

**Dua 1** Shaykh al-Ṭūsī says in *Miṣbāḥ al-Mutahajjid*: Abu'l-Qāsim ibn `Alā' al-Hamadānī, the representative of Imam al-Ḥasan al-`Askarī (`a), received a document telling that our master, Imam al-Ḥusayn ibn `Alī (`a), was born on the third of Sha`bān; therefore, you should observe fast on this day and say the following prayer:

O Allah, I beseech You in the name of  
the one born on this day,

the promised with martyrdom before  
the beginning of his lifetime and before  
his birth,

the heavens and all their inhabitants  
wept for him;

and so did the earth and those living  
one it

before his feet stepped on it,

the mourned slain one,

the master of the Family (of  
Prophethood),

the one who shall be backed with  
victory on the Day of Return,

the one whom has been awarded the  
favor of the Imams' being from his  
offspring as recompense of his being  
slain,

the one awarded the favor of the soil of  
his grave carrying cure,

the one awarded the favor that he will  
be triumphing when he will be returned

and the Prophet's Successors from his  
offspring will be returned

after the advent of their Rising Imam  
and after his occultation

so that they shall take revenge,

retaliate,

please the Omnipotent Lord,

and be the best supporters.

May Allah's blessings be perpetually  
upon them whenever night and day  
succeed each other.

O Allah, I thus beg You in the name of  
them

and implore You with the imploration  
of a sinful one who confesses of his sin,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي اسألك بِحَقِّ الْمَوْلُودِ فِي هَذَا  
الْيَوْمِ

الْمَوْعُودِ بِشَهَادَتِهِ قَبْلَ اسْتِهْلَالِهِ  
وَوِلادَتِهِ

بَكَتَهُ السَّمَاءُ وَمَنْ فِيهَا

وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ عَلَيْهَا

وَلَمَّا يَطَأُ لِابْتَيْهَا

قَتِيلِ الْعَبْرَةِ

وَسَيِّدِ الْأَسْرَةِ

الْمَمْدُودِ بِالنُّصْرَةِ يَوْمَ الْكُرَّةِ

الْمُعَوَّضِ مِنْ قَتْلِهِ إِنَّ الْأَيْمَةَ مِنْ نَسْلِهِ

وَالشِّفَاءَ فِي تُرْبَتِهِ

وَالْفَوْزَ مَعَهُ فِي أَوْبَتِهِ

وَالْأَوْصِيَاءَ مِنْ عَتْرَتِهِ

بَعْدَ قَائِمِهِمْ وَغَيْبَتِهِ

حَتَّى يُدْرِكُوا الْأَوْتَارَ

وَيَثَارُوا الشَّارَ

وَيَرْضُوا الْجَبَّارَ

وَيَكُونُوا خَيْرَ أَنْصَارِ

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَعَ اخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ

وَالنَّهَارِ

اللَّهُمَّ فَبِحَقِّهِمْ إِلَيْكَ اتَّوَسَّلُ

وَاسألُ سُؤَالَ مُقْتَرِفٍ مُعْتَرِفٍ

and who has done evil to himself

مُسِيءٍ إِلَىٰ نَفْسِهِ

due to his violations—the past and the present.

مِمَّا فَرَطَ فِي يَوْمِهِ وَأَمْسِيهِ

He thus beseeches You for Your protection up to the place of his grave.

يَسْأَلُكَ الْغِصْمَةَ إِلَىٰ مَحَلِّ رَمْسِهِ

O Allah, (please) send blessings to Muḥammad and his Offspring,

اللَّهُمَّ فَصَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعِترَتِهِ

include us with his group (on the Resurrection Day),

وَأَحْشُرْنَا فِي زُمْرَتِهِ

and allow us to dwell in the House of Honor with him

وَبَوَّئْنَا مَعَهُ دَارَ الْكِرَامَةِ

and in the abode of residence.

وَمَحَلِّ الْإِقَامَةِ

O Allah, as You have conferred upon us with the honor of our recognition of him, so (please) confer upon us with the honor of being near to him,

اللَّهُمَّ وَكَمَا أَكْرَمْتَنَا بِمَعْرِفَتِهِ فَآكْرِمْنَا

بِزُلْفَتِهِ

bestow upon us with the bliss of accompanying him and enjoying a close rank to him,

وَأَرْزُقْنَا مُرَافَقَتَهُ وَسَابِقَتَهُ

and include us with those who submit to him totally

وَأَجْعَلْنَا مِمَّنْ يُسَلِّمُ لَامِرِهِ

and those who invoke Your blessings upon him whenever they mention him,

وَيُكْثِرُ الصَّلَاةَ عَلَيْهِ عِنْدَ ذِكْرِهِ

and upon all his Successors and Selected Ones,

وَعَلَىٰ جَمِيعِ أَوْصِيَائِهِ وَأَهْلِ اصْفِيَائِهِ

whom are defined by You as twelve persons,

الْمَمْدُودِينَ مِنْكَ بِالْعَدَدِ الْإِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ

being the luminous stars,

النُّجُومِ الزُّهَرِ

and the Arguments against all humankind.

وَالْحُجَجِ عَلَىٰ جَمِيعِ الْبَشَرِ

O Allah, and (please) grant us on this day the best of grants,

اللَّهُمَّ وَهَبْ لَنَا فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ خَيْرَ

مَوْهَبَةٍ

make all our prayers on this day responded,

وَأَنْجِحْ لَنَا فِيهِ كُلَّ طَلِبَةٍ

just as You gifted al-Ḥusayn to Muḥammad, his grandfather,

كَمَا وَهَبْتَ الْحُسَيْنَ لِمُحَمَّدٍ جَدِّهِ

just as the angel Fuṭrus sought refuge with his (i.e. al-Ḥusayn) cradle,

وَعَادَ فُطْرُسٌ بِمَهْدِهِ

we are thus seeking refuge with his tomb after him (i.e. his martyrdom),

فَنَحْنُ عَائِدُونَ بِقَبْرِهِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ

as we are witnessing the soil of him and expecting his return.

نَشْهَدُ تُرْبَتَهُ وَنَنْتَظِرُ أَوْبَتَهُ

Respond to us, O Lord of the worlds.

آمِينَ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

*Du`ā' al-Husayn* , which is the last prayer he said when his enemies surrounded him in large numbers on the Day of `Ashūrā (the tenth of Muḥarram): Ibn `Ayyāsh has reported al-Husayn ibn `Alī ibn Sufyān al-Bazūfī as saying that he heard Imam Ja`far al-Şādiq (`as) saying this prayer on the third of Sha`bān,

In the name of Allah, the  
Beneficent, the Merciful.

O Allah, (please do) send blessings  
to Muhammad and the Household of  
Muhammad,

O Allah, You are verily the Elevated  
in position,

the Magnificent in omnipotence,

the Mighty in prowess,

the Self-Sufficient from the  
creatures,

the Ample in pride,

the Powerful over all that which You  
want,

the Close in mercy,

the Truthful in promise,

the Opulent in favors,

the Sympathetic in ordeals,

the Nigh when Your are prayed,

the All-encompassing of all that  
which You have created,

the Acceptor of the repentance of  
him who repents to You,

the Powerful to do whatever You  
want,

the Taker in all that which You  
decide,

the Thankful for those who thank  
You,

and the Rememberer of those who  
mention You.

I pray You for I need You,

I desire for You for I am in want of  
You,

I resort to You for I am terrified,

I weep before You for I am  
distressed,

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ مُتَعَالِي الْمَكَانِ

عَظِيمُ الْجَبَرُوتِ

شَدِيدُ الْمِحَالِ

غَنِيٌّ عَنِ الْخَلَائِقِ

عَرِيضُ الْكِبْرِيَاءِ

قَادِرٌ عَلَى مَا تَشَاءُ

قَرِيبُ الرَّحْمَةِ

صَادِقُ الْوَعْدِ

سَابِغُ النِّعْمَةِ

حَسَنُ الْبَلَاءِ

قَرِيبٌ إِذَا دُعِيَْتَ

مُحِيطٌ بِمَا خَلَقْتَ

قَابِلُ التَّوْبَةِ لِمَنْ تَابَ إِلَيْكَ

قَادِرٌ عَلَى مَا ارْتَدْتَ

وَمُدْرِكٌ مَا طَلَبْتَ

وَشَكُورٌ إِذَا شُكِرْتَ

وَذَكُورٌ إِذَا ذُكِرْتَ

أَدْعُوكَ مُحْتَاجاً

وَأَرْغَبُ إِلَيْكَ فَقِيراً

وَأَفْزَعُ إِلَيْكَ خَائِفاً

وَأُبْكِي إِلَيْكَ مَكْرُوباً

I seek Your aid for I am weak,

وَأَسْتَعِينُ بِكَ ضَعِيفًا

and I depend upon You for I trust in none save You.

وَأَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْكَ كَافِيًا

(Please do) decide between our people and us with the truth,

أَحْكُمْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ قَوْمِنَا بِالْحَقِّ

for they have deceived us, cheated us,

فَانَّهُمْ غَرُّونَا وَخَدَعُونَا

disappointed us, betrayed us, and killed us.

وَخَذَلُونَا وَعَدَرُوا بِنَا وَقَتَلُونَا

We are the progeny of Your Prophet

وَنَحْنُ عِتْرَةُ نَبِيِّكَ

and the sons of Your beloved one;

وَوَلَدُ حَبِيبِكَ

namely, Muhammad the son of `Abdullah,

مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ

whom You have chosen for the Divine Mission

الَّذِي اصْطَفَيْتَهُ بِالرُّسَالَةِ

and for keeping Your Revelation.

وَأَنْتَمَّنْتَهُ عَلَيَّ وَحَيْكَ

So, (please) prepare a way out and a relief for us,

فَاجْعَلْ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا فَرَجًا وَمَخْرَجًا

out of Your mercy, O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!

بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ