

27th Rajab Maba'th

The Holy Prophet (saws) has said, "Rajab is the month for seeking forgiveness, so seek forgiveness from Allah (swt)"

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This highly blessed night is called *Laylat al-Mab`ath*, which stands for the beginning of the Holy Prophet's Mission of propagating the true religion of Almighty Allah.

Shaykh al-Tusi, in his book of *Misbah al-Mutahajjid*, has quoted Imam Muhammad al-Jawad (as) as saying, "There is a night in Rajab, which carries for people fortune that is more preferable than whatever is subjected to sunlight. It is the twenty-seventh night of Rajab. The next morning was the beginning of

the Holy Prophet's prophethood. Verily, one who does acts of worship at this night will have the reward of one who has worshipped Almighty Allah for sixty years."

It is advisable to perform **Ghusl** on this night.

Salaah on 27th Night of Rajab

• After you offer the `Isha' Prayer and go to sleep, wake up at any hour before midnight. You may then offer a prayer of 12 units in each of which you may recite Surah al-Fatihah and any other Surah from al-Mufassal, which begins with Surah Muhammad (No. 47) up to the end of the Holy Qur'an. You should separate each couple of units with tasleem. After accomplishing this prayer, you should recite Surahs al-Fatihah, al-Falaq, al-Nas, al-Tawhid, al-Kafirun, al-Qadr, and Ayah alKursi each seven times. After this, you may say the following prayer:

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All praise be to Allah Who has not taken to Himself a son,

Who has no partner in the Sovereignty

nor has He any protecting friend through dependence.

And magnify Him with all magnificence.

اَللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي اسْالُكَ بِمَعَاقِدِ عِزِّكَ

O Allah, verily I beseech You in the name of the situations of Your Dignity

on the pillars of Your Throne,

in the name of Your utmost mercy in Your Book,

in the name of Your Name—the Greatest, the Greatest,

in the name of Your Mention—the Highest, the Highest, the Highest,

وَبِكَلِمَاتِكَ ٱلتَّامَّاتِ

and in the name of Your Words the perfect,

to bless Muhammad and his Household

and do to me that which befits You.

You may then submit your desires.

Also recite <u>prayer mentioned for the</u>
 15th Night of Rajab

Dua to be recited on the Night and Day of 27th Rajab

In *al-Balad al-Amin*, al-Kaf`ami has instructed the following:

Say the following prayer on the Divine Mission Night:

[Sayyid Ibn Tawus has mentioned that this prayer is said on the Divine Mission Day (i.e. the twenty-seventh of Rajab).]

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اَللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي اسْالُكَ بِٱلتَّجَلِّي ٱلاعْظَمِ

O Allah, I beseech You in the name of the Grandest Manifestation

at this night in this glorified month

and in the name of the honored Messenger

to send blessings to Muhammad and his Household,

and forgive us that which You know better than we do.

O He Who knows while we do not!

O Allah, (please do) bless us at this night,

ٱلَّتِي بِشَرَفِ ٱلرِّسَالَةِ فَضَّلْتَهَا

which You have exalted with the honor of the Divine Mission,

You have esteemed with Your honoring,

and You have raised to the Honorable Place.

O Allah, we thus beseech You in the name of the honorable mission,

the gentle master,

وَٱلْعُنْصُرِ ٱلْعَفيفِ

and the chaste line

to bless Muhammad and his Household

and to decide our deeds at this night

as well as all the other nights as acceptable,

our sins as forgiven,

our good efforts as praiseworthy,

وَسَيِّئَاتِنَا مَسْتُورَةً

our evildoings as concealed,

our hearts as pleased with decent wording,

and our sustenance that You decide for us as copiously flowing with easiness.

O Allah, verily You see [everything] but nothing can see You

while You are in the Highest Prospect.

And, verily, to You are the final return and goal,

to You are causing to death and granting of life,

and to You are the Last and the First [of all things].

O Allah, we surely seek Your protection against meeting of disgrace and shame

and against committing that which You have ordered us not to do.

ٱللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْالُكَ ٱلْجَنَّةَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ

O Allah, we surely pray You for Paradise, out of Your mercy,

and we seek Your protection against Hellfire.

So, (please do) save us from it, in the name of Your omnipotence.

We also pray You for the Paradisiacal Women;

so, please grant us them, in the name of Your might.

(Please do) cause the most expansive of our sustenance to be given to us when we become old aged,

and the best of our deeds to be at the time close to our death.

(Please do) extend [our ages and make us spend them] in acts of obedience to You

and in all that which draws us near to You,

وَيُحْظِي عِنْدَكَ

in all that which allow us to enjoy a good position with You,

and in all that which make our lives acceptable by You.

(Please do) improve our recognition of You under all circumstance and conditions,

do not refer us to any of Your beings lest they shall always remind us of their favors to us,

favor us by settling all our needs in this world as well as the Next World,

and do the same thing to our forefathers, our descendants,

and all our brethren-in-faith

with regard to all that which we have besought You for ourselves.

O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!

O Allah, we beseech You by Your Grand Name

and Your Eternal Kingdom

to send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

and forgive our grave sins,

for none can forgive the grave save the All-great.

O Allah, this is Rajab, the honored month,

which You have honored us through it, being the first of the Sacred Months,

and You have selected us for this honor from amongst the other nations.

So, all praise be to You, O Lord of Magnanimity and Generosity!

I thus beseech You by Your Name,

the grandest, the grandest, the grandest,

the most majestic, the most honorable,

that You have created so that it has settled under Your Shadow

and it thus shall never transfer to anyone other than You,

انْ تُصَلِّي عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَاهْلِ بَيْتِهِ ٱلطَّاهِرِينَ

I beseech You to send blessings to Muhammad and his Household the immaculate,

وَانْ تَجْعَلْنَا مِنَ ٱلْعَامِلِينَ فِيهِ بِطَاعَتِكَ

and include us, during this month, with those who practice acts of obedience to You

وَٱلْآمِلِينَ فِيهِ لِشَفَاعَتِكَ

and those who hope for Your admission.

اَللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنَا إِلَىٰ سَوَاءِ السَّبِيلِ

O Allah, (please do) lead us to the Right Path

وَٱجْعَلْ مَقِيلَنَا عِنْدَكَ خَيْرَ مَقِيلِ

and choose for us the best resting-place with You,

under a dense shade

and abundant possession.

Surely, You are Sufficient for us! Most Excellent are You and in You do we trust!

O Allah, (please do) make us return (to You) with success and victory;

غَيْرَ مَغْضُوبٍ عَلَيْنَا وَلاَ ضَالِّينَ

neither accursed (by You) nor misleading (the Right Path),

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

O Allah, I earnestly beseech You, in the name of the matters that bring about Your forgiveness

and the matters that incumbently achieve Your mercy,

to grant me safety from all sins,

وَٱلْغَنِيمَةَ مِنْ كُلِّ بِرِّ

gain of all decencies,

وَٱلْفَوْزَ بِٱلْجَنَّةِ

attainment of Paradise,

وَٱلنَّجَاةَ مِنَ ٱلنَّارِ

and redemption against Hellfire.

ٱللَّهُمَّ دَعَاكَ ٱلدَّاعُونَ وَدَعَوْتُكَ

O Allah, just in as the suppliants have besought You, I am beseeching You.

وَسَالَكَ ٱلسَّائلُونَ وَسَالْتُكَ

Just as the implorers have begged You, I am begging You.

وَطَلَبَ إِلَيْكَ ٱلطَّالِبُونَ وَطَلَبْتُ إِلَيْكَ

Just as the requesters have asked You, I am asking You.

O Allah, You are (my) trust and hope

and You are the ultimate desire in my supplications.

O Allah, send blessings to Muhammad and his Household

and establish conviction in my hear,

وَٱلنُّورَ فِي بَصَرِي

light in my sight,

وَٱلنَّصِيحَةَ فِي صَدْرِي

well-wishing in my chest,

وَذِكْرَكَ بِٱللَّيْلِ وَٱلنَّهَارِ عَلَى لِسَانِي

remembering You on my tongue day and night,

وَرِزْقاً وَاسِعاً غَيْرَ مَمْنُونِ وَلاَ مَحْظُورٍ فَأَرْزُقْنِي

and expansive sustenance that is neither failing nor banned. So, please provide me sustenance

وَبَارِكْ لِي فِيمَا رَزَقْتَنِي

and bless that which You decide for me,

make me self-sufficient,

make me desire for none save You,

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

You may then prostrate yourself and repeat the following litany one hundred times:

All praise be to Allah Who has guided us to the recognition of Him,

وَخَصَّنَا بِوِلايَتِهِ

included us exclusively with the protection of Him,

and granted us the obedience to Him.

Thanks, thanks.

When you raise your head (i.e. finish the prostration), you may say the following:

O Allah, I am turning my face toward You asking for the settlement of my needs,

I depend upon You in submitting my problem,

and I submit to You in the name of my Imams and Masters.

O Allah, benefit us by our love for them,

make us follow their examples,

grant us their companionship,

and allow us to enter Paradise with their group,

بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا ارْحَمَ ٱلرَّاحِمِينَ

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

Ziyarah of Imam Ali(as) for Laylat Maba'th 27 Rajab

The Ziyarah of Imam Ali has been mentioned by Shaykh al-Mufid, Sayyid Ibn Tawus, and al-Shahid in the following form:

When you intend to visit the holy shrine of Imam `Ali Amir al-Mu'minin ('a) on the Divine Mission Day or the night before it, you may stop at the gate of the holy dome, facing the holy tomb, and say the following:

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ائَشْهَدُ انْ لاَ إِلهَ إِلاَّ ٱللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ

لَهُ

I bear witness that there is no god save Allah, alone without having any associate.

And I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger,

that `Ali the son of Abu-Talib, the Commander of the Faithful, is the brother of His Messenger,

that the immaculate Imams from his

offspring are Allah's arguments against His creatures.

You may then enter the shrine, stop at the tomb, turn the face toward the tomb and make the kiblah direction between your shoulders, and repeat the *takbir* statement one hundred times:

Allah is the Most Great.

اَللَّهُ اكْبَرُ

You may then say the following:

Peace be upon you, O inheritor of Adam the vicegerent of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O inheritor of Noah the choice of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O inheritor of Abraham the intimate friend of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O inheritor of Moses the spoken by Allah.

Peace be upon you, O inheritor of Jesus the spirit of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O inheritor of Muhammad the chief of Allah's Messengers.

Peace be upon you, O commander of the faithful.

Peace be upon you, O epitome of the pious ones.

Peace be upon you, O chief of the Prophets' successors.

Peace be upon you, O successor of the Messenger of the Lord of the worlds.

Peace be upon you, O inheritor of the knowledge of the past and the coming generations.

Peace be upon you, O Great News.

Peace be upon you, O Straight Path.

Peace be upon you, O noble, refined one.

Peace be upon you, O pious successor (of the Prophet).

Peace be upon you, O well-pleased, pure one.

Peace be upon you, O shining full moon.

Peace be upon you, O grandest veracious one.

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ ائَّيُّهَا الْفَارُوقُ الْأَعْظَمُ

Peace be upon you, O greatest distinguisher (between the right and the wrong).

Peace be upon you, O glowing lantern.

Peace be upon you, O leader to the true guidance.

Peace be upon you, O pattern of piety.

Peace be upon you, O grand argument of Allah.

ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا خَاصَّةَ ٱللَّه وَخَالصَتَهُ

Peace be upon you, O select and elite of Allah,

وَأُمِينَ ٱللَّهِ وَصَفْوَتَهُ

trustee and choice of Allah,

وَبَابَ ٱللَّه وَحُجَّتَهُ

door to and argument of Allah,

وَمَعْدِنَ حُكْمِ ٱللَّهِ وَسِرَّهُ

source and secret of Allah's judgment,

وَعَيْبَةً عِلْمِ ٱللَّهِ وَخَازِنَهُ

guardian and keeper of Allah's knowledge,

وَسَفِيرَ ٱللَّهِ فِي خَلْقه

and envoy of Allah among His creatures.

I bear witness that you performed the prayers,

وَآتَيْتَ ٱلزَّكَاةَ

paid the zakat,

وَأُمَرْتَ بِٱلْمَعْرُوفِ

enjoined the right,

وَنَهَيْتَ عَنِ ٱلْمُنْكَرِ

forbade the wrong,

وَٱتَّبَعْتَ ٱلرَّسُولَ

followed the Messenger,

وَتَلَوْتَ ٱلْكِتَابَ حَقَّ تِلاَوَتِهِ

recited the Book as exactly as it must be recited,

وَبَلَّغْتَ عَنِ ٱللَّهِ

conveyed the messages of Allah,

وَوَفَيْتَ بِعَهْدِ ٱللَّه

fulfilled your covenant with Allah,

وَتَمَّتْ بِكَ كَلمَاتُ ٱللَّه

the Words of Allah were accomplished by you,

وَجَاهَدْتَ فِي ٱللَّهِ حَقَّ جِهَادِهِ

strove in Allah's way in the best manner,

وَنَصَحْتَ لِلَّهِ وَلِرَسُولِهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَلِرَسُولِهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَآلِهِ

advised for the sake of Allah and for the sake of His Messenger—peace be upon him and his Household,

and sacrificed yourself with steadfastness, seeking Allah's reward,

struggling for the defense of Allah's religion,

protecting Allah's Messenger—peace be upon him and his Household,

seeking for that which is with Allah,

رَاغِباً فِيمَا وَعَدَ ٱللَّهُ

and desiring for that which Allah has promised.

You also sealed your life as martyr,

وَشَاهِداً وَمَشْهُوداً

a witness, and witnessed;

so, may Allah reward you

on behalf of His Messenger, Islam, and the people of Islam

with the most favorite reward, for you are veracious.

I bear witness that you were the first to embrace Islam,

the most sincere in faith,

the most confident,

and you were the most Allah-fearing,

the most steadfast (against ordeals for the sake of Islam),

وَأَحْوَطَهُمْ عَلَىٰ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَىٰ وَاللهِ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

the most watchful for Allah's Messenger, peace be upon him and his Household,

endowed with the most favorable merits,

the foremost of everyone else in everything,

the owner of the most elevated rank,

the owner of the most honorable position,

وَأَكْرَمَهُمْ عَلَيْهِ

and the most respected (by Almighty Allah and His Messenger).

Thus, you became stronger when they became weak

and you abode by the course of Allah's Messenger, peace be upon him and his Household.

I also bear witness that you were the true vicegerent of him (i.e. the Holy Prophet);

لَمْ تُنَازَعْ بِرَغْمِ ٱلْمُنَافِقِينَ

no one could ever compete with you in this position in spite of the existence of hypocrites,

the despise of the unbelievers,

and the malice of the wicked.

You also managed the matters when they failed to do so,

you spoke (the truth) when they stammered,

وَمَضَيْتَ بِنُورِ ٱللَّهِ إِذْ وَقَفُواَ

and you carried on with the light of Allah when they stopped.

Hence, he who follows you has actually been led to the true guidance.

You were the first to speak,

the firmest in refuting the rivals,

the most eloquent of them,

the most apposite in opinions,

the most courageous,

the most confident of them,

the best of them in deeds,

and the most learned in affairs.

For the believers, you were merciful father,

and they were thus your dependants;

so, you carried the burdens that they were too weak to carry,

preserved that which they forfeited,

conserved that which they neglected,

prepared yourself for facing that which they were too coward to face,

advanced when they were dismayed,

وَصَبَرْتَ إِذْ جَزِعُوا

and acted steadfastly when they became anxious.

You were thus incessant torment on the unbelievers,

and you were also rude and furious (on them).

You rained (with mercy) on the believers, and you were fertile and source of knowledge for them.

Your argument was never weak,

your heart never deviated,

your sagacity was never feeble,

and your determination never cowered.

You were as firm as mountain, since storms could never displace you

and misfortunes could never move you.

وآله

You were as exactly as described by Allah's Messenger—peace be upon him and his Household—who said about you

that you are strong in your body,

مُتَواضِعاً فِي نَفْسِكَ

modest in yourself,

عَظيماً عنْدَ ٱللَّه

great in the view of Allah,

كَبِيراً فِي ٱلأَرْضِ

imposing in the earth,

جَلِيلاً فِي ٱلسَّمَاءِ

and lofty in the heavens.

None could ever find fault with you,

none could ever speak evil of you,

you never desired for any of the created beings,

and you were never lenient (unfairly) to anyone.

The weak, humble one was strong and mighty in your view until you give him back his right,

and the strong, mighty one was weak in your view until you take the others' rights from him.

The near and the remote were equal in your view.

Your habit was to be true, honest, and kind,

وَقُولُكَ حُكْمٌ وَحَتْمٌ

your words were ruling and determination,

your custom was forbearance and fortitude,

and your view was knowledge and firmness.

At your hands, the religion became even,

the difficult became easy,

the fires were extinguished,

the faith became strong,

Islam became steady,

and the calamity of losing you undermined all people.

Surely, we are Allah's and to Him we shall surely return.

Curse of Allah be upon him who slew you,

وَلَعَنَ ٱللَّهُ مَنْ خَالَفَكَ

curse of Allah be upon him who mutinied against you,

curse of Allah be upon him who forged lies against you,

curse of Allah be upon him who wronged you and usurped your right,

and curse of Allah be upon him who, when was informed about this, was pleased with it.

Verily, we disavow all those before Allah.

لَعَنَ ٱللَّهُ امَّةً خَالَفَتْكَ

Curse of Allah be upon the group that disagreed with you,

denied your (Divinely commissioned) leadership,

aided each other against you, slew you,

deviated from you, and disappointed you.

All praise be to Allah, for Hellfire is the abode of those

وَبِئْسَ ٱلْوِرْدُ ٱلْمَوْرُودُ

and evil the place to which they are brought.

أَشْهَدُ لَكَ يَا وَلِيَّ ٱللَّهِ وَوَلِيَّ رَسُولِهِ صَلَّىٰ الشَّهُدُ لَكَ يَا وَلِيَّ ٱللَّهِ وَوَلِيَّ رَسُولِهِ صَلَّىٰ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ بِٱلْبَلاَغِ وَٱلاَّدَاءِ

I bear witness for you, O Intimate servant of Allah and loyalist of Allah's Messenger, peace be upon him and his Household, that you did convey and carry out (your mission).

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ حَبِيبُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَابُهُ

And I bear witness that you are the beloved of Allah and the door to Him,

وَأَنَّكَ جَنْبُ ٱللَّهِ وَوَجْهُهُ ٱلَّذِي مِنْهُ يُؤْتَى

you are the Side of Allah and His Face from which one can come to Allah,

وَأَنَّكَ سَبِيلُ ٱللَّهِ

you are Allah's way,

وَأَنَّكَ عَبْدُ ٱللَّه

you are Allah's servant,

وَأَخُو رَسُولِهِ صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

and you are the brother of His Messenger, peace be upon him and his Household.

أَتَيْتُكَ زَائِراً لِعَظِيمِ حَالِكَ وَمَنْزِلَتِكَ عِنْدَ ٱللَّه وَعِنْدَ رَسُولِهِ

I have thus come to visit you because you enjoy a magnificent position and standing with Allah and with His Messenger.

مُتَقَرِّباً إِلَىٰ ٱللَّه بِزِيَارَتِكَ

So, I seek nearness to Allah through my visit to you

and I desire that you will intercede for me.

Through your intercession for me, I hope for redemption of myself,

I seek refuge with you against Hellfire,

I am fleeing from my sins that I have overburdened myself with them,

and I resort to you in the hope of my Lord's mercy.

I have come to you, O my master, seeking your intercession for me before Allah

and seeking nearness to Him through you so that He may settle my needs;

so, (please) intercede for me, O Commander of the Faithful.

فَإِنِّي عَبْدُ ٱللَّهِ وَمَوْلاَكَ وَزَائِرُكَ

Verily, I am the slave of Allah and your servant and visitor,

and you enjoy a distinguished position with Allah,

وَٱلْجَاهُ ٱلْعَظيمُ

a great rank,

وَٱلشَّانُ ٱلْكَبِيرُ

a big standing,

وَٱلشَّفَاعَةُ ٱلْمَقْبُولَةُ

and an admitted right of intercession.

اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَال مُحَمَّدٍ

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

and send blessings upon Your servant, Your most faithful trustee,

Your firmest handle,

Your highest Hand,

Your excellent Word,

Your argument on the people,

وصديقك آلأكبر

Your grandest veracious one,

the chief of the Prophets' successors,

the reliance of the saints,

the support of the elite ones,

the commander of the faithful,

the leader of the pious ones,

وَقُدْوَةِ ٱلصِّدِّيقِينَ

the example of the veracious ones,

the pattern of the righteous ones,

the one protected against flaws,

the one saved from defects,

the one cleared from faults,

the one purified from doubts,

أخي نَبِيُّكَ

the brother of Your Prophet,

the successor of Your Messenger,

the one who replaced him when he spent that night instead of him,

the one who sacrificed his soul for him,

the one who always relieved him in harsh situations,

and the one whom You chose to be the sword of his (i.e. the Prophet)

Prophethood,

وَمُعْجِزاً لِرِسَالَتِهِ

the miracle of his (Divine) mission,

وَدَلاَلَةً وَاضِحَةً لِحُجَّتِهِ

the lucid indication of his arguments,

وَحَامِلاً لِرَايَتِهِ

the bearer of his pennon,

وَوِقَايَةً لِمُهْجَتِهِ

the protector of his soul,

وَهَادِياً لامَّته

the guide of his nation,

وَيَداً لِبَاسِه

the power of his might,

the crown of his head,

the door to his victory,

and the key to his triumph,

until he defeated the armies of polytheism by Your aid,

terminated the warriors of atheism by Your permission,

exerted all efforts to win the pleasure of You and Your Messenger,

devoted all of his efforts to the obedience to him,

and made of himself armor to protect him from any misfortune,

فِي كَفِّهِ

until the soul of the Prophet, peace be upon him and his Household, departed his body while his face was in the hand of `Ali,

who thus felt its coldness,

and rubbed his face therewith.

And Your angels helped him bathe and prepare his body for burial.

He then performed [the ritual] prayer for him, buried his body,

وَقَضَىٰ دَيْنَهُ

settled his debts,

وَأَنْجَزَ وَعْدَهُ

fulfilled his promises,

وَلَزِمَ عَهْدَهُ

made his covenants,

وَٱحْتَذَى مِثَالَهُ

followed his example,

وَحَفظَ وَصيَّتَهُ

and abode by his will.

وَحِينَ وَجَدَ ائْصَاراً نَهَضَ مُسْتَقِلاً بِاعْبَاءِ الْخِلاَفَة

When he could find supporters, he undertook the burdens of the position of leadership (caliphate)

and assumed the loads of Imamate.

He thus hoisted the flag of true guidance among Your servants,

spread the dress of security in Your lands,

extended justice among Your creatures,

judged according to Your Book among your beings,

وَاتَّقَامَ الْحُدُودَ

executed the laws,

وَقَمَعَ ٱلْجُحُودَ

suppressed unbelief,

وَقُومَ ٱلزَّيْغَ

rectified the deviation,

وَسَكَّنَ ٱلْغَمْرَةَ

mollified the criticism,

وَأَبَادَ ٱلْفَتْرَةَ

eradicated lethargy,

وَسَدَّ ٱلْفُرْجَةَ

blocked the gap,

وَقَتَلَ ٱلنَّاكِثَةَ وَٱلْقَاسِطَةَ وَٱلْمَارِقَةَ

killed the preachers, the wrongdoers, and the apostates,

kept on following the course and tradition of Allah's Messenger, peace be upon him and his Household,

kept on following his excellent pattern,

kept on following his superb practice,

مُقْتَدِياً بِسُنَّتِهِ

he imitated his convention,

مُتَعَلِّقاً بِهِمَّتِهِ

held fast to his morale,

مُبَاشِراً لِطَرِيقَتِهِ

and copied his way (of treating with matters).

وَأَمْثِلَتُهُ نَصْبُ عَيْنَيْهِ

And he always noticed the Prophet's deeds as if they were before his eyes;

he thus ordered Your servants to copy these deeds

وَيَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَيْهَا

and invited them to imitate them

until his white beard was dyed with the blood of his head.

O Allah, as he never preferred a dubious matter to a certain one for the sake of obeying You

and never associated any one with You even for a winking of an eye,

please send upon him growing and increasing blessings

due to which he may join the position of Prophethood in Your Paradise,

and (please) convey our greetings and compliments to him

and, on account of our allegiance to his leadership, please grant us from You favor, kindness,

forgiveness, and pleasure.

You are verily the Lord of enormous favor.

[please do that] in the name of Your mercy, O most merciful of all those who show mercy.

You may then put your right and then left cheeks on the tomb, turn to the kiblah direction, offer the Prayer of Ziyarah, and supplicate for anything you want.

Then, you may say the (famous) Tasbih al-Zahra' and then say the following words:

ٱللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ بَشَّرْتَنِي

O Allah, You have conveyed to me glad tidings

through Your Prophet and Messenger

Muhammad, Your peace be upon him and his Household,

as You said, "And give good news to those who believe that theirs is a footing of firmness with their Lord."

وَرُسُلِكَ صَلَواتُكَ عَلَيْهِمْ

O Allah, I indeed believe in all Your Prophets and Messengers, Your blessings be upon them.

So, (please) do not cause me, after my recognition of them, to be in a situation

due to which You expose me in the presence of the Witnesses;

rather, (please) include me with them and make me die while I give them credence.

ٱللَّهُمَّ وَأَنْتَ خَصَصْتَهُمْ بِكَرَامَتِكَ

O Allah, You have also bestowed upon them exclusive honor from You

and You have ordered me to follow them.

O Allah, I am Your slave and visitor,

seeking Your nearness through visiting the brother of Your Messenger.

Indeed, each visited person is expected to pay attention to his duty towards the one who visits and comes to him.

And You are the Best One to Whom one may come

and You are the most Generous One to be visited;

I therefore beseech You, O Allah, O Allbeneficent, O All-merciful,

O All-magnanimous, O All-glorious,

يَا أُحَدُ يَا صَمَدُ

O One, O Besought of all,

O He Who never begets nor is He begotten,

and the like of Whom is none,

O He Who has not betaken wife or child,

(I beseech You) to send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

وَأَنْ تَجْعَلَ تُحْفَتَكَ إِيَّايَ مِنْ زِيَارَتِي أَخَا رَسُولِكَ

to choose the gift that You present to me on account of my visiting Your Messenger's brother

to be release of me from Hellfire,

to include me with those who strive with one another in hastening to good deeds

and those who call on You with love and reverence,

and to make me of those who are humble before You.

O Allah, You have indeed conferred upon me with the favor of visiting my master 'Ali the son of Abu-Talib

and with the favor of my being loyal to his (Divinely commissioned) leadership and recognition of him;

so, (please) make me of those whom You give victory and whom You choose to triumph through them.

وَمُنَّ عَلَيَّ بِنَصْرِكَ لِدِينِكَ

And (please) bestow me with the favor of making me support Your religion.

دينه

O Allah, (please) include me with the adherents of him and cause me to die following his doctrine.

O Allah, (please) cause me to deserve mercy, pleasure,

forgiveness, favor,

وَٱلرِّزْقِ ٱلْوَاسِعِ ٱلْحَلاَلِ ٱلطَّيِّبِ

and sustenance that is growing, legally gotten, and pleasant,

(and make it) suitable to Your favoring, O most merciful of all those who show mercy!

All praise be to Allah the Lord of the Worlds.

27th Day of Rajab

- Take a Ghusl on this day.
- It is recommended to observe fasting. In fact, this day is one of the four days that are dedicated to fasting in the whole year. The reward of observing fasting on this day is equal to seventy year fasting.
- Recite Salwaat as frequently as possible on this day.

Salaah's for Day of 27th Rajab

• In his book entitled *Misbah al-Mutahajjid*, Shaykh al-Tusi mentions that al-Rayyan ibn al-Salt is reported as saying that Imam Muhammad al-Jawad (as) observed fasting on the fifteenth and the twenty-seventh of Rajab while he was in Baghdad.

He then ordered us to offer the prayer that consists of twelve units at each of which Surah al-Fatihah and another Surah should be recited. At the accomplishment of this prayer, it is recommended to recite Surahs al-Fatihah, al-Tawhid, al-Falaq, and al-Nas each 4 times.

Then it is recommended to say the following litany four times:

There is no god save Allah.

Allah is the Most Great,

all glory be to Allah,

all praise be to Allah,

and there is neither might nor power save with Allah, the Most High, the All-great.

Then, it is recommended to repeat the

following four times:

Allah, Allah is my Lord. I associate none with Him.

Then, it is recommended to say the following four times, too:

I never associate anyone with my Lord.

• Shaykh al-Tusi has also reported Abu'l-Qasim Husayn ibn Ruh—may Allah have mercy upon him—as saying: On this day, you may offer a prayer consisting of twelve units at each of which you may

recite Surah al-Fatihah and any other Surah. After each couple of units (ie after each tasleem), you may say the following:

<u>mp3</u>

All praise is due to Allah, Who has not taken a son

Who has not a partner in the kingdom,

and Who has not a helper to save Him from disgrace;

and proclaim His greatness with thorough proclamation.

O my Supporter throughout my lifetime!

O my Companion in hardships!

O provider of me with all graces that I enjoy!

O my Succor in my desires!

O source of success of my needs!

يًا حَافِظي فِي غَيْبَتِي

O my guardian while I am absent!

O He Who is sufficient for me when I am alone!

O my entertainment in my loneliness!

You alone conceal my faults!

So, all praise be to You.

You alone overlook my slips.

فَلَكَ ٱلْحَمْدُ

So, all praise be to You.

You alone revive my deterioration.

فَلَكَ ٱلْحَمْدُ

So, all praise be to You.

When you accomplish the prayer, you should recite Surahs *al-Fatihah*, *al-Tawhid*, *al-Falaq*, *al-Nas*, *al-Kafirun*, *al-Qadr*, and *Ayah al-Kursi* seven times. You should then repeat the following seven times:

There is no god save Allah;

Allah is the Most Great,

glory be to Allah,

and there is neither might nor power save with Allah.

then say the following seven times:

Allah, Allah is my Lord. I associate none with Him

After that, you may submit your needs.

Dua for Day of 27th Rajab

As is mentioned in *Iqbal al-A`mal* and some manuscripts of *Misbah al-Mutahajjid*, it is recommended to say the following prayer on this day:

<u>mp3</u>

O He Who has ordered us to forgive and overlook

and has taken upon Himself to forgive and overlook!

O He Who did forgive and overlook!

إعْفُ عَنِّي وَتَجَاوَزْ يَا كَرِيمٌ

(Please do) forgive me and overlook (my evildoings), O All-generous!

O Allah, surely all requests have been rejected,

all means and ways have been inaccessible,

all hopes have been eradicated,

all expectations have been cut off from everybody save You

وَحْدَكَ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَكَ

alone. There is no partner with You.

O Allah, I find the ways to requesting from You wide open,

the springs of hoping for You quenching,

the doors of supplication unlocked before one who implores You,

and Your aid available for those who seek it.

I also know that You are in the position of response for one who beseeches You,

in the position of relief for one who resorts to You,

بعدَتك

and hastening to Your magnanimity and reliance upon Your promise

compensate from the stinginess of the misery ones

and suffice from that which is grasped by the mean ones.

[I know for sure] that You never screen Yourself against Your beings,

but it is their evildoings that prevent them from journeying toward You.

I have also known for sure that the best provisions of one who intends to travel to You

عَزْمُ إِرَادَةٍ يَخْتَارُكَ بِهَا

is a true willpower by which one chooses You from amongst others.

Hence, my heart has called at You with full willpower,

and I pray You in the name of all supplications said by a hopeful and thus You have achieved his hope,

said by a seeker of aid and thus You have admitted his request,

اوْ مَلْهُوفٌ مَكْرُوبٌ فَرَّجْتَ كَرْبَهُ

said by an aggrieved, depressed one and thus You have relieved him,

said by a guilty sinner and thus You have forgiven him,

said by a healthy one and thus You have perfected Your favors on him,

or said by a poor one and thus You have conferred upon him with Your wealth;

so, these supplications occupy a considerable position with You and enjoy a standing with You,

I pray You to send blessings to
Muhammad and the Household of
Muhammad

and grant all my requests for this world and the Next World.

This is Rajab, the honored and dignified month,

which You have honored us through it, being the first of the Sacred Months,

and You have selected us for this honor among the other nations.

O Lord of Magnanimity and Generosity!

I thus beseech You by Your Name, the grandest, the grandest, the grandest,

the most majestic, the most honorable,

ٱلَّذِي خَلَقْتَهُ فَٱسْتَقَرَّ فِي ظِلِّكَ

that You have created so that it has settled under Your Shadow

and it thus shall never transfer to anyone other than You,

to send blessings to Muhammad and his Household the immaculate

and to include us, during this month, with those who practice acts of obedience to You

وَٱلْآمِلِينَ فِيهِ بِشَفَاعَتِكَ

and those who hope for Your admission.

O Allah, (please do) lead us to the Right Path,

ظَلِيلِ

choose for us the best resting-place with You, under a dense shade

and abundant possession. Surely, You are Sufficient for us! Most Excellent are You, and in You do we trust!

Peace be upon His servants, the chosen,

and His blessings be upon them all.

O Allah, (please do) bless us on this day that You have honored,

covered with Your nobility,

and implanted in the great and highest Dwelling.

(Please do) send blessings to him whom You sent (as Your Messenger) to Your servants

and whom You accommodated in the Noble Place.

O Allah, send upon him blessing that is never-ending, being in the form of thanks to You

and reward to us.

And make easy for us all our affairs

and make our end result, up to the last of our lives, pleasant

after You accept our little deed

and achieve for us all our hopes out of Your mercy.

Verily, You have power over all things.

May Allah bless and exalt Muhammad and his Household.

It is worth mentioning that this prayer, which is one of the excellent supplications of Rajab, was said by Imam Musa ibn Ja`far al-Kadhim (as) on the day when the ruling authorities took him to Baghdad. That day was the twenty-seventh of Rajab.