilhaqqi qa'imahum	وَبِأَمْرِكَ فِي أَعْدَائِكَ مَوْتِيراً
and make him support Your religion and carry out Your commandments about Your	waj`alhu lidinika muntaşiran wa bi'amrika fi a`da'ika mu'tamiran	

enemies.

O Allah, make the angels of victory surround him

and so are the commandments that You addressed to him

at the Night of Destiny

so that he will punish Your enemies on behalf of You until You are pleased,

Your religion will recover its freshness and bloom at his hands,

he will clean the truth with thorough cleaning,

and he will reject the wrong with absolute rejection.

O Allah, send blessings to him and to all of his forefathers,

include us with his companions and group,

and resurrect us during his return

so that we will live in his age and become of his helpers.

O Allah, make us reach his advent,

make us witness his days,

bless him, and convey to us his greetings.

Peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him.

allahumma ihfufhu  
bimala'ikati alnnaşri

wa bima alqayta ilayhi min  
al-amri

fi laylati alqadri

muntaqiman laka hatta  
tarza

wa ya `uda dinuka bihi wa  
`ala yadayhi jadidan  
ghazzan

wa yamhaza alhaqqa  
mahzan

wa yarfuz albaţila rafzan

allahumma şalli `alayhi wa  
`ala jami`i aba'ih

waj`alna min şahbihi wa  
usratihi

wab`athna fi karratihi

hatta nakuna fi zamanihi  
min a`wanihi

allahumma adrik bina  
qiyamahu

wa ashhidna ayyamahu

wa şalli `alayhi wardud  
ilayna salamahu

wa alssalamu `alayhi wa  
rahmatu allahi wa  
barakatuhu

اللَّهُمَّ أَحْفُفْهُ بِمَلَائِكَةِ النَّصْرِ

وَبِمَا أَلْقَيْتَ إِلَيْهِ مِنَ الْأَمْرِ

فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ

مُنْتَقِمًا لَكَ حَتَّى تَرْضَىٰ

وَيَعُودَ دِينَكَ بِهِ وَعَلَىٰ يَدَيْهِ جَدِيدًا

غَضًّا

وَيَمْحُضَ الْحَقَّ مَحْضًا

وَيَرْفُضَ الْبَاطِلَ رَفْضًا

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ جَمِيعِ آبَائِهِ

وَأَجْعَلْنَا مِنْ صَحْبِهِ وَأَسْرَتِهِ

وَأَبْعَثْنَا فِي كَرَّتِهِ

حَتَّىٰ نَكُونَ فِي زَمَانِهِ مِنْ أَعْوَانِهِ

اللَّهُمَّ ادْرِكْ بِنَا قِيَامَهُ

وَأَشْهَدْنَا أَيَّامَهُ

وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ وَأَرُدُّدْ إِلَيْنَا سَلَامَهُ

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Recite 2 rakat Salat of Ziarat & then the Ziarat of Imam Reza (as)