

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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The Last Jumu'ah and the Last Three Days of the Month of Sha'ban

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Translators Note: Upon examining this collection of A'māl, the believers will observe that in addition to the recommended Ṣalāt and supplications that can be found in the common books of Du'ā (such as Mafāṭiḥ al-Jinān), we have also tried to elaborate on the deeper, less known spiritual aspects of the acts of worship that are not commonly mentioned in the conventional books of Du'ā. Our main purpose behind these and other presentations is to expound on the inner secrets and mystical acts of the worship that should be performed on the various occasions as understood by the Scholars of 'Irfān that are not found in 'main-stream' books of supplication.

We request those who make use of this booklet to remember the translator and his family in their prayers and request you to pray to Allāh to grant us the ability to present the translations of these beautiful supplications in the future for the benefit of the Mu'minin who do not understand 'Arabic.

Another important time (for worshipping Allāh, Glory and Greatness be to Him) in the month of Sha'bān for the Sālik proceeding towards Allāh (Glory and Greatness be to Him) is the last Jumu'ah of the month (**this year, it falls on November 1, 2002**). In this regards, it has been narrated in the book 'Uyūn al-Akḥbār al-Riḍā from Abī Ṣalt al-Harawī that he said:

"On the last Jumu'ah of the month of Sha'bān, I went to visit Imām al-Riḍā (prayers be upon him). The Imām said to me, 'O' Abā Ṣalt! Certainly a great amount of the month of Sha'bān has passed and today is the last Jumu'ah (of this month) therefore make up for your negligence during this month on this day through the recitation of a great deal of supplications and constantly asking for forgiveness from Allāh. In addition, read the Qur'ān much on this day and turn back towards Allāh from your sins so that when the month of Ramaḍhān comes, you have purified yourself for Allāh such that there remains no trust upon your neck except that you have fulfilled it, and that there remains no hatred in your heart for a true believer except that you have removed it and keep away from all sins. Strengthen the taqwā you have for Allāh and have complete reliance upon Him while in private and while you are in the public:

﴿وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَالِغُ أَمْرِهِ قَدْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدْرًا﴾

"And if any one puts his trust in Allāh, sufficient is (Allāh) for him. For Allāh will surely accomplish his purpose: verily, for all things has Allāh appointed a due proportion."¹

During the few days that are left in this month, continuously recite this supplication:

¹ Sūrah al-Ṭalāq, Verse 3

اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ لَمْ تَكُنْ غَفَرْتَ لَنَا فِي مَا مَضَى مِنْ شَعْبَانَ، فَاعْفِرْ لَنَا فِي مَا بَقِيَ مِنْهُ

“O’ Allāh! If you have not forgiven us (our sins) in that which has passed of this (month of) Sha’bān, then forgive us (our sins) in the period that is remaining (of the month of Sha’bān).”

“Since Allāh the Most High, out of His respect for the month of Ramaḍhān will prevent a large number of people from entering into the hell fire.”

This command from the Imām (prayers be upon him) was a practical directive to his own family, those around him at his time and of course, for people of all time. Therefore we too must defend and keep this commandment alive and consider it as something valuable and thus, act upon it.



It is also highly recommended to fast the last three days of the month of Sha’bān for that person who was not able to fast this entire month and it is not befitting for the one who is trying to get closer to Allāh (Glory and Greatness be to Him) to miss these fasts.

Shaykh Ṣadūq (may Allāh shower him with mercy) relates from Imām ‘Alī ibn Mūsā al-Riḍā (prayers be upon him) that:

من صام ثلاثة أيام من آخر شعبان ووصلها بشهر رمضان كتب الله تعالى له صيام شهرين متتابعين

“Whoever fasts the last three days of the month of Sha’bān and joins these fasts with that of the month of Ramaḍhān, Allāh will write (in his book of deeds) as if he has fasted two months straight.”

The devotional acts that should be performed at the end of every month to correct and rectify the actions that were missed during that month are other than the actions that we have listed here just as how for all the other months we have mentioned some of the actions that can be performed².

Of the most important acts of the month of Ramaḍhān which should be done on the last night of the month of Sha’bān is the supplication that is mentioned in the book **Iqbāl** which it has been narrated should be read tonight (the last night of the month of Sha’bān) and on the first night of the month of Ramaḍhān and thus, those who must fast during the month of Ramaḍhān must get themselves prepared to enter this month and to be the guests of Allāh the Most High which they will understand how to do by reciting this supplication.³

² The readers can refer to the book al-Murāqibāt for more information on the actions for the end of every month. (Tr.)

³ This supplication is presented on pages 3 and 4 in ‘Arabic with an English Translation. Please note that this translation has been taken from the book, Prayer’s Almanac published by PET Publications of Karachi and from the translation available on www.duas.org with modifications to make the translation more faithful to the ‘Arabic text. All praise belongs to Allāh, only the mistakes are ours. (Tr.)

In the name of Allāh,
the Beneficent, the Merciful

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

O' Allāh! This is the blessed month in which the Qur'ān was revealed as guidance for mankind and clear evidence of guidance and discrimination (of the right from the wrong) is being witnessed by us. Therefore, keep us healthy in it and keep us sound in our faith in it and accept it from us in a state of prosperity and health granted to us by You, O' He who acknowledges and gives answer many times to the very little offered to Him and thanks us by giving us plenty, accept my simple (acts).

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هَذَا الشَّهْرَ الْمُبَارَكَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنَ
وَجَعَلَ هُدًى لِلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانَ قَدْ
حَضَرَ. فَسَلِّمْنَا فِيهِ وَسَلِّمَهُ لَنَا وَتُسَلِّمُهُ مِنَّا فِي يُسْرٍ مِنكَ
وَعَافِيَةٍ، يَا مَنْ أَخَذَ الْقَلِيلَ، وَشَكَرَ الْكَثِيرَ، أَقْبَلْ مِنِّي
الْيُسِيرَ.

O' Allāh! I ask You to provide me with a way towards all good and keep me away from all that You do not like, O' the Most Merciful of those who show mercy!

O' One who forgave me and forgave me all my misdeeds committed secretly. O' One who does not punish me for my disobedience! Your forgiveness. Your forgiveness! Your forgiveness! O' the Generous!

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَجْعَلَ لِي إِلَى كُلِّ خَيْرٍ
سَبِيلًا، وَمِنْ كُلِّ مَا لَا تُحِبُّ مَانِعًا، يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ،
يَا مَنْ عَفَا عَنِّي وَعَمَّا خَلَوْتُ بِهِ مِنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ، يَا مَنْ لَمْ
يُؤَاخِذْنِي بِإِرْتِكَابِ الْمَعَاصِي، عَفْوِكَ عَفْوِكَ يَا
كَرِيمًا.

O' my Lord! You admonished me but I did not respond; You reproached me concerning Your prohibited (things) but I cared not for it - what excuse do I now have? So then pardon me O' the Generous! Your pardon! Your Pardon!

الْهِي وَعَظَّتْنِي فَلَمْ أَتَّعِظْ، وَزَجَرْتَنِي عَنْ مَحَارِمِكَ فَلَمْ
أَنْزَجِرْ، فَمَا عُذْرِي، فَاعْفُ عَنِّي يَا كَرِيمًا، عَفْوِكَ
عَفْوِكَ.

O' Allāh! I beseech you for ease at the time of my death and forgiveness at the time of reckoning (on the Day of Resurrection). The sins of Your slave are great (in number) but forgiveness from You should serve my purpose well. O' the One deserving to be feared and fitted to pardon. Your pardon! Your Pardon!

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الرَّاحَةَ عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ، وَالْعَفْوَ عِنْدَ
الْحِسَابِ، عَظُمَ الذَّنْبُ مِنْ عَبْدِكَ فَلْيُحْسِنِ التَّجَاوُزَ
مِنْ عِنْدِكَ، يَا أَهْلَ التَّقْوَى وَيَا أَهْلَ الْمَغْفِرَةِ،
عَفْوِكَ عَفْوِكَ.

O' Allāh! I am Your servant, son of Your servant and son of Your slave girl, I am weak and stand in need of Your Mercy. You are Omnipotent and Mighty. You have reckoned their deeds and accordingly distributed to them their livelihood and made them creation after creation of different languages and colours. The

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي عَبْدُكَ وَابْنُ عَبْدِكَ وَأَنْ أَمْتِكَ، ضَعِيفٌ
فَقِيرٌ إِلَى رَحْمَتِكَ وَأَنْتَ مُنْزِلُ الْغِنَى وَالْبَرَكَاتِ عَلَى
الْعِبَادِ قَاهِرٌ مُقْتَدِرٌ أَحْصَيْتَ أَعْمَالَهُمْ، وَقَسَمْتَ

people know not what You know and esteem You not with the estimation due to You and all of us stand in need of Your mercy. Do not turn not Your face away from us and ordain in Your decree to make me among Your creatures - virtuous in deeds and hopes and in your decree and verdict.

O' Allāh! Keep me alive to live the best life (of righteousness) and cause me to die the best death in a state of love (in my heart) towards Your friends and in a state of enmity towards Your enemies and with a desire to meet You and fearing You and with humility and fulfilling the promise and submitting to Your will, testifying to Your Book and following the life-pattern of Your Messenger (Muḥammad).

O' Allāh! That which lays hold of my mind (from the following): doubt, disbelief, disappointment, intoxication, conceit, insolence, vanity, show, desire for fame, disagreement, hypocrisy, infidelity, transgression, disobedience, pride or any thing that You do not love may kindly be substituted with: faith according to Your promise, inspiration to fulfill Your promises, contentment with Your decision, piety in the world, a desire of that which is with you (good) impression, mental tranquility, and a sincere repentance. I ask You O' Lord! of the Worlds for all of these.

O' my Lord! Disobedience to You is due to Your forbearance (of us disobeying you), and obedience is due to Your generosity and magnanimity as if You were never disobeyed. I and the other person who never disobeyed are the dwellers of Your earth. Therefore with Your grace, pardon me and invite us to You with Your goodness, O' the Most Merciful of those who show Mercy! And may the everlasting prayers of Allāh be upon Muḥammad and his progeny, unlimited blessings which neither could be reckoned nor appreciated by any one except You. O' the Most Merciful of those who show Mercy!

أَرْزَاقَهُمْ، وَجَعَلْتَهُمْ مُخْتَلَفَةً أَلْسِنَتُهُمْ وَأَلْوَانُهُمْ خَلْقًا مِنْ بَعْدِ خَلْقٍ، وَلَا يَعْلَمُ الْعِبَادُ عِلْمَكَ، وَلَا يَقْدِرُ الْعِبَادُ قَدْرَكَ، وَكَلْنَا فَقِيرًا إِلَى رَحْمَتِكَ، فَلَا تَصْرِفْ عَنِّي وَجْهَكَ، وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنْ صَالِحِي خَلْقِكَ الْعَمَلِ وَالْأَمَلِ وَالْقَضَاءِ وَالْقَدْرِ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَبْقِنِي خَيْرَ الْبَقَاءِ، وَأَفْنِي خَيْرَ الْفَنَاءِ عَلَى مُوَالَاةِ أَوْلِيَائِكَ وَمُعَادَاةِ أَعْدَائِكَ، وَالرَّغْبَةِ إِلَيْكَ، وَالرَّهْبَةِ مِنْكَ وَالْخُشُوعِ وَالْوَفَاءِ وَالْتِسْلِيمِ لَكَ وَالتَّصَدِيقِ بِكِتَابِكَ وَاتِّبَاعِ سُنَّةِ رَسُولِكَ.

اللَّهُمَّ مَا كَانَ فِي قَلْبِي مِنْ شَكٍّ أَوْ رَيْبَةٍ أَوْ جُحُودٍ أَوْ قُنُوطٍ أَوْ فَرَحٍ أَوْ بَدَخٍ أَوْ بَطَرٍ أَوْ خُيَلَاءٍ أَوْ رِيَاءٍ أَوْ سُمْعَةٍ أَوْ شَقَاقٍ أَوْ نِفَاقٍ أَوْ كُفْرٍ أَوْ فُسُوقٍ أَوْ عَصِيَانٍ أَوْ عَظْمَةٍ أَوْ شَيْءٍ لَا تُحِبُّ فَاسْأَلْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَنْ تُبَدِّلَنِي مَكَانَهُ إِيمَانًا بِوَعْدِكَ، وَوَفَاءً بِعَهْدِكَ، وَرِضًا بِقَضَائِكَ، وَزُهْدًا فِي الدُّنْيَا، وَرَغْبَةً فِيمَا عِنْدَكَ، وَآثَرَةً وَطَمَآنِينَةً وَتَوْبَةً نَصُوحًا أَسْأَلُكَ ذَلِكَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ.

الْهِي أَنْتَ مِنْ حَلْمِكَ تُعْصِي، وَمِنْ كَرَمِكَ وَجُودِكَ تُطَاعُ، فَكَأَنَّكَ لَمْ تُعْصَ وَأَنَا وَمَنْ لَمْ يَعْصِكَ سَكَّانُ أَرْضِكَ، فَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا بِالْفَضْلِ جَوَادًا، وَبِالْخَيْرِ عَوَادًا يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ، وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ صَلَّى دَائِمَةً لَا تُحْصَى وَلَا تُعَدُّ وَلَا يَقْدِرُ قَدْرَهَا غَيْرُكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ .