

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. A great reward is obtained by those 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. Hence, 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, al-Qa'im (i.e. Imam al-Mahdi) 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. Apart from fasting, acts of worship, remembrance of Almighty Allah, and **Ghusl /bathing**, there are two other acts that are done on this day:

On this day, it is recommended to offer, 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 alda`awati ajib da`wati

يَا مُجِيبَ الدَّعَوَاتِ اجِبْ دَعْوَتِي

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

ya sami`a al-a`swati isma` sawti

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 تَلَاهَا ﴿٢﴾ وَالنَّهَارِ إِذَا جَلَّاهَا ﴿٣﴾ وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا يَغْشَاهَا ﴿٤﴾ وَالسَّمَاءِ  
وَمَا بَنَاهَا ﴿٥﴾ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا طَحَاهَا ﴿٦﴾ وَنَفْسٍ وَمَا سَوَّاهَا ﴿٧﴾ فَأَلْهَمَهَا فُجُورَهَا وَتَقْوَاهَا ﴿٨﴾ قَدْ أَفْلَحَ  
مَنْ رَزَّاهَا ﴿٩﴾ وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهَا ﴿١٠﴾ كَذَّبَتْ ثَمُودُ بِطَغْوَاهَا ﴿١١﴾ إِذِ انبَعَثَ أَشْقَاهَا ﴿١٢﴾ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ  
رَسُولُ اللَّهِ نَاقَةَ اللَّهِ وَسُقْيَاهَا ﴿١٣﴾ فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَعَقَرُوهَا فَدمدمَ عَلَيْهِمْ رَبُّهُم بِذَنبِهِمْ 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 دَاحِيَ الْكَعْبَةِ
split the kernel,	wa faliqa alhabbati	وَفَالِقَ أَحَبَّةِ
removes troubles,	wa sharifa 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	اسْأَلُكَ فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ مِنْ أَيَّامِكَ
whose standing You have deemed great,	allati a`zamta haqqaha	الَّتِي اعْتَمَدْتَ حَقَّهَا
whom You have given preference,	wa aqdamta sabqaha	وَأَقْدَمْتَ سَبَقَهَا
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 الْمُنتَجَبِ فِي الْمِيثَاقِ الْقَرِيبِ
on the Meeting Day,	yawma alttalaqi	يَوْمِ 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 walnnari	وَوُلَاةِ الْجَنَّةِ وَالنَّارِ
to give us on this day from Your stored gifts,	wa a`ţina fi yawmina hadha min `ata'ika almakhzuni	وَأَعْطِنَا فِي يَوْمِنَا هَذَا مِنْ عَطَائِكَ الْمَخْزُونِ
gifts that are neither interrupted nor prohibited	ghayra maqtu`in wa la mamnu`in	غَيْرِ مَقْطُوعٍ وَلَا مَمْنُوعٍ
by which You join for us both repentance and acceptable return [to You].	tajma`u lana bihi alttawbata wa husna al- awbati	تَجْمَعُ لَنَا بِهِ التَّوْبَةَ وَحُسْنَ الْاَوْبَةِ

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 kafiiyyu ya wafiiyyu	يَا كَفِيٍّ يَا وَفِيٍّ
O He Whose grace is gentle!	ya man luṭfuhu khafiiyyun	يَا مَنْ لُطْفُهُ خَفِيٍّ
(Please) treat me gracefully with Your graciousness,	ulṭuf li biluṭfika	الطُّفَّ 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 بِوُلَاةِ أَمْرِكَ
and the keepers of Your secret,	wa hafaḏati sirrika	وَحَفَظَةَ سِرِّكَ
protect me against the vicissitudes of time	wahafaḏni min shawa'ibi alddahri	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	وَأَشْهَدْنِي 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 أَجَلِي
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 atbaqi 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 ahliilni dara almuqamati	وَأَحْلِلْنِي دَارَ الْمُقَامَةِ
settle me in the residence of honor,	wa bawwi'ni manzila alkaramati	وَبَوِّئْنِي مَنْزِلَ 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 وَأَصْطِفَائِكَ
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,	warzuqni husna al`amali qabla hululi al-ajali	وَارْزُقْنِي حُسْنَ الْعَمَلِ قَبْلَ حُلُولِ الْأَجْلِ

making me free from slips and foolish doing.

O Allah, allow me to enter the Pool of Your Prophet, Muhammad,

Allah's blessings be upon him and his Household,

allow me to drink from it a quenching drink

that is palatable and salubrious

after which I will never be thirsty, I will never be prevented from reaching it,

and I will never be disallowed to approach it.

Make for me the best nourishment

and the most fulfilling promise on the day when the Witnesses will rise.

O Allah, curse the tyrants from the past and the last generations

who usurped the dues of Your Representatives.

O Allah, demolish their posts,

annihilate their allies and their assistants,

and hasten their perdition,

seize their estates,

make narrow their ways,

and curse their helpers and aides.

Allah, (please) hasten the relief of Your Representatives,

restore to them their usurped rights,

cause their Riser to prevail with the truth,

and make him support Your religion

and carry out Your commandments about Your enemies.

O Allah, make the angels of victory surround him

bari'an min alzzalali wa su'i alkhaṭali

allahumma wa awridni hawza nabiiyika muhammadin

ṣalla allahu `alayhi wa alihi

wasqini minhu mashraban rawiyyan

sa'ighan hani'an

la aẓma'u ba`dahu wa la uhalla'u wirdahu

wa la `anhu udhadu

waj`alhu li khayra zadin

wa awfa mi`adin yawma yaqumu al-ashhadu

allahumma wal`an jababirata al-awwalina wal-akhirina

wa bihuquqi awliya'ika almusta'thirina

allahumma waqsim da`a'imahum

wa ahlik ashya`ahum wa `amilahum

wa `ajzil mahalikahum

waslubhum mamalikahum

wa zayyiq `alayhim masalikahum

wal`an musahimahum wa musharikahum

allahumma wa `ajzil faraja awliya'ika

wardud `alayhim maẓalimahum

wa aẓhir bilhaqqi qa'imahum

waj`alhu lidinika muntaṣiran

wa bi'amrika fi a`da'ika mu'tamiran

allahumma ihfufhu bimala'ikati alnnaṣri

بَرِيئاً مِنَ الزَّلَلِ وَسَوْءِ الْخَطَلِ

اللَّهُمَّ وَأَوْرِدْنِي حَوْضَ نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

وَأَسْقِنِي مِنْهُ مَشْرَباً رَوِيّاً

سَائِغاً هَنِيئاً

لَا أَظْمَأُ بَعْدَهُ وَلَا أَحَلَّوْا وَرْدَهُ

وَلَا عَنْهُ إِذَا دُ

وَأَجْعَلْهُ لِي خَيْرَ زَادٍ

وَأَوْفَى مِيعَادٍ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْأَشْهَادُ

اللَّهُمَّ وَالْعَنُ جَبَابِرَةَ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ

وَبِحُقُوقِ أَوْلِيَائِكَ الْمُسْتَأْثِرِينَ

اللَّهُمَّ وَأَقْصِمِ دَعَائِمَهُمْ

وَأَهْلِكَ أَشْيَاعَهُمْ وَعَامِلَهُمْ

وَعَجَّلْ مَهَالِكَهُمْ

وَأَسْلُبْهُمْ مَمَالِكَهُمْ

وَضَيِّقْ عَلَيْهِمْ مَسَالِكَهُمْ

وَالْعَنُ مُسَاهِمَهُمْ وَمُشَارِكَهُمْ

اللَّهُمَّ وَعَجَّلْ فَرَجَ أَوْلِيَائِكَ

وَأَرْدُدْ عَلَيْهِمْ مَظَالِمَهُمْ

وَأَظْهَرِ بِالْحَقِّ قَائِمَهُمْ

وَأَجْعَلْهُ لَدِينِكَ مُنْتَصِراً

وَبِأَمْرِكَ فِي أَعْدَائِكَ مُؤْتَمِراً

اللَّهُمَّ أَحْفَفْهُ بِمَلَائِكَةِ النَّصْرِ

and so are the commandments  
that You addressed to him

wa bima alqayta ilayhi min  
al-amri

وَبِمَا أَلْقَيْتَ إِلَيْهِ مِنَ الْأَمْرِ

at the Destiny Night

fi laylati alqadri

فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ

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

muntaqiman laka hatta  
tarza

مُنْتَقِمًا لَكَ حَتَّى تَرْضَى

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

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

وَيَعُودُ دِينُكَ بِهِ وَعَلَى يَدَيْهِ جَدِيدًا  
غَضًّا

he will clean the truth with  
thorough cleaning,

wa yamhaza alhaqqa  
mahzan

وَيَمْحُضُ الْحَقَّ مَحْضًا

and he will reject the wrong with  
absolute rejection.

wa yarfuzu albatila rafzan

وَيَرْفُضُ الْبَاطِلَ رَفْضًا

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

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

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى جَمِيعِ آبَائِهِ

include us with his companions  
and group,

waj`alna min shabihi wa  
usratihi

وَأَجْعَلْنَا مِنْ صَحْبِهِ وَأَسْرَتِهِ

and resurrect us during his return

wab`athna fi karratihi

وَأَبْعَثْنَا فِي كَرَّتِهِ

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

hatta nakuna fi zamanihi  
min a`wanihi

حَتَّى نَكُونَ فِي زَمَانِهِ مِنْ أَعْوَانِهِ

O Allah, make us catch up his  
advent,

allahumma adrik bina  
qiyamahu

اللَّهُمَّ ادْرِكْ بِنَا قِيَامَهُ

make us witness his days,

wa ashhidna ayyamahu

وَأَشْهَدْنَا أَيَّامَهُ

bless him, and convey to us his  
greetings.

wa shalli `alayhi wardud  
ilayna salamahu

وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ وَأَرُدُّدْ إِلَيْنَا سَلَامَهُ

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

wa alssalamu `alayhi wa  
rahmatu allahi wa  
barakatuhu

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ