This night is a very important night. Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (`a) has narrated that when Imam Muḥammad al-Bāqir (`a) was asked about the merits of the fifteenth night of Sha`bān, he answered, "It is the most favorable night after the Qadr Night. At this night, Almighty Allah bestows upon His servants with His favors and grants them His pardon out of His conferral of benefits to them. Therefore, you should exert all efforts to seek nearness to Him at this night, because He— the Majestic and Honorable—has decided not to reject any seeker as long as he does not ask for an act of disobedience to Him. Almighty Allah has chosen this night for us, the Ahl al-Bayt, just as He has chosen the Qadr Night for our Prophet—peace be upon him and his Household. You should thus pray and thank Him diligently."

One of the blessings of this night is that it is the birth night of the Imam of the Age, Imam al-Mahdī (`a)—may Allah accept our souls as ransoms for him. He was born in Surra-man-ra'ā (currently Sāmarrā') at the hour before daybreak in AH 255.

First Take <u>Ghusl (Bath</u>) with the thought of washing away sins & as if its your last Ghusl. Spend this **whole night** with acts of worship, prayers, supplications, invocations, and implorations for forgiveness. A tradition confirm that as for one who spends this whole night with acts of worship, his heart will not die when other hearts die.

Recite 100 times : *Subh'aanallah Walh'amdu Lillah Wa-Laa Ilaaha Illallah Ho Wal Allahu Akbar* Recite 100 times 'Astaghfirullah ' with attention to <u>seeking forgiveness.</u>

Second) Recite Ziarat of Imam Husayn(as) <u>http://www.duas.org/rajab/rajab_ziyarat.htm</u> as all the Prophets & Angels visit the Imam on this night. Second form is given at end here

As a short salutation ,one may go to the terrace/elevated place, look left, right & towards the sky & recite :-

Peace be upon you; O Aba-`Abdullah! Peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you. Assalamu Alalika Ya Aba Abdillah Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah e wabarakatoh

Third Recite Namaz /Salaat of Jafar-e-Tayyar http://duas.org/jafar-tayyar.htm

Fourth: It is recommended to say the following prayer, which stands for a form of Ziyārah for Imam al-Mahdī (`a). This prayer has been mentioned by both Sayyid Ibn Ṭāwūs and Shaykh al-Ṭūsī:

O Allah, I beseech You in the name of this night, in the name of him whom was born at it,	allāhumma biḥaqqi laylatinā hādhihī wa mawlūdihā	ٱللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ لَيْلَتِنَا هٰذِهِ وَمَوْلُودِهَا
in the name of Your Argument, and in the name of Your promise in it;	wa ḥujjatika wa maw`ūdihā	وَحُجَّتِكَ وَمَوْعُودِهَا
the night that You have added a new merit to its many merits.	allatī qaranta ilā faḍlihā faḍlan	ٱلَّتِي قَرَنْتَ إِلَىٰ فَضْلِهَا فَضْلاً
So, Your Word has been accomplished truly and fairly.	fatammat kalimatuka şidqan wa `adlan	فَتَمَّتْ كَلِمَتُكَ صِدْقاً وَعَدْلاً
No one can change Your words	lā mubaddila likalimātika	لاَ مُبَدِّلَ لِكَلِمَاتِكَ
or obscure Your signs.	wa lā mu`aqqiba li-āyātika	وَلاَ مُعَقِّبَ لاَ يَاتِكَ
(He is) Your glowing Light,	nūruka almuta'alliqu	نُورُكَ ٱلْمُتَأَلِّقُ
Your bring splendor,	wa ḍiyā'uka almushriqu	وَضِيَاؤُكَ ٱلْمُشْرِقُ
the luminous sign in the obscurity of darkness,	wal`alamu alnnūru fī ţakhyā'i alddayjūri	وَٱلْعَلَمُ ٱلنُّورُ فِي طَخْيَاءِ ٱلدَّيْجُورِ
the absent, and the concealed.	alghā'ibu almastūru	ٱلْغَائِبُ ٱلْمَسْتُورُ
Lofty is his birth and noble is his lineage.	jalla mawliduhū wa karuma maḥtiduhū	جَلَّ مَوْلِدُهُ وَكَرُمَ مَحْتِدُهُ
The angels are his witnesses	walmalā'ikatu shuhhaduhū	وؘٱلْمَلائِكَةُ شُهَّدُهُ
and Allah is his Supporter and Backer	wallāhu nāșiruhū wa mu'ayyiduhū	وَٱللَّهُ نَاصِرُهُ وَمَؤَيِّدُهُ

when his time comes and the angels shall be his sponsors. He shall act as the sword of Allah that shall never miss the target. His light that shall never be extinguished, and the forbearing person who shall never deviate the truth. He is the motive and reason of the course of events, the one for whom the laws of ages have been made, and one of the men in authority who receive that which is revealed on the Grand Night, and the managers of the Resurrection and the Account. They are the interpreters of His revelations and in charge of what is deemed lawful and what is deemed unlawful by Him. O Allah, send blessings to their seal and their Riser whom is hidden from their world. O Allah, (please) make us causes for the coming of him and causes for his advent and reappearance. (Please) include us with his supporters, join our vengeance to his vengeance, and decide us to be among his assistants and elite ones. Make us live in bliss in his reign, win the ecstasy of his companionship, among those who carry out our duty toward him, and save us from evil. O most Merciful of all those who show mercy! All praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. His blessings be upon our master, Muhammad, muhammadin

idhā āna mī`āduhū walmalā'ikatu amdāduhū sayfu allāhi alladhī lā yanbū wa nūruhū alladhī lā yakhbū wa dhū alhilmi alladhī lā yaşbū madāru alddahri wa nawāmīsu al`asri wa wulātu al-amri walmunazzalu `alayhim mā yatanazzalu fi laylati alqadri wa ashābu alhashri walnnashri tarājimatu wahyihī wa wulātu amrihī wa nahvihī allāhumma faşalli `alā khātimihim wa qā'imihim almastūri `an `awalimihim allāhumma wa adrik binā ayyāmahū wa zuhūrahū wa giyāmahū waj`alnā min anşārihī wagrin tha'ranā bitha'rihī wāktubnā fī a`wānihī wa khulasā'ihī wa ahyinā fī dawlatihī nā`imīna wa bişuhbatihî ghānimîna wa bihaggihī gā'imīna wa min alssū'i sālimīna vā arhama alrrāhimīna walhamdu lillāhi rabbi al`ālamīna wa salawātuhū `alā sayyidinā

إِذَا آنَ مِيعَادُهُ وَٱلْمَلاَئِكَةُ أَمْدَادُهُ سَيْفُ ٱللَّهِ ٱلَّذِي لاَ يَنْبُو وَنُورُهُ ٱلَّذِي لاَ يَخْبُو وَذُو ٱلْحِلْمِ ٱلَّذِي لاَ يَصْبُو مَدَارُ ٱلدَّهْر وَنَوَامِيسُ ٱلْعَصْر وَوُلاةُ ٱلأَمْر وَٱلْمُنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَا يَتَنَزَّلُ فِي لَيْلَةِ ألقدر وأَصْحَابُ ٱلْحَشْرِ وَٱلنَّشْ تَرَاجِمَةٌ وَحْيِهِ وَوُلاَةُ أَمْرِهِ وَنَهْيِهِ ٱللَّهُمَّ فَصَلِّ عَلَىٰ خَاتِمِهِمْ وَقَائِمِهِمُ ٱلْمَسْتُور عَنْ عَوَالِمِهِمْ ٱللَّهُمَّ وَأَدْرِكْ بِنَا أَيَّامَهُ وَظُهُورَهُ وَقِبَامَهُ وَٱجْعَلْنَا مِنْ أَنْصَارِهِ وَٱقْرِنْ ثَأْرَنَا بِثَأْرِهِ وَٱكْتُبْنَا فِي أَعْوَانِهِ وَخُلَصَائِهِ وَأَحْيِنَا فِي دَوْلَتِهِ نَاعِمِينَ وَبِصُحْبَتِهِ غَانِمِينَ وَبحَقِّهِ قَائِمِينَ وَمِنَ ٱلسُّوء سَالِمِينَ يَا أَرْحَمَ ٱلرَّاجِمِينَ وَٱلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ وَصَلَواتُهُ عَلَى ٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدِ

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Messengers,	khātami alnnabiyyīna walmursalīna	خَاتَمِ ٱلنَّبِيِّينَ وَٱلْمُرْسَلِينَ
upon his Household the veracious,	wa `alā ahli baytihī alşşādiqīna	وَعَلَىٰ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ ٱلصَّادِقِينَ
and upon his offspring, the spokespersons of the truth.	wa `itratihī alnnāțiqīna	وَعِتْرَتِهِ ٱلنَّاطِقِينَ
Curse all the wrongdoers	wal`an jamī`a alzzālimīna	وَٱلْعَنْ جَمِيعَ ٱلظَّّالِمِينَ
and judge between them and us.	waḥkum baynanā wa baynahum	وَٱحْكُمْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَهُمْ
O Most Just of all judges!	yā aḥkama alḥākimīna	يَا أَحْكَمَ ٱلْحَاكِمِينَ
Fifth: Shaykh Ismā`īl ibn Faḍl al-H following prayer at the fifteenth night of	āshimī has narrated that Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādi Sha`hān:	q (`a) instructed him to say the
O Allah, You are verily the Ever-		بالتباريخة بروه برور
living, the Self-Subsisting,	allāhumma anta alḥayyu alqayyūmu	اَللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ ٱلْحَيُّ ٱلْقَيُّومُ
the Most High, the All-great,	al`aliyyu al`azīmu	ٱلْعَلِيُّ ٱلْعَظِيمُ
the Creator, the Sustainer,	alkhāliqu alrrāziqu	ٱلْخَالِقُ ٱلرَّازِقُ
the Giver of live, the Causer of death,	almuḥyī almumītu	ٱلْمُحْيِي ٱلْمُمِيتُ
the Originator, the Maker.	albadī'u albadī`u	ٱلْبَدِيءُ ٱلْبَدِيعُ
To You is the Majesty	laka aljalālu	لَكَ ٱلْجَلاَلُ
to You is the favor,	wa laka alfadlu	ولَكَ ٱلْفَضْلُ
to You is all praise,	wa laka alḥamdu	ولَكَ ٱلْحَمْدُ
to You is thanks,	wa laka almannu	ولَكَ ٱلْمَنُّ
to You is magnanimity,	wa laka aljūdu	ولَكَ ٱلْجُودُ
to You is generosity,	wa laka alkaramu	ولَكَ ٱلْكَرَمُ
to You do belong all affairs,	wa laka al-amru	ولَكَ ٱلأَمْرُ
to You is glory,	wa laka almajdu	ولَكَ ٱلْمَجْدُ
and to You is gratitude.	wa laka alshshukru	ولَكَ ٱلشُّكْرُ
You are alone without having any partner with You.	waḥdaka lā sharīka laka	وَحْدَكَ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَكَ
O One! O Absolute! O Besought of all!	yā wāḥidu yā aḥadu yā ṣamadu	يَا وَاحِدٌ يَا أَحَدٌ يَا صَمَدٌ
O He Who neither begets nor is He begotten	yā man lam yalid wa lam yūlad	يَا مَنْ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ
and there is none like to Him!	wa lam yakun lahū kufwan aḥadun	وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُواً أَحَدٌ
(Please do) bless Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad,	şalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin	صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَغْفِرْ لِي وَٱرْحَمْنِي
forgive me, have mercy upon me,	waghfir lī warḥamnī	مَاغْفُ لِهُمَارُ حَمْن
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relieve me from whatever has aggrieved me,	wakfinī mā ahammanī	وَٱكْفِنِي مَا أَهَمَّنِي	
help me settle my debt,	waqdi daynī	ۅٲڡٙ۠ۻؚۮؽڹؚۣ	
and expand my provisions,	wa wassi``alayya fī rizqī	وَوَسِّعْ عَلَيَّ فِي رِزْقِي	
for You, at this night, make distinct all affairs of wisdom,	fa'innaka fī hādhihī allaylati kulla amrin ḥakīmin tafruqu	فَإِنَّكَ فِي هٰذِهِ ٱللَّيْلَةِ كُلَّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ تَفْرُقُ	
and You grant sustenance to whomever You wish among Your creatures.	wa man tashā'u min khalqika tarzuqu	وَمَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ تَرْزُقُ	
So, (please do) grant me sustenance and You are verily the Best of sustainers.	farzuqnī wa anta khayru alrrāziqīna	فَٱرْزُقْنِي وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ ٱلرَّازِقِينَ	
You have said—and You are the Best of those who speak and utter—	fa'innaka qulta wa anta khayru alqā'ilīna alnnāțiqīna:	فَإِنَّكَ قُلْتَ وَأَنَّتَ خَيْرُ ٱلْقَائِلِينَ ٱلنَّاطِقِينَ:	
"Ask Allah of His bounty."	was'alū allāha min faḍlihī	(وَٱسْأَلُواْ ٱللَّهَ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ)	
I thus ask You of Your bounty,	famin faḍlika as'alu	فَمِنْ فَضْلِكَ أَسْأَ لُ	
to You do I turn my face,	wa iyyāka qaşadtu	وَإِيَّاكَ قَصَدْتُ	
the intercession of Your Prophet's son do I seek,	wabna nabiyyika i`tamadtu	وَٱبْنَ نَبِيِّكَ ٱعْتَمَدْتُ	
and for You do I hope.	wa laka rajawtu	ولَكَ رَجَوْتُ	
So, (please do) have mercy upon me, O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!	farḥamnī yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna	فَٱرْحَمْنِي يَا أَرْحَمَ ٱلرَّاحِمِينَ	
Sixth: It is recommended to say this	prayer, which the Holy Prophet (\$) used	to say at this night:	
O Allah, (please do) grant us an amount of fearfulness of You	allāhumma iqsim lanā min khashyatika	ٱللَّهُمَّ ٱقْسِمْ لَنَا مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ	
that prevents us from committing acts of disobedience to You,	mā yaḥūlu baynanā wa bayna ma`şiyatika	مَا يَحُولُ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ مَعْصِيَتِكَ	
an amount of obedience to You that makes us attain Your satisfaction,	wa min ṭā`atika mā tuballighunā bihī riḍwānaka	وَمِنْ طَاعَتِكَ مَا تُبَلِّغُنَا بِهِ رِضْوَانَكَ	
and an amount of conviction that help us tolerate the vicissitudes of this worldly life.	wa min alyaqīni mā yahūnu `alaynā bihī muşībātu alddunyā	وَمِنَ ٱلْيَقِينِ مَا يَهُونُ عَلَيْنَا بِهِ مُصِيبَاتُ ٱلدُّنْيَا	
O Allah, (please do) make us enjoy our hearings, sights, and powers,	allāhumma amti`nā bi-asmā`inā wa abşārinā wa quwwatinā	ٱللَّهُمَّ أَمْتِعْنَا بِأَسْمَاعِنَا وَأَبْصَارِنَا وَقُوَّتِنَا	
as long as You decide to keep us alive, and (please do) make it the inheritor of us.	mā aḥyaytanā waj`alhu alwāritha minnā	مَا أَحْيَيْتَنَا وَٱجْعَلْهُ ٱلْوَارِثَ مِنَّا	
(Please do) make us avenge ourselves against them who wrong us,	waj`al tha'ranā `alā man zalamanā	وَأَجْعَلْ ثَأْرَنَا عَلَىٰ مَنْ ظَلَمَنَا	
back us against them who antagonize us,	wanṣurnā `alā man `ādānā	وَٱنْصُرْنَا عَلَىٰ مَنْ عَادَانَا	
do not make us suffer misfortunes in affairs of our religion,	wa lā taj`al muşībatanā fī dīninā	وَلاَ تَجْعَلْ مُصِيبَتَنَا فِي دِينِنَا	

do not make our worldly affairs happen to be our greatest concern or our utmost knowledge,

and do set one who does not have mercy upon us as master over us, in the name of Your mercy, O most Merciful of all those who show mercy! wa lā taj`al alddunyā akbara hamminā wa lā mablagha `ilminā

wa lā tusalliţ`alaynā man lā yarḥamunā biraḥmatika yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna وَلاَ تَجْعَلِ ٱلدُّنْيَا أَكْبَرَ هَمِّنَا وَلاَ مَبْلَغَ عِلْمِنَا وَلاَ تُسَلِّطْ عَلَيْنَا مَنْ لاَ يَرْحَمُنَا بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ ٱلرَّاحِمِينَ

سُبْحَانَ ٱللَّهِ

وَٱلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

وَٱللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

وَلاَ إِلٰهَ إِلاَّ ٱللَّهُ

Actually, this prayer is one of the perfect, comprehensive prayers that may be said at all times. In the word of the book of `*Awālī al-La'ālī*, the Holy Prophet (\$) used to say this prayer at all times.

Seventh: It is recommended to say the Salwaat Shabania http://www.duas.org/shaban1.htm

Eighth: It is very much recommended to say the famous prayer known as <u>Du`ā' Kumayl,</u> <u>http://www.duas.org/kumayl.htm</u> as its is this night in which it was taught by Imam ali(as) to Kumayl

Ninth: It is recommended to mention Almighty Allah by the following **one hundred times** so that one's past acts of disobedience to Him will be forgiven and one's worldly and religious needs will be granted:

All glory be to Allah,subḥāna allāhiall praise be to Allah,walḥamdu lillāhithere is no god save Allah,wa lā ilāha illā allāhuand Allah is the Greatest.wallāhu akbaru

Tenth: Shaykh al-Ṭūsī, in *Mişbāḥ al-Mutahajjid*, has narrated a tradition about the merits of the night of mid-Sha`bān entailing that Abū-Yaḥyā asked Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (`a) about the best of prayers to be said at this night. The Imam (`a) instructed him, saying:

After you accomplish the obligatory `Ishā' Prayer, you may offer a two unit prayer in the first unit of which you should recite Sūrah *al-Fātiḥah* and Sūrah *al-Kāfirūn* and in the second Sūrah *al-Fātiḥah* and Sūrah *al-Tawḥīd*. When you accomplish the prayer, you may repeat (the phrase of) *subḥānallāh* thirty-three times, (the phrase of) *alḥamdulillāh* thirty-three times, and (the phrase of) *alḥānu-akbar* thirty-four times. You may then say the following prayer:

O He to Whom the servants (of Him) resort in urgencies and to Whom the creatures turn in ordeals! O He Who knows the open and the hidden matters!	yā man ilayhi malja'u al`ibādi fī almuhimmāti wa ilayhi yafza`u alkhalqu fī almulimmāti yā `ālima aljahri walkhafiyyāti
O He from Whom neither the ideas of illusions nor the initiatives of delusions can be concealed!	yā man lā takhfā `alayhi khawāţiru al-awhāmi wa taşarrufu alkhaţarāti
O Lord of creatures and beings!	yā rabba alkhalā'iqi walbariyyāti
O He Who grasps the kingdoms of the earth and the heavens!	yā man biyadihī malakūtu al- aradīna walssamāwāti
You are verily Allah; there is no god save You! I thus try to connect with you in the	anta allāhu lā ilāha illā anta
name of 'There is no god save You;'	amuttu ilayka bilā ilāha illā anta

يَا مَنْ إِلَيْهِ مَلْجَأُ ٱلْعِبَادِ فِي ٱلْمُهِمَّاتِ وَإِلَيْهِ يَفْزَعُ ٱلْخَلْقُ فِي ٱلْمُلِمَّاتِ يَا عَالِمَ ٱلْجَهْرِ وَٱلْخَفِيَّاتِ يَا مَنْ لاَ تَخْفَى ٰ عَلَيْهِ خَوَاطِرُ ٱلأَوْهَامِ وَتَصَرَّفُ ٱلْخَطَرَاتِ يَا مَنْ بِيَدِهِ مَلَكُوتُ ٱلأَرضِينَ وَٱلسَّمَاوَاتِ أَنْتَ ٱللَّهُ لاَ إِلٰهَ إِلاَّ أَنْتَ

so, O He save Whom there is no god,

(please) include me at this night with those at whom You have looked and thus You have mercy upon them,

with those whose prayers have been heard by You and thus You have responded to them,

and with those whose true repentance has been admitted by You and thus You have accepted it

and overlooked their past sins and enormous offenses.

verily, I am seeking Your shelter against my sins

and resorting to You so that You may conceal my defects.

O Allah, (please) bestow generously upon me with Your generosity and Favor,

condone my misdeeds out of Your forbearance and pardon,

and encompass me, at this night, with Your opulent honoring,

and include me at this night with Your intimate servants whom You have selected for obeying You,

whom You have chosen for worshipping You,

and whom You have made Your elite and select people.

O Allah, (please) make me of those whose efforts are of a happy end

and those whose shares of good things are big,

make me of those who enjoy blissful life as they have been safe (from sins),

and those who have been awarded excellently as they have won,

rescue me from the evil consequences of what I have committed,

save me from doing more acts of disobedience to You,

and make me love the acts of obedience to You and whatever draws me nearer to You and approaches me towards You. fayā lā ilāha illā anta

ij`alnī fī hādhihī allaylati mimman nazarta ilayhi faraḥimtahū

wa sami`ta du`ā'ahū faajabtahū

wa `alimta istiqālatahū faaqaltahū

wa tajāwazta `an sālifi khațī'atihī wa `azīmi jarīratihī

faqad istajartu bika min dhunūbī

wa laja'tu ilayka fī satri `uyūbī

allāhumma fajud `alayya bikaramika wa faḍlika

waḥṭuṭ khaṭāyāya biḥilmika wa `afwika

wa taghammadnī fī hādhihī allaylati bisābighi karāmatika

waj`alnī fīhā min awliyā'ika alladhīna ijtabaytahum lițā`atika

wakhtartahum li`ibādatika

wa ja`altahum khālişataka wa sifwataka

allāhumma ij`alnī mimman sa`ada jadduhū

wa tawaffara min alkhayrāti ḥaẓẓuhū

waj`alnī mimman salima fana`ima

wa fāza faghanima

wakfinī sharra mā aslaftu

wa`şimnī min alizdiyādi fī ma`şiyatika

wa ḥabbib ilayya ṭā`ataka wa mā yuqarribunī minka wa yuzlifunī `indaka

فَيَا لاَ إلهَ إلاَّ أَنْتَ ٱجْعَلْنى فِي هٰذِهِ ٱللَّيْلَةِ مِمَّنْ نَظَرْتَ إِلَيْهِ وسَمعْتَ دُعَاءَهُ فَأَحَبْتَهُ وعَلِمْتَ ٱسْتِقَالَتَهُ فَأَقَلْتَهُ وَتَجَاوَزْتَ عَنْ سَالِفٍ خَطِيئَتِهِ وَعَظِيم فَقَدِ ٱسْتَجَرْتُ بِكَ مِنْ ذُنُّوبِي وَلَجَأْتُ إِلَيْكَ فِي سَتْر عُيُوبي ٱللَّهُمَّ فَجُدْ عَلَىَّ بِكَرَمِكَ وَفَضلِكَ وَٱحْطُطْ خَطَايَايَ بِحِلْمِكَ وَعَفْوكَ وَتَغَمَّدْنى فِي هٰذِهِ ٱللَّيْلَةِ بِسَابِع كَرَامَتِكَ وَٱجْعَلْنِي فِيهَا مِنْ أَوْلِيَائِكَ ٱلَّذِينَ أحْتَىَنْتَهُمْ لطَاعَتكَ وَٱخْتَرْ تَهُمْ لِعِبَادَتِكَ وَجَعَلْتَهُمْ خَالِصَتَكَ وَصِفُوتَكَ اَللَّهُمَّ ٱجْعَلْني مِمَّنْ سَعَدَ جَدُّهُ وَتَوَفَّرَ مِنَ ٱلْخَيْرَاتِ حَظَّهُ وَأَجْعَلْني مِمَّنْ سَلِمَ فَنَعِمَ وَفَازَ فَغَنمَ وَٱكْفِنِي شَرَّ مَا أَسْلَفْتُ وَٱعْصِمْنِي مِنَ ٱلاِزْدِيَادِ فِي مَعْصِيَتِكَ وَحَبِّبْ إِلَىَّ طَاعَتَكَ وَمَا يُقَرِّبُنِي مِنْكَ وَيُزْلِفُني عِنْدَكَ

O my Master, a fugitive resorts to none save You,

a needy begs none save You,

and only on Your generosity does a repentant and contrite depends. You have disciplined Your servants by means of generosity, and You are verily the most Generous of all those who are generous.

You have instructed Your servants to pardon, and You are verily the All-forgiving, the All-merciful.

O Allah, (please) do not deprive me of Your generosity for which I hope,

do not make me despair of Your opulent bounties,

do not disappoint me of Your abundant sustenance that You decide, this night, for those who are obedient to You,

and include me with Your protection against Your evil creatures.

O my Lord, if I do not deserve so,

then You are worth acting generously to me, pardoning, and forgiving me.

(Please) bestow upon me magnanimously according to that which befits You, not according to what I deserve.

Verily, I carry an excellent opinion about You,

I do hope for You,

and my self is hanged to the rope of Your generosity,

for You are verily the most Merciful of all those who show mercy

and the most Generous of all those who are generous.

O Allah, (please) confer upon me exclusively with an abundant share of what You decide, out of Your generosity.

I seek refuge with Your pardon against Your chastisement.

(Please) forgive me the sin that prevents me from enjoying high morals sayyidī ilayka yalja'u alhāribu

wa minka yaltamisu alțțālibu

wa `alā karamika yu`awwilu almustaqīlu alttā'ibu

addabta `ibādaka bilttakarrumi wa anta akramu al-akramīna

wa amarta bil`afwi `ibādaka wa anta alghafūru alrraķīmu

allāhumma falā taḥrimnī mā rajawtu min karamika

wa lā tu'yisnī min sābighi ni`amika

wa lā tukhayyibnī min jazīli qisamika fī hādhihī allaylati liahli ṭā`atika

waj`alnī fī junnatin min shirāri bariyyatika

rabbi in lam akun min ahli dhālika

fa-anta ahlu alkarami wal`afwi walmaghfirati

wa jud `alayya bimā anta ahluhū lā bimā astaḥiqquhū

faqad hasuna zannī bika

wa taḥaqqaqa rajā'ī laka

wa `aliqat nafsī bikaramika

fa-anta arhamu alrrāhimīna

wa akramu al-akramīna

allāhumma wakhṣuṣnī min karamika bijazīli qisamika

wa a`ūdhu bi`afwika min `uqūbatika

waghfir liya aldhdhanba alladhī yaḥbisu `alayya alkhuluqa

سَيِّدِي إلَيْكَ يَلْجَأُ ٱلْهَارِبُ وَمِنْكَ يَلْتَمِسُ ٱلطَّالِبُ وَعَلَىٰ كَرَمِكَ يُعَوِّلُ ٱلْمُسْتَقِيلُ ٱلتَّائِبُ أَدَّبْتَ عِبَادَكَ بِٱلتَّكَرُّم وأَنَّتَ أَكْرَمُ ٱلأكْرَمِينَ وَأَمَرْتَ بِٱلْعَفْوِ عِبَادَكَ وَأَنْتَ ٱلْغَفُورُ الرحيم ٱللَّهُمَّ فَلاَ تَحْرِمْنِي مَا رَجَوْتُ مِنْ كَرَمِكَ وَلاَ تُؤْيِسْنِي مِنْ سَابِغ نِعَمِكَ وَلاَ تُخَيِّبْنى مِنْ جَزِيل قِسَمِكَ فِي هٰذِهِ ٱللَّيْلَةِ لأَهْل طَاعَتِكَ وَٱجْعَلْنِي فِي جُنَّةٍ مِنْ شِرَار بَرِيَّتِكَ رَبِّ إِنْ لَمْ أَكُنْ مِنْ أَهْل ذٰلِكَ فَأَنَّتَ أَهْلُ ٱلْكَرَمِ وَٱلْعَفْوِ وَٱلْمَغْفِرَةِ وَجُدْ عَلَىَّ بِمَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ لاَ بِمَا أَسْتَحِقُّهُ فَقَدْ حَسُنَ ظَنِّي بِكَ وَتَحَقَّقَ رَجَائِي لَكَ وَعَلِقَتْ نَفْسِي بِكَرَمِكَ فَأَنَّتَ أَرْحَمُ ٱلرَّاحِمِينَ مَأَكْرَمُ ٱلأَكْرَمِينَ ٱللَّهُمَّ وَٱخْصُصْنِي مِنْ كَرَمِكَ بِجَزِيلِ

وَأَعُوذُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عُقُوبَتِكَ وَٱغْفِرْ لِيَ ٱلذَّنْبَ ٱلَّذِي يَحْبِسُ عَلَيَّ ٱلْحُلُقَ

and suppresses my sustenance,	wa yuḍayyiqu `alayya alrrizqa	وَيُضَيِّقُ عَلَيَّ ٱلرِّزْقَ
so that I will accomplish what excellently achieves Your satisfaction,	ḥattā aqūma biṣāliḥi riḍāka	حَتَّىٰ أَقُومَ بِصَالِحِ رِضَاكَ
I will enjoy Your profuse granting,	wa an`ama bijazīli `aṭā'ika	وأَنْعَمَ بجَزيل عَطَائِكَ
and I will be delighted by Your abundant bounties.	wa as`ada bisābighi na`mā'ika	ۅٲؘؙڛ۫ۼۮٙ بِسَابِغِ نَعْمَائِكَ
I am having recourse to Your sanctity,	faqad ludhtu biḥaramika	فَقَدْ لُذْتُ بِحَرَمِكَ
asking for Your generosity,	wa ta`arraḍtu likaramika	وَتَعَرَّضْتُ لِكَرَمِكَ
and taking shelter in Your pardon against Your punishment	wasta`adhtu bi`afwika min `uqūbatika	وَٱسْتَعَذْتُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عُقُوبَتِكَ
and in Your forbearance against Your ire.	wa biḥilmika min ghaḍabika	وَبِحِلْمِكَ مِنْ غَضَبِكَ
So, (please) bestow upon me generously with that which I have asked from You	fajud bimā sa'altuka	فَجُدْ بِمَا سَأَلْتُكَ
and confer upon me with that which I have begged from You.	wa anil mā iltamastu minka	وأَنِلْ مَا ٱلْتَمَسْتُ مِنْكَ
I beseech You in Your name, since there is nothing great that You are.	as'aluka bika lā bishay'in huwa a`zamu minka	أَسْأَلُكَ بِكَ لاَ بِشَيْءٍ هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنْكَ
You may prostrate yourself and repea	at the following phrase twenty times:	
O my Lord!	yā rabb(i)	يَا رَبِّ
And then repeat the following phrase	seven times:	
O Allah!	yā allāh(u)	يَا اللَّهُ
And then repeat the following phrase	seven times:	
There is neither might nor power save with Allah.	lā ḥawla walā quwwata illā billāhi	لاَ حَوْلَ وَلاَ قُوَّةَ إِلاَّ بِٱللَّهِ
And then repeat the following phrase	ten times:	
Only that which Allah wants (will come to pass).	mā shā'a allāhu	مَا شَاءَ ٱللَّهُ
And then repeat the following phrase	ten times:	
There is no power save with Allah.	lā quwwata illā billāhi	لاَ قُوَّةَ إِلاَّ بِٱللَّهِ
By Allah I swear, even if you pray for favors, will grant them all.	blessings upon the Holy Prophet and besen r things that are as many as raindrops, Al	mighty Allah, out of His generosity and
	al-Kaf`amī say: It is suitable to say the fo	
O Allah! Tonight, the seekers of favors, restless and eager, present themselves to You,	ilāhī ta`arraḍa laka fī hādhā allayli almuta`arriḍūna	إِلٰهِي تَعَرَّضَ لَكَ فِي هٰذَا ٱللَّيْلِ ٱلْمُتَعَرِّضُونَ
the determined aspirers have You in mind,	wa qaşadaka alqāşidūna	ت بي . وَقَصَدَكَ ٱلْقَاصِدُونَ
and those who make requests look long and attentively at Your obligingness and kindness.	wa ammala faḍlaka wa ma`rūfaka alṭṭālibūna	ٱلْمُتَعَرِّضُونَ وَقَصَدَكَ ٱلْقَاصِدُونَ وَأَمَّلَ فَضْلَكَ وَمَعْرُوفَكَ ٱلطَّالِبُونَ

You, at this night, give gifts, bounties beyond measure,

free donations, and favors

to those whom You will from among Your servants when they make a request,

and You say no to those who do not try to get in advance (i.e. remain behind) for obtaining the bounties from You.

I, a modest needy bondman,

am hopeful of Your obligingness and kindness.

Indeed, if You, O My Master,

bestows a favor on any one, at this night,

from among Your created beings,

and multiply profits and gains for him out of Your love and affection, please send blessings to Muḥammad and the Household of Muhammad:

the pure, the immaculate,

the virtuous, and the righteous,

and then give me abundantly on account of Your liberality and obligingness,

O Lord of the worlds!

May Allah send blessings to Muḥammad, the seal of the Prophets, and upon his Household, the

immaculate,

and may He exalt them very much.

Verily, Allah is worthy of all praise, full of all glory.

O Allah, I am praying You as You ordered me to do;

so, (please) respond to me as You promised.

Verily, You never break Your promise.

wa laka fī hādhā allayli nafaḥātun wa jawā'izu

wa `aṭāyā wa mawāhibu

tamunnu bihā `alā man tashā'u min `ibādika

wa tamna`uhā man lam tasbiq lahū al`ināiyatu minka

wa hā anā dhā `ubayduka alfaqīru ilayka almu'ammilu faḍlaka wa ma`rūfaka

fa-in kunta yā mawlāya

tafaddalta fī hādhihī allaylati

`alā aḥadin min khalqika

wa `udta `alayhi bi`ā'idatin min `ațfika

faşalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin

alțțiyyibīna alțțāhirīna

alkhayyirīna alfādilīna

wa jud `alayya biţawlika wa ma`rūfika

yā rabba al`ālamīna

wa sallā allāhu `alā muḥammadin khātami alnnabiyyīna

wa ālihī alţţāhirīna

wa sallama taslīman

inn allāha hamīdun majīdun

allāhumma innī ad`ūka kamā amarta

fastajib lī kamā wa`adta

innaka lā tukhlifu almī`āda

وَلَكَ فِي هٰذَا ٱللَّيْلِ نَفَحَاتٌ وَجَوَائِزُ وَعَطَايَا وَمَوَاهِبٌ تَمُنٌّ بِهَا عَلَىٰ مَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ

وَتَمْنَعُهَا مَنْ لَمْ تَسْبِقْ لَهُ ٱلْعِنَايَةُ مِنْكَ

وَهَا أَنَا ذَا عُبَيْدُكَ ٱلْفَقِيرُ إِلَيْكَ ٱلْمُؤَمِّلُ فَضْلَكَ وَمَعْرُوفَكَ فَإِنْ كُنْتَ يَا مَوْلايَ تَفَضَّلْتَ فِي هٰذِهِ ٱللَّيْلَةِ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ وَعُدْتَ عَلَيْهِ بِعَائِدَةٍ مِنْ عَطْفِكَ فَصَلٍّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآل مُحَمَّدٍ ٱلطَّيِّبينَ ٱلطَّاهِرِينَ ٱلْخَيِّرِينَ ٱلْفَاضِلِينَ وَجُدْ عَلَى ۖ بِطَوْلِكَ وَمَعْرُوفِكَ مَا رَبَّ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ وَصَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ خَاتَمِ ٱلنَّبِيِّي وَآلِهِ ٱلطَّاهِرِينَ وَسَلَّمَ تَسْلِيماً إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ اَللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَدْعُوكَ كَمَا أَمَرْتَ فَٱسْتَجِبْ لِي كَمَا وَعَدْتَ إِنَّكَ لاَ تُخْلِفُ ٱلْمِيعَادَ

It is worth mentioning that this prayer is advisably said immediately after the accomplishment of the *Shaf* '*Prayer* at the last hours of night.

Twelfth: It is recommended to say the prayer narrated by Shaykh al-Tūsī and Sayyid Ibn Tāwūs after each two units of

the Night Prayer (*Ṣalāt al-Layl*), the *Shaf* ' *Prayer*, and the *Witr Prayer*.

Thirteenth: It is recommended to do the prostrations and say the prayers that are reported from the Holy Prophet (\$). One of these is that Shaykh al-Tūsī has narrated on the authority of Hammād ibn `Īsā on the authority of Abān ibn Taghlib on the authority of Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (`a) recounted the following:

It was the fifteenth night of Sha`bān when the Holy Prophet (s) was with `Ā'ishah, his wife. At midnight, the Holy Prophet (s) left the bed. When \tilde{A} ishah woke up and could not find him, she felt jealous and thought that he had joined one of his other wives. She therefore left her bed and put on her cloak, `Ā'ishah searched for the Holy Prophet (\$) in all of the rooms of his other wives but she found him prostrating himself on the ground. As she approached, she heard him

saying:		
Prostrating before You are my body and my shadow.	sajada laka sawādī wa khayālī	سَجَدَ لَكَ سَوَادِي وَخَيَالِي
My heart is full of faith of You.	wa āmana bika fu'ādī	وَآمَنَ بِكَ فُؤَادِي
These are my two hands and this is what I have committed against myself.	hādhihī yadāya wa mā janaytuhū `alā nafsī	هٰذِهِ يَدَايَ وَمَا جَنَيْتُهُ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِي
O All-great! You are hoped for all enormous things.	yā `azīmu turjā likulli `azīmin	يَا عَظِيمُ تُرْجَى ٰلِكُلِّ عَظِيمٍ
Please, forgive me my serious offences,	ighfir liya al`azīma	إِغْفِرْ لِيَ ٱلْعَظِيمَ
Because none can forgive the serious sin except the All-great Lord.	fa'innahū lā yaghfiru aldhdhanba al`azīma illā alrrabbu al`azīmu	فَإِنَّهُ لاَ يَغْفِرُ ٱلذَّنْبَ ٱلْعَظِيمَ إِلاَّ ٱلرَّبُّ ٱلْعَظِيمُ
The Holy Prophet (\$) then raised his	head and then prostrated himself aga	in, saying:
I seek the protection of the light of Your Face	a`ūdhu binūri wajhika	أَعُوذُ بِنُورٍ وَجْهِكَ
that has lit the heavens and the earth,	alladhī aḍā'at lahū alssamāwātu wal-araḍūna	ٱلَّذِي أَضَاءَتْ لَهُ ٱلسَّمَاوَاتُ وَٱلأَرَضُونَ
removed all darkness,	wankashafat lahū alzzulumātu	وَٱنْكَشَفَتْ لَهُ ٱلظُّّلُمَاتُ
and made active all the affairs of the past and the coming generations	wa salaḥa `alayhi amru al- awwalīna wal-ākhirīna	وَصَلَحَ عَلَيْهِ أَمْرُ ٱلأُوَّلِينَ وَٱلآخِرِينَ
against Your sudden chastisement,	min fuj'ati naqimatika	مِنْ فُجْأَةِ نَقِمَتِكَ
against withdrawing the good health that You have granted me,	wa min taḥwīli `āfiyatika	وَمِنْ تَحْوِيلِ عَافِيَتِكَ
and against the vanishing of Your bounties.	wa min zawāli ni`matika	وَمِنْ زَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ
O Allah, (please) grant me a heart that is pious and pure,	allāhumma irzuqnī qalban taqiyyan naqiyyan	ٱللَّهُمَّ ٱرْزُقْنِي قَلْباً تَقِيّاً نَقِيّاً
released from polytheism,	wa min alshshirki barī'an	وَمِنَ ٱلشِّرْكِ بَرِيئاً
and neither atheist nor unhappy.	lā kāfiran wa lā shaqiyyan	لاَ كَافِراً وَلاَ شَقِيّاً
The Holy Prophet (\$) then attached	his face to the ground and said:	
I am putting my face on the ground	`affartu wajhī fī altturābi	عَفَّرْتُ وَجْهِي فِي ٱلتُّرَابِ وَحُقَّ لِي أَنْ أَسْجُدَ لَكَ
and it is my duty to prostrate myself before You.	wa ḥuqqa lī an asjuda laka	وَحُقَّ لِي أَنْ أَسْجُدَ لَكَ

He then said, "Do you know what this night is ? This is the mid-Sha`bān night. At this night, shares of provisions are

distributed, lifetimes are decided, and the pilgrims are appointed. Verily, Almighty Allah, at this night, forgives as many of His creatures as the hairs of the horses of Kalb Tribe. Almighty Allah also orders angels to descend to the earth, to Makkah, at this night.

Fourteenth: It is recommended to offer the famous Ja`far al-Ṭayyār's Prayer (*Şalāt Ja`far*) as is narrated by Shaykh al-Ṭūsī from Imam al-Riḍā (`a).

Fifteenth reported by Abū-Yaḥyā al-Ṣan`ānī, as well as other thirty trustworthy reporters, from Imam Muḥammad al-Bāqir (`a) and Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (`a) as follows:At the mid-Sha`bān night, you may offer a four unit prayer in each unit of which you may recite Sūrah *al-Fātiḥah* once and Sūrah *al-Tawhīd* one hundred times. After accomplishment, you may say the following prayer:

O Allah, I am in need for You	allāhumma innī ilayka faqīrun	اَللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي إِلَيْكَ فَقِيرٌ
and I am fearful of You, seeking Your shelter against Your chastisement.	wa min `adhābika khā'ifun mustajīrun	وَمِنْ عَذَابِكَ خَائِفٌ مُسْتَجِيرٌ
O Allah, (please) do not erase my name,	allāhumma lā tubaddil ismī	اَللَّهُمَّ لاَ تُبَدِّلِ ٱسْمِي
do not change my body,	wa lā tughayyir jismī	وَلاَ تُغَيِّرْ جِسْمِي
do not increase my ordeals,	wa lā tajhad balā'ī	وَلاَ تَجْهَدْ بَلاَئِي
and do not make my enemies rejoice at my misfortune.	wa lā tushmit bī a`dā'ī	وَلاَ تُشْمِتْ بِي أَعْدَائِي
I resort to Your pardon against Your punishment,	a`ūdhu bi`afwika min `iqābika	أَعُوذُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عِقَابِكَ
I resort to Your mercy against Your chastisement,	wa a`ūdhu biraḥmatika min `adhābika	وأَعُوذُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِكَ
I resort to Your pleasure against Your wrath,	wa a`ūdhu biriḍāka min sakhațika	وأَعُوذُ بِرِضَاكَ مِنْ سَخَطِكَ
and I resort to You against You.	wa a`ūdhu bika minka	وأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْكَ
Enormous be the praise of You.	jalla thanā'uka	جَلَّ ثَنَاؤُكَ
You are as exactly as You have praised Yourself	anta kamā athnayta `alā nafsika	ٱنْتَ كَمَا أَثْنَيْتَ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِكَ
and above all that which is said about You.	wa fawqa mā yaqūlu alqā'ilūna	وَفَوْقَ مَا يَقُولُ ٱلْقَائِلُونَ

It is worth mentioning that traditions have decided a great reward for one who offers a one hundred unit prayer at this night; in each unit, Sūrah *al-Fātiḥah* is recited once and Sūrah *al-Tawḥīd* ten times.

It has been previously mentioned, within the rites of Rajab, that it is recommended to offer a prayer composing of six units in each of which Sūrahs *al-Fātiḥah*, *Yāsīn*, *al-Mulk*, and *al-Tawhīd* are recited.

In the day His Ziyārah at the Vault (*sirdāb*) in Sāmarrā' is more favorable. Beyond any dispute, Imam al-Mahdī (`a) shall appear, overcome, and fill the earth with justice and equality just as it would be filled with injustice and bias. http://www.duas.org/imamezaman/dua_sardaab.htm The first form is the same as <u>Ziyarah on the first of Rajab</u>, and the second as in the book of 'al-Balad al-Amin', Shaykh al-Kaf`amiy has reported Imam al-Sadiq (a.s) as saying that one may stop at the holy tomb of Imam al-Husayn (a.s) and say the following:

All praise be to Allah; the Most High, the All-great.

Peace be upon you; O the righteous, pure servant (of Allah).

I entrust with you a testimony of mine that takes me near you on the day of your intercession (for some people).

I bear witness that although you were slain, you have not died;

Rather the hearts of your adherents (Shi`ah) are living on the hope of your being alive;

And by the light of your illumination have those seeking you been guided (to the right path).

And I bear witness that you are verily the Light of Allah that has not and shall never be extinguished.

And you are verily the Face of Allah that has not and shall never be perishing.

And I bear witness that this soil is yours,

And this holy precinct is yours.

And this death is the death of your body only,

While you have never been humiliated since Allah is the One Who is pouring honor upon you

And you have never been defeated since Allah is the One Who is supporting you.

I would like you to keep this testimony of mine with you up to the day when my soul will be grasped in the presence of you.

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

ألْحَمْدُ للهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ والسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ ۖ أَيُّها الْعَبْدُ الصَّالِحُ الزَّكيُّ ٱودِعُكَ شَهادَةً مِنِّي لَكَ تُقَرِّبُني إلَيْكَ فِي يَوْمِ شفاعَتك، أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ قُتِلْتَ وَلَمْ تَمُتْ بَلْ برَجاء حَياتِكَ حَييَتْ قُلُوبُ شيعَتِكَ، وَبِضِياء نُورِكَ اهْتَدَى الطَّالِبُونَ إِلَيْكَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ نُورُ الله الَّذي لَمْ يُطْفَأُ وَلا يُطْفَأُ أَبَداً، وَأَنَّكَ وَجْهُ الله الَّذي لَمْ يَهْلِكْ وَلا يُهْلَكُ أَبَداً، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ هذِهِ التَّرْبَةَ تُرْبَتُكَ، وَهذا الْحَرَمَ حَرَمُكَ، وَهذا الْمَصْرَعَ مَصْرَعُ بَدَنكَ لا ذَليلَ والله مُعِزَّكَ وَلا مَغْلُوبَ والله ناصِرُكَ، هذِهِ شَهادَةٌ لي عِنْدَكَ إلى يَوْمَ قَبْض روُح بحَضرَتِكَ، والسَّلامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ الله وَبَرَكاتُهُ.

alhamdu lillahi al`aliyy al`azimi wa alssalamu `alayka ayyuha al`abdu alSSalihu alzzakiyyudi`uka hahadatan minny laka tuqarribuny ilayka fi yawmi shafa`atika ash-hadu annaka qutilta wa lam tamutbal birajaʻi hayatika hayiyat qulubu shi`atikawa biziyaʻi nurika ahtada alttalibuna ilayka wa ash-hadu annaka nuru allahi alladhy lam yutfa wa la yutfa'u Abadan wa annaka wajhu allahi alladhy lam yahlik wa la yuhlaku Abadan wa ash-hadu ann hadhihi alttrbata turbatuka wa hadha alharama haramuka wa hadha almaSra`a maSra`u badanika la dhalila wallahu mu`izzuka wa la maghluba wallahu naSiruka hadhihi shahadatun li`indaka ila yawmi qabzi ruhy bihazratika wa alssalamu `alayka wa rahmatu allahi wa barakatuhu One must, **as a final act on this night**, take account for his own soul and the actions he has performed during the year. A person should sincerely and properly ponder and reflect upon his actions during this year and ask repentance for his previous acts of transgression since it is only those people whom Allah (Glorified and Exalted is He) has protected from committing sin and error

who are free of this pollution. If a person sees that he has little to no sins on his record then he should compare this to one of the most insignificant blessings that Allah (Glorified and Exalted is He) has given him and weigh the two on the scales of justice that with his trivial acts of good, has he been able to repay Allah (Glorified and Exalted is He) back for all the goodness He has

provided?

If he realizes that he has sins and transgressions on his record, then he must resort to Tawassul to the Ma'sumin (blessings be upon all of them) to make up for his shortcomings. He should address the infallible ones by saying,

O you who Allah has placed between Himself and His servants! O you who are the protectors of His revelation. I ask you by the position that you have that you look towards me, a sinful servant, with your eyes of mercy the one who has been lax in his worship, who possesses nothing and is nothing.

Have mercy upon me and request Allah to accept me and to be pleased with me on this night and to permit me to be benefit from your prayers and supplications and to permit me to take advantage of your intercession and to be classified as your Shi'a.

In addition, ask Allah to grant me with the reward of goodness and guidance from you. Pray that He makes me of strong will and that I am successful in performing good deeds for my religion, my life here and my next life.

In closing, please accept this from myself and ask Allah that to grant me the ability to know Him, be close to Him and permit me to earn His pleasure and that He join me both in this world and the next with all of you and that I am classified as one of your followers and close friends and companions. All of this is only in His hands.

May the blessings of Allah be upon all of you and whatever Allah wills will only happen and there is no power or strength save with Him.