Repeat often. ٱسْتَغْفِرُ اللّه وَٱسْأَلَهُ التّوبَةَ I ask Allah for forgiveness &I pray Him to accept my repentance. If one is incapable of fasting during the month recite the foll instead 100 times each day in Rajab:

Glory be to the God—the All-majestic. Glory be to Him other than Whom none should be glorified. Glory be to the All-honorable, the Alldignified. Glory be to Him Who has dressed Himself with grandeur that fits none but Him.

سُبْحَانَ الله الْجَلِيلِ! سُبْحَانَ مَنْ لا يَنْبَغِي التَّسْبِيحُ إِلاَّ لَهُ! سُبْحَانَ الأَعَزِّ الأَكْرَمِ! سُبْحَانَ مَنْ لَبِسَ الْعِزَّ وَهُوَ لَهُ َهْلٌ.

يَا مَنْ أَرْجُوهُ لِكُلِّ خَيْرٍ،

General Acts in Rajab

Sayyid Ibn Țāwūs has narrated that Muḥammad ibn Dhakwān—known as '*al-Sajjād* due to his remarkable, timeconsuming prostration during which he used to weep so heavily that he lost his sight—asked Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (a.s), saying, "May Allah accept me as ransom for you! We are now in Rajab; I therefore please you to teach me a supplication due to which Almighty Allah may help me." Hence, the Imam (a.s) asked him to write down the following:In the Name of Allah, the All-beneficent the All-merciful: You may recite the following in Rajab—in mornings, evenings, and after each of the obligatory prayers:

O He Whom alone I hope for all good things;

and Whose wrath I do not expect when I do wrong;

O He Who recompenses the little deed with very much reward;

O He Who answers him who begs Him;

O He Who gives those who do not ask Him and do not even recognize Him out of His kindness and mercifulness:

(please do) give me, for I pray You, all the welfare of this world

and the entire welfare of the Next World;

and save me, for I pray You, from all the evil of this world and the Next World

Verily, all that which You give is unblemished.

(Pl) increase Your favors upon me, O the All generous.

Imam al-Ṣādiq (a.s), then, grasped his beard with his left hand, while reciting this supplication, and moved ceaselessly his forefinger of his right hand. He then uttered the following:

O the Lord of Majesty and Honor;

O the Lord of bliss and magnanimity;

O the Lord of favor and munificence;

(pl) rescue my white-hair beard from Hellfire.

First:Imam Zayn al-`Ābidīn (a.s) recited this supplication on the first day of Rajab while he was imprisoned:

O He who manages the wants of the needy;

(who) is aware of that which is hidden in the heart of the silent sufferers,

وآمَنُ سَخَطَهُ عِنْدَ كُلِّ عَثْرَةٍ، يَا مَنْ يُعْطِي الْكَثِيرَ بِالْقَلِيلِ، يَا مَنْ يُعْطَي مَنْ سَأَلَهُ يَا مَنْ يُعْطَي مَنْ لَمْ يَسْأَلُهُ وَمَنْ لَمْ يَعْرِفْهُ تَحَنُّناً مِنْهُ وَرَحْمَةً، أَعْطِنِي بِمَسْألتِي إيَّاكَ جَمِيعِ خَيْرِ الدُّنْيَا، وَجَمِيعِ خَيْرِ الآخِرَةِ، وَاصْرِفْ عَنّي بِمَسْألتي إيَّاكَ جَميعَ شَرِّ الدُّنْيا وَشَرِّ الآخِرَة فَإِنَّهُ غَيْرُ مَنْقُوصٍ مَا أَعْطَيْتَ، وَزِدْنِي مِنْ سَعَةِ فَضْلِكَ يَا كَرِيمُ.

> يَا ذَاَ الْجَلالِ وَالإِكْرَامِ، يَا ذَاَ النَّعْمَاءِ وَالْجُودِ، يَا ذَاَ الْمَنِّ وَالطَّوْلِ، حَرِّمْ شَيْبَتِي عَلَى النَّارِ.

يَا مَنْ يَمْلِكُ حَوَائِجَ السَّائِلِينَ، وَيَعْلَمُ ضَمِيرَ الصَّامِتِينَ،

لِكُلِّ مَسْأَلَةٍ مِنْكَ سَمْعٌ حَاضِرٌ، وَجَوَابٌ عَتِيدٌ. اللّهُمَّ ومَوَاعِيدُكَ الصَّادِقَةُ، وَأَيَادِيكَ الْفَاضِلَةُ، وَرَحْمَتُكَ الْوَاسِعَةُ، وَأَنْ تَقْضِيَ حَوَائِجِي لِلدُّنْيَا وَالآخِرَةِ، إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْء قَدِيرٌ.

خَابَ الْوَافِدُونَ عَلَى غَيْرِكَ، وَخَسِرَ الْمُتَعَرِّضُونَ إِلاَّ لَكَ، وَضَاعَ الْمُلِمُّونَ إِلاَّ بِكَ، وَأُجْدَبَ الْمُنْتَجِعُونَ إِلاَّ مَنِ انْتَجَعَ فَضْلَكَ، بَابُكَ مَفْتُوحٌ لِلرَّاغِبِينَ، وَخَيْرُكَ مَبْذُولٌ لِلطَّالِبِينَ، وَفَضْلُكَ مُبَاحٌ لِلسَّائِلِينَ، وَرِزْقُكَ مَبْسُوطٌ لِمَنْ عَصَاكَ، وَحِلْمُكَ مُعْتَرِضٌ لِمَنْ نَاوَاكَ، عَادَتُكَ الإحْسَانُ إِلَى الْمُسِيئِينَ وَس الإبْقَاءُ عَلَى الْمُعْتَدِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ فَاهْدِنِي هُدَى الْمُهْتَدِينَ، وَارْزُقْنِي اجْتِهَادَ الْمُجْتَهِدِينَ، وَلا تَجْعَلْني مِنَ الْغَافِلِينَ الْمُبْعَدِينَ، وَاغْفِرْ لِي يَوْمَ الدِّين.

O Allah Your promises come true.

and is settled well.

Your favors are many,

Your Mercy is extensive,

therefore I beseech You to send blessings on Muḥammad and on the children of Muḥammad,

fulfill my desires in this world &in the next world

verily You are able to do all things.

every problem receives Your attention

Second: supplication that Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (a.s) used to recite every day in Rajab:

Those who come to anyone other than You have really gone wrong. Those who visit anyone other than You have missed the right way. Those who depend upon other than You have lost except those who depend upon You Those who have recourse to other than Your favors will have lived in poverty except those who have recourse to Your favors, Your door is always open for those who desire for You AYour wealth is always available for those who seek it. And Your favors are always obtainable for those who ask for them. And Your sustenance is extended for even those who disobey You. And Your forbearance is reachable for even those who antagonize You. Your habit is to do favor to the wrongdoers, and Your

custom is to overlook the transgressors.

O Allah, (please do) lead me to the path of the wellguided ones.

grant me the determination of the hardworking ones.

And do not include me with the unmindful ones who are dismissed (from Your mercy).

And forgive me on the Judgment Day.

Third: In his book of '*al-Miṣbāḥ*,' Shaykh al-Ṭūsī writes down that on the authority of al-Mu`allā ibn Khunays that Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (a.s) said, "In Rajab, you may say the following:

اللّهُمَّ إنّي أَسْأَلُكَ صَبْرَ الشَّاكِرِينَ لَكَ، وَعَمَلَ الْخَائِفِينَ مِنْكَ،

O Allah: I implore You for the endurance of those who always thank You,

and for the efforts of those who fear You,

وَيَقِينَ الْعَابِدِينَ لَكَ. اللّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ، وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ الْبَائِسُ الْفَقِيرُ، أَنْتَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ، وَأَنَا الْعَبْدُ الذَّلِيلُ. اللّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَامْنُنْ بِغِنَاكَ عَلَى فَقْرِي، فَقْرِي، وَبِحِلْمِكَ عَلَى ضَعْفِي، وَبِحِلْمِكَ عَلَى ضَعْفِي، يَا قَوِيُّ يَا عَزِيزُ. اللّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الأَوْصِيَاءِ الْمَرْضِيِّينَ، الْمَرْضِيِّينَ،

and the faith of those who worship You. O Allah: You are verily the Most High, the All-great, while I am Your servant—the miserable and the needy. You are the Self-Sufficient, the Praised, while I am the humble servant. O Allah: bless Muḥammad and his Household and do favor to my neediness through Your self-sufficiency, and to my impatience through Your forbearance, and to my weakness through Your power.

O All-power, O Almighty.

O Allah: bless Muḥammad and his Household—the Successors (of prophethood) and the Pleased—

and save me from whatever aggrieves me among the worldly and religious affairs;

O the most Merciful of all those who show mercy.

The previously mentioned supplication has been also mentioned by Sayyid Ibn Țāwūs al-Ḥasaniy in his book of '*Iqbāl al-A* '*māl*.' According to the narration, this supplication is the most comprehensive and it is advisable to recite it at any time.

Fourth: Shaykh al-Ṭūsiy has also mentioned that the following supplication is recited each day in Rajab:

اللَّهُمَّ يَا ذَاَ الْمِنَنِ السَّابِغَةِ، O Allah: the Lord of the complete favors, والآلاء الْوَازِعَةِ، the utter bounties, والرَّحْمَةِ الْوَاسِعَةِ، the immense mercy, وَالْقُدْرَةِ الْجَامِعَةِ، the all-embracing power, وَالنِّعَمِ الْجَسِيمَةِ، the vast graces. والْمَواهِب الْعَظِيمَةِ، the great bestowals, وَالأَيَادِي الْجَمِيلَةِ، the nice gifts, وَالْعَطَايَا الْجَزِيلَةِ. and the abundant donations. يَا مَنْ لا يُنْعَتُ بِتَمْثِيلِ، O He Who is not resembled to anything, وَلا يُمَثَّلُ بِنَظِيرٍ، and is not likened to any match, وَلا يُغْلَبُ بِظَهِيرٍ. and is not overcome by any supporter. O He Who has created and then granted يَا مَنْ خَلَقَ فَرَزَقَ، sustenance; and has inspired to understand and then made وَأَلْهَمَ فَأَنْطَقَ، speech;

وَابْتَدَعَ فَشَرَعَ، وَعَلا فَارْتَفَعَ، وَقَدَّرَ فَأَحْسَنَ، وَصَوَّرَ فَأُتْقَنَ، وَاحْتَجَّ فَأَبْلَغَ، وَأُنْعَمَ فَأُسْبَغَ، وأعْطَى فَأَجْزَلَ، وَمَنَحَ فَأُفْضَلَ. يَا مَنْ سَمَا فِي الْعِزِّ فَفَاتَ نَوَاظِرَ الأَبْصَارِ، وَدَنَا فِي اللُّطْفِ فَجَازَ هَوَاجِسَ الأَفْكَارِ. يَا مَنْ تَوَحَّدَ بِالْمُلْكِ فَلا ندَّ لَهُ فِي مَلَكُوتِ سُلْطَانهِ، وَتَفَرَّدَ بِالآلاء وَالْكِبْرِيَاء فَلا ضِدَّ لَهُ فِي جَبَرُوتِ شَأْنهِ، يَا مَنْ حَارَتْ فِي كِبْرِيَاء هَيْبَتِهِ دَقَائِقُ لَطَائِفِ الأوْهَامِ، وَانْحَسَرَتْ دُونَ إِدْرَاكِ عَظَمَتِهِ خَطَائِفُ أَبْصَار الأنَّام. يَا مَنْ عَنَتِ الْوُجُوهُ لِهَيْبَتِهِ، وَخَضَعَتِ الرِّقَابُ لِعَظَمَتِهِ، وَوَجلَتِ الْقُلُوبُ مِنْ خِيفَتِهِ، ٱسْأَلُكَ بِهَذِهِ الْمِدْحَةِ الَّتِي لا تَنْبَغِ الآلك، وَبِمَا وَأَيْتَ بِهِ عَلَى نَفْسِكَ لِدَاعِيكَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، وَبَمَا ضَمِنْتَ الإجَابَةَ فِيهِ عَلَى نَفْسِكَ لِلدَّاعِينَ، يَا أُسْمَعَ السَّامِعِينَ، وَأَبْصَرَ النَّاظِرِينَ، وأُسْرَعَ الْحَاسِبِينَ،

and has made and then enacted laws; and has risen high and then elevated; and has estimated so perfectly; and has shaped so excellently; and has provided arguments so conclusively; and has bestowed so completely: and has granted so abundantly; and has conferred so favorably. O He Who has elevated so honorably that all sights have missed Him; and has approached so gently that He has passed all apprehensions. O He Who has possessed so incomparably that no peer can ever be found for Him in the domination of His power, and has been so unique in bounties and pride that nothing can oppose Him in the omnipotence of His situation. O He, the pride of Whose dignity has perplexed even the finest allusions, and Whose greatness cannot be recognized by even the twinkling of the people's sights. O before Whose dignity all faces have humbled themselves. and to Whose greatness all necks submitted; and Whom is fear by all hearts. I pray You in the name of this piece of praise that none deserves save You, and in the name of that which You have made incumbent upon Yourself for the believers who pray You, and in the name of Your guaranteeing response for those who supplicate to You; O the best hearer of all those who can hear;

O the best seer of all those who can see;

O the swiftest in calling to account;

يَا ذَاَ الْقُوَّةِ الْمَتِينَ، O the Lord of Power, the Strong; صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ وَعَلَى (please do) bless Muhammad, the seal of the Prophets, and his Household أَهْل بَيْتِهِ، وَاقْسِمْ لِي فِي شَهْرِنَا هذَا خَيْرَ مَا and grant us a portion of the best of that which You decide in this month; وَاحْتِمْ لِي فِي قَضَائِكَ خَيْرَ مَا حَتَمْتَ، and choose for me the best act that You decide: وَاخْتِمْ لِي بَالسَّعَادَةِ فِيمَنْ خَتَمْتَ، and seal for me with happiness; وَأُحْيِنِي مَا أُحْيَيْتَنِي مَوْفُوراً، and adorn my whole life with abundant wealth; and grasp my soul with happiness and forgiveness وَأَمِتْنِي مَسْرُوراً وَمَغْفُوراً، of my sins; and be my Redeemer as regards the Interrogation وَتَوَلَّ أَنْتَ نَجَاتِي مِنْ مُسَاءَلَةِ البَرْزَخِ، of the Grave; وَادْراْ عَنِّي مُنكَراً وَنَكِيراً، and protect me against Munkar and Nakīr; وَأَرٍ عَيْنِي مُبَشِّراً وَبَشِيراً، and let my eyes see Mubashshir and Bashir; وَاجْعَلْ لِي إِلَى رِضْوَانِكَ وَج and make the end of my march towards Your pleasure and Paradises مَصِيراً وَعَيْشاً قَرِيراً، and decide for me delightful living and big وَمُلْكاً كَبِيراً، kingdom; هَصَا مِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ كَثِيراً. and bless Muhammad and his Household very much.

This supplication is also advisably recited at *Masjid Şa* `*şa* `*ah*.

Fifth: Shaykh al-Ṭūsiy has narrated that the following holy Signature⁽¹⁾ of Imam al-Mahdi (a.s) was conveyed to the grand Shaykh Abū-Ja`far Muḥammad ibn `Uthmān ibn Sa`īd:

On each day in Rajab, you may recite the following supplication:

In the Name of Allah, the All-beneficent, the Allmerciful. O Allah: I implore You by the meanings of all the names with which You are prayed by Your representatives,

the trustees with Your secret,

the conveyers of Your affairs,

the describers of Your power,

and the announcers of Your greatness.

I implore You by Your will that has manifested itself through them

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمنِ الرَّحِيمِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِمَعَانِي جَمِيعِ مَا يَدْعُوكَ بِهِ وُلاةُ أَمْرِكَ الْمَامُونُونَ عَلَى سِرِّكَ، الْمُسْتَبْشِرُونَ بِأَمْرِكَ، الْمُعْلِنُونَ لِعَظَمَتِكَ، أُسْأَلُكَ بِمَا نَطَقَ فِيهِمْ مِنْ مَشِيئَتِكَ

⁽¹⁾ Owing to his disappearance, Imam al-Mahdi (a.s) was used to exchanging letters with his intimate disciples who used to ask him about religious questions and he thus answered by sending them messages containing his signature so that they would not be distorted or counterfeited. Accordingly, these messages have been called *al*- $Tawq\bar{i}$ $\bar{a}t$ (The Signatures).

فَجَعَلْتَهُمْ مَعَادِنَ لِكَلِمَاتِكَ، وَأُرْكَاناً لِتَوْجِيدِكَ، وَآيَاتِكَ وَمَقَامَاتِكَ الَّتِي لا تَعْطِيلَ لَهَا فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ يَعْرِفُكَ بِهَا مَنْ عَرَفَكَ، لا فَرْقَ بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهَا إِلاّ أُنَّهُمْ عِبَادُكَ وَخَلْقُكَ، فَتْقُهَا وَرَتْقُهَا بِيَدِكَ، بَدْؤُهَا مِنْكَ وَعَوْدُهَا إِلَيْكَ، أعْضَادٌ وَأَشْهَادٌ وَمُنَاةٌ وَأَذْوَادٌ وَحَفَظَةٌ وَرُواًدٌ، فَبِهِمْ مَلائتَ سَمَاءَكَ وَأَرْضَكَ حَتَّى ظَهَرَ أَنْ لا إلهَ إلاّ أَنْتَ، فَبِذلِكَ أُسْأَلُكَ، وَبِمَوَاقِعِ الْعِزِّ مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ وَبِمَقَامَاتِكَ وَعَلامَاتِكَ، أَنْ تُصَلِّىَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأُنْ تَزِيدَنِي إِيمَاناً وَتَثْبِيتاً. يَا بَاطِناً فِي ظُهُورهِ، وَظَاهِراً فِي بُطُونهِ وَمَكْنُونهِ، يَا مُفَرِّقاً بَيْنَ النُّور والدَّيجُور، يَا مَوْصُوفاً بِغَيْرٍ كُنْهٍ، وَمَعْرُوفاً بِغَيْرٍ شِبْهٍ، حَادَّ كُلِّ مَحْدُودِ، وَشَاهِدَ كُلِّ مَشْهُودٍ، وَمُوجدَ كُلِّ مَوْجُودٍ، وَمُحْصِيَ كُلٍّ مَعْدُودٍ، وَفَاقِدَ كُلِّ مَفْقُودِ،

and thus You have made them the essences of Your Words and the indications to Your Oneness. Your Signs, and Your Standings that are non-stop in each place where those who recognize You could only recognize You through them. No difference between You and them save that they being Your servants and beings. The opening and the closing of all things are in Your hand alone. The inauguration and the conclusion of all things belong to You alone. (They are thus only) supporters, witnesses, wishing (Your mercy), protecting (Your religion), saving (Your laws), and pioneers (to the obedience to You). With them have You filled in Your heavens and earth until it has become obvious that there is no god save You. I thus implore You by all this and by the sites of dignity in Your mercy and by Your standings and Signs, that You send blessings upon Muhammad and his Household and You may increase my faith and firmness. O He Who is Immanent in His Evidence. O He Who is Evident in His Immanence and in His hiddenness. O He Who sets apart light from murk. O He Whom is described without recognition of his real essence and He Whom is recognized without having anything like Him. O the edger of all edged things. O the witness of all done things. O the bringer into being all existent things. O the knower of the number of all countable things.

O the knower of the place of all lost things.

لَيْسَ دُونَكَ مِنْ مَعْبُودِ، None is worshipped except You. أَهْلَ الْكِبْرِيَاء وَالْجُودِ، يَا مَنْ لا يُكَيَّفُ بِكَيْفٍ، وَلا يُؤَيَّنُ بِأَيْنِ، يَا مُحْتَجباً عَنْ كُلِّ عَيْن، يَا دَيْمُومُ يَا قَيُّومُ وَعَالِمَ كُلِّ مَعْلُوم، صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَعَلَى عِبَادِكَ الْمُنْتَجَبِينَ، وبَشَركَ الْمُحْتَجِبِينَ، وَمَلائِكَتِكَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ، وَالْبُهْمِ الصَّافِّينَ الْحَافِّينَ، وَبَارِكْ لَنَا فِي شَهْرِنَا هذا الْمُرَجَّـ الْمُكَرَّم، وَمَا بَعْدَهُ مِنَ الأَشْهُرِ الْحُرُمِ، وَأُسْبِغْ عَلَيْنَا فِيهِ النِّعَمَ، وَأُجْزِلْ لَنَا فِيهِ الْقِسَمَ، وَأُبْرِرْ لَنَا فِيهِ الْقَسَمَ، باسْمِكَ الأعْظَم الأعْظَم الأجَلِّ الأكْرَم، الَّذِي وَضَعْتَهُ عَلَى النَّهَارِ فَأَضَاءَ، وَعَلَى اللَّيْلِ فَأَظْلَمَ، وَاغْفِرْ لَنَا مَا تَعْلَمُ مِنَّا وَمَا لا نَعْلَمُ، وَاعْصِمْنَا مِنَ الذُّنُوبِ خَيْرَ الْعِصَمِ، وَاكْفِنَا كَوَافِيَ قَدَرِكَ، وَامْنُنْ عَلَيْنَا بِحُسْنِ نَظَرِكَ، وَلا تَكِلْنَا إِلَى غَيْرِكَ، وَلا تَمْنَعْنَا مِنْ خَيْرِكَ، وَبَارِكْ لَنَا فِيمَا كَتَبْتَهُ لَنَا مِنْ أَعْمَارِنَا، وَأُصْلِحْ لَنَا خَبِيئَةَ أُسْرَارِنَا، وأُعْطِنًا مِنْكَ الأَمَانَ، وَاسْتَعْمِلْنَا بِحُسْنِ الإِيمَانِ،

You are the worthiest of all pride and magnanimity. O He Whom is not asked 'How' and is not asked 'Where.' O He Who is concealed from all sights. O the Everlasting, O the Self-Subsistent, O the Knower of all known things. (please do) Send blessings upon Muhammad and his Household and upon Your selected servants and Your concealed beings and Your favorite angels and the Angels who draw themselves out in ranks and who throng (round the Divine Throne); and bless us in this month-the honored and dignifiedas well as the next sacred months; and pour upon us Your graces in this month; and grant us abundant shares of blessings; and admit our requests, by Your Name, the Greatest, the Greatest, the Loftiest, the Most Honored. that You put on daylight and it thus lit up, and You put on night and it thus darkened; and forgive us all that which You know about us and all that which we do not know; and protect us against sins with the best of protection; and save us against the acts that You predetermine; and bestow upon us with Your superb looking; and do not refer us to anyone other than You; and do not prevent us from Your goodness; and bless us in the age that You have decided for us; and make righteous for us our inner selves; and grant us security from You; and make us enjoy perfect faith; and make us catch the month of fasting

and the days and years coming after;

O the Lord of Majesty and Honor.

Sixth: Shaykh al-Ṭūsiy has also narrated that a document signed by Imam al-Mahdi (a.s) was received by Shaykh Abu'l-Qāsim, Imam al-Mahdi's representative, comprising that the following supplication would be recited in the month of Rajab:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أُسْأَلُكَ بِالْمَوْلُودَيْنِ فِي رَجَبِ مُحَمَّدِ بْن عَلِيٍّ الثَّاني وَابْنهِ عَلِيٍّ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ الْمُنْتَجَبِ، وَأُتَقَرَّبُ بِهِمَا إِلَيْكَ خَيْرَ الْقُرَبِ، يَا مَنْ إِلَيْهِ الْمَعْرُوفُ طُلِبَ، وَفِيمَا لَدَيْهِ رُغِبَ، ٱسْأَلُكَ سُؤَالَ مُقْتَرِفٍ مُذْنِبٍ قَدْ ٱوْبَقَتْه ذُنُوبُهُ، وَأُوْ ثَقَتْهُ عُيُوبُهُ، فَطَالَ عَلَى الْخَطَايَا دُؤُوبُهُ، وَمِنَ الرَّزَايَا خُطُوبُهُ، ىَسْأَلُكَ التَّوْ**نَ**ةَ، وَحُسْنَ الأَوْبَةِ، وَالنُّزُوعَ عَنِ الْحَوْبَةِ، وَمِنَ النَّارِ فَكَاكَ رَقَبَتِهِ، وَالْعَفْوَ عَمَّا فِي رِبْقَتِهِ، فَأَنْتَ مَوْلايَ أَعْظَمُ أَمَلِهِ وَثِقَتِهِ. اللَّهُمَّ وَأُسْأَلُكَ بِمَسَائِلِكَ الشَّرِيفَةِ، وَوَسَائِلِكَ الْمُنيفَةِ أَنْ تَتَغَمَّدَنى فِي هذا الشَّهْر برَحْمَةٍ مِنْكَ وَاسِعَةٍ، وَنَعْمَةٍ وَازِعَةٍ، وَنَفْس بِمَا رَزَقْتَهَا قَانِعَةٍ، إِلَى نُزُول الْحَافِرَةِ، ومَحَلِّ الآخِرَةِ، وَمَا هِيَ إِلَيْهِ صَائِرَةٌ.

وَبَلِّغْنَا شَهْرَ الصِّيَام،

يَا ذَا الْجَلال وَالإكْرام.

وَمَا بَعْدَهُ مِنَ الأَيَّامِ وَالأَعْوَامِ،

O Allah: I beseech You in the name of those who were born in Rajab,

Muḥammad ibn `Alī II and his son `Alī ibn Muḥammad, the divinely selected.

And I seek nearness to You through both of them for they are the best means of nearness to You.

O He from Whom favors are sought,

and what He possesses is desired;

I beseech You with the entreaty of him whom is enchained by his sins

and is bound by his defects;

therefore, he devoted himself to offenses

and disasters have attacked him heavily.

He is now begging You for accepting his repentance;

and for good return from You;

and for redeeming from punishment;

and for releasing from Hellfire;

and for overlooking the sins that are hanged to him.

Certainly, You, O my Master, the greatest hope and desire that He has.

And, O Allah, I beg You by all the holy means that You admit

and by all the elevated courses that take to You, that You, in this month, encompass me with vast mercy of You,

with abundant favors,

and with satisfaction with what You have decided for myself

until I am put in my final hole,

which is my abode to the Hereafter

and the Final Fate.

Seventh: Shaykh al-Ţūsiy has also narrated the following from Abu'l-Qāsim ibn Rūḥ, the Private Representative of Imam al-Mahdi (a.s): In Rajab, you may visit any of the holy mausoleums (of the Holy Infallibles) that are possible for you to visit, and recite the following therein:

الْحَمْدُ لِلّهِ الَّذِي أَشْهَدَنَا مَشْهَدَ أُوْلِيَائِهِ فِي رجب، وَأُوْجَبَ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ حَقِّهِمْ مَا قَدْ وَجَبَ، وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ الْمُنْتَجَبِ، وَعَلَى أُوْصِيَائِهِ الْحُجُبِ. اللَّهُمَّ فَكَمَا أَشْهَدْتَنَا مَشْهَدَهُمْ فَأَنْجِزْ لَنَا مَوْعِدَهُمْ، وَأُوْرِدْنَا مَوْرِدَهُمْ، غَيْرَ مُحَلَّئِينَ عَنْ ورْدٍ فِي دَارٍ الْمُقَامَةِ والْخَلْد، وَالسَّلامُ عَلَيْكُمْ، إِنِّي قَدْ قَصَدْتُكُمْ وَاعْتَمَدْتُكُمْ بِمَسْأَلَتِي وَحَاجَتِي وَهِيَ فَكَاكُ رَقَبَتِي مِنَ النَّارِ، وَالْمَقَرُّ مَعَكُمْ فِي دَارِ الْقَرَارِ، مَعَ شِيعَتِكُمُ الأَبْرَارِ، وَالسِّلامُ عَلَيْكُمْ بِمَا صَبَرْتُمْ فَنِعْمَ عُقْ الدار، أَنَا سَائِلُكُمْ وَآمِلُكُمْ فِيمَا إِلَيْكُمُ التَّفْوِيضِ وَعَلَيْكُمُ التَّعْوِيضُ، فَبِكُمْ يُجْبَرُ الْمَهِيضُ، وَيُشْفَى الْمَرِيضُ، وَمَا تَزْدَادُ الأَرْحَامُ وَمَا تَغِيضُ إِنِّي بِسِرِّكُمْ مُؤْمِنٌ، وَلِقَوْلِكُمْ مُسَلِّمٌ، مٌ فِي رَجْعِ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ بِكُمْ بحوائِجى وقَضَائِهَا وَإِمْضَائِهَا وَإِنْجَاحِهَا وَإِبْرَاحِهَا وَبِشُؤُونِي لَدَيْكُمْ وَصَلاحِهَا، وَالسَّلامُ عَلَيْكُمْ سَلامَ مُوَدِّع،

All praise be to Allah Who has allowed us to visit the shrine of His Saints in Rajab

and has made obligatory upon us their rights that are obligatory;

and may Allah send blessings upon Muḥammad, the divinely selected,

and upon his Successors, the doors to Him.

O Allah: as You have allowed us to visit their shrines, please do fulfill for us the promises that You have made with them;

and include us with them

and do not include us with those whom shall be prevented from drinking from the (Divine) Pool in the abode of eternity and perpetuity.

And peace be upon you all.

I have turned my face towards you and directed to you carrying my query and need with me, which is the release of my neck from Hellfire

and the settlement with you in the Abode of Settlement,

with your pious adherents (Shī`ah).

And peace be upon you all for that you persevered in patience. Now how excellent is the final home!

I hereby beg you and put my hope in you as regards the matters in which you have the right to act

and recompense.

Truly, through you only are the hopeless restored (to good condition)

and through you only are the ailed healed

and that which the wombs absorb and that which they grow.

Verily, I have full faith in your Secret

and I am fully submissive to your words

and I thus ask you by Allah to settle, respond to, give success to, and set aright all my needs and all my affairs towards you.

Peace be upon you from one who bids you farewell

وَلَكُمْ حَوَائِجَهُ مُودِعٌ، يَسْأَلُ اللّهَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْمَرْجِعَ، وَسَعْيُهُ إِلَيْكُمْ غَيْرَ مُنْقَطِع، وأَنْ يَرْجِعَنى مِنْ حَضْرَتِكُمْ خَيْرَ مَرْجِع إلَى جَنَابٍ مُمْرِعٍ، وَخَفْضٍ مُوَسَّعٍ، وَدَعَةٍ وَمَهَل إِلَى حِين الأَجَلِ، وَخَيْرٍ مَصِيرٍ وَمَحَلٍّ فِي النَّعِيمِ الأَزَلِ، وَالْعَيْش الْمُقْتَبَل، وَدَوَام الأكُل، وَشُرْب الرَّحِيق وَالسَّلْسَل، وَعَلٍّ وَنَهَلِ لا سَأَمَ مِنْهُ وَلا مَلَلَ، وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ وَتَحِيَّاتُهُ عَلَىْكُ حَتَّى الْعَوْدِ إِلَى حَضْرَ تِكُمْ، وَٱلْفَوْزِ فِي كَرَّتِكُمْ، وَالْحَشْرِ فِي زُمْرَ تِكُمْ، وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَصَلَوَاتُهُ وَتَحيًّا تُهُ، وَهُوَ حَسْبُنَا وَنَعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ.

ٱسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لا إلهَ إلاَّ هُوَ وَحْدَهُ لا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

and puts all his needs with you praying Allah for another visit to you since his hope is never cut off from you.

I also pray Him to make my departure successful to a productive place,

a fruitful area,

comfort, and luxurious up to the befalling of death;

and also [I pray Him] for the best destiny and abode in the Eternal Bliss,

the affluent living,

the perpetual fruit,

the drinking from the pure drink

and the divine spring whose drink is refreshing and thirst-quenching that is never bored or fed up.

Allah's mercy, blessings and salutations be upon you incessantly until I return to your presence

and win the honor of visiting you again

and the honor of being resurrected with your group.

Allah's mercy, blessings, benedictions, and salutations be upon you,

for Allah alone is Sufficient for us! Most Excellent is He in Whom we trust!

Ninth: The Holy Prophet (a.s) is reported as saying: As for anyone who repeats the following invocation one hundred times in Rajab and immediately gives alms after it, Almighty Allah will conclude his life with mercy and forgiveness. Also, anyone who repeats it four hundred times will be given the reward of one hundred *shahīds* (martyrs):

I ask the forgiveness of Allah. There is no god save Him alone without having any partner. And I repent before Him.

Tenth: The Holy Prophet (a.s) is also reported to have said: As for anyone who repeats the following invocation one Thousand times in Rajab, Almighty Allah will decide for him one hundred Thousand rewards and will award him one hundred houses in Paradise:

There is no god save Allah.

Eleventh: A Hadīth reads that one who repeats the following invocation of seeking Allah's forgiveness seventy times in the morning and seventy times in the evening on each day in Rajab will be admitted by Almighty Allah if he dies in Rajab and Hellfire will not touch him on account of the blessing of Rajab:

I ask forgiveness of Allah and I repent to

أُسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَأُتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ.

وَأُتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ.

لا الهَ الاّ اللهُ.

him

After this invocation is repeated seventy times, it is recommended to raise the hands towards the heavens and say:

O Allah: (please do) forgive me and accept my repentance.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَتُبْ عَلَيَّ.

Twelfth: It is recommended to pray Almighty Allah for forgiveness, using the following invocation, one Thousand times in Rajab so that Almighty Allah, the All-merciful, may forgive:

I ask Allah, the Lord of majesty and honor, to forgive my all sins and offenses.

Thirteenth: In his book of '*al-Iqbāl*,' Sayyid Ibn Ṭāwūs has mentioned great rewards for those who recite Sūrah of *al-Tawḥīd* (No. 112) ten thousand, or one thousand, or one hundred times in Rajab. Likewise, he has narrated that one who recites this Sūrah (of *al-Tawḥīd*) one hundred times on Friday in Rajab will enjoy, on the Resurrection Day, light that draws him towards Paradise.

Fourteenth: Sayyid Ibn Țāwūs has also narrated that one who fasts on a day in Rajab and offers a four-Rak`ah prayer in the first Rak`ah of which he repeats the Ayat al-Kursiy (2:255) one hundred times and in the second Rak`ah of which he repeats the Sūrah of *al*-Tawhīd two hundred times—one who does so will not depart life before he sees (in sleep) his place in Paradise or someone else sees in sleep the place of the doer of this act in Paradise.

Fifteenth: Sayyid Ibn Țāwūs has also reported from the Holy Prophet (a.s) that if one <u>offers a four-</u> **Rak`ah prayer on Friday in Rajab** between the obligatory Zuhr and `Aşr Prayers in each Rak`ah of which the Sūrah of *al-Fātiḥah* is recited once and the *Āyat al-Kursiy* is repeated seven times and the Sūrah of *al-Tawḥīd* is repeated five times and then the following invocation is repeated ten times—if one offers this prayer, Almighty Allah will decide for him, from the day on which this prayer is offered up to the day of his death, one Thousand rewards a day, and will give him a city built with ruby in Paradise for each verse (of the Holy Qur'ān) that he recites, and will give him a palace built with white pearls in Paradise for each letter that he recites from the Holy Qur'ān, and will give him in marriage the Women of Paradise, and will be satisfied with him completely, and will include him with the (true) worshippers, and will seal his life with happiness and forgiveness... etc. The invocation is as follows:

I seek the forgiveness of Allah and I pray Him for accepting of my repentance.

Sixteenth: It is recommended to **fast on three days** in the month of Rajab: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. It has been narrated that one who fasts on these three days in one of the Sacred Months will be awarded with the reward of nine hundred year worship.

Seventeenth: It is recommended to offer a sixty-Rak`ah prayer in Rajab. Each night, it is recommended to offer two Rak`ahs of this prayer in the first Rak`ah of which the Sūrah of *al-Fātiḥah* is recited once and the Sūrah of *al-Kāfīrūn* is repeated three times and the Sūrah of *al-Tawḥīd* is recited one time. After the accomplishment of the two Rak`ahs, it is recommended to raise the hands towards the heavens and recite the following supplication:

There is no god save Allah, alone without having any partner.

To Him is the kingdom and to Him is all praise.

ٱسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّه وَٱسْأَلُهُ التَّوْبَةَ.

ٱسْتَغْفِرُ اللّهَ ذَاَ الْجَلالِ وَالإِكْرَامِ مِنْ جَمِيعِ الذُّنُوب وَالآثَام.

لا إلهَ إلاَّ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ ولَهُ الْحَمْدُ،

He restores to live and cause to die, and He is Ever-living and He never dies.

In His Hands is all goodness,

and He has power over all things,

and to Him is the return of all things

There is neither might nor strength save with Allah, the Most High, the All-great. O Allah: (please do) bless Muḥammad, the Ummi Prophet, and his Family. يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَهُوَ حَيُّ لا يَمُوتُ، بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ، وَإِلَيْهِ الْمَصِيرُ، وَلا حَوْلَ وَلا قُوَّةَ إِلاّ بِاللّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْاَمِّيِّ وَآلِهِ. اللّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الاَّمِّيِّ وَآلِهِ.

It is also recommended to pass one's hand over the face while reciting the last sentence of this supplication. The Holy Prophet (a.s) is reported to have said that if one offers this prayer and recites this supplication, Almighty Allah will respond to his needs and will award him the reward of sixth times of Ḥajj and `Umrah.

Eighteenth: It has been also narrated that the Holy Prophet (a.s) said, "One who recites the Sūrah of *al-Tawhīd* one hundred times at one night in Rajab will be decided as have fasted for one hundred years for the sake of Almighty Allah Who will also decide for him one hundred palaces (in Paradise) in the vicinity of one of the Prophets."

Nineteenth: The Holy Prophet (a.s) is also reported as saying that Almighty Allah will forgive all the sins of those who offer a ten Rak`ah prayer, at one night in Rajab, reciting in each Rak`ah the Sūrah of *al-Fātiḥah* once and repeating the Sūrah of *al-Tawḥīd* three times.

Twentieth: In '*Zād al-Ma* `*ād*,' `Allāmah al-Majlisiy has mentioned that Imam `Alī Amīr al-Mu'minīn (a.s) reported the following from the Holy Prophet (a.s): If one repeats the following Sūrahs and invocations three times each day and each night in the months of Rajab, Sha`bān, and Ramaḍān, he will have all his sins forgiven even if they are as many and much as raindrops, tree leaves, sea foam... etc: (1) Sūrah of *al-Fātiḥah*, (2) *Āyat al-Kursiy*, (3) Sūrah of *al-Kāfirūn*, (4) Sūrah of *al-Tawḥīd*, (5) Sūrah of *al-Falaq*, (6) Sūrah of *al-Nās*, (7) the following invocation:

All glory be to Allah; all praise be to Allah; there is no god save Allah; Allah is the Greatest; and there is no might and no strength save with Allah, the All-high the All-great. (8) the following invocation: O Allah: send blessings upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad. (9) the following invocation: O Allah: (please do) forgive the believing men

(9) the following invocation, yet four hundred times:

I seek the forgiveness of Allah and I repent before Him.

and women.

`Allāmah al-Majlisiy has also mentioned that it is traditional to repeat the following invocation one Thousand times each night in Rajab: There is no god save Allah. لا إلهَ إِلاَ اللَّهُ.

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، وَلا إلهَ إلاّ اللَّهُ، وَلا حَوْلَ وَلا قُوَّةَ إلاّ بِاللّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ.

ٱللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالمُؤْمِنَاتِ.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَىْهِ.