

THE FIFTEENTH NIGHT OF SHA`BĀN

Peace be upon you; O Abū-
`Abdullāh!

alssalāmu `alayka yā abā
`abdi allāh

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ،

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

alssalāmu `alayka wa
rahmatu allāh wa
barakātuhu

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ.

ZIYĀRAH OF IMAM AL-ḤUSAYN ON THE FIFTEENTH OF SHA`BĀN

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

alḥamdu lillāhi al`aliyy
al`azīmi

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

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

wa alssalāmu `alayka
ayyuhā al`abdu alṣṣāliḥu
alzzakiyy

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْعَبْدُ الصَّالِحُ
الزَّكِيُّ

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

ūdi`uka shahādatan
minny laka tuqarribuny
ilayka fī yawmi
shafā`atika

أُوَدِّعُكَ شَهَادَةً مِنِّي لَكَ تُقَرِّبُنِي
إِلَيْكَ فِي يَوْمِ شَفَاعَتِكَ،

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

ash-hadu annaka qutilta
wa lam tamut

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ قُتِلْتَ وَلَمْ تَمُتْ

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

bal birajā`i ḥayātika
ḥayiyat qulūbu shī`atika

بَلْ بِرَجَاءِ حَيَاتِكَ حَيَّتْ قُلُوبُ
شِيَعَتِكَ،

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

wa biḍiyā`i nūrika ahtadā
alṭṭālibūna ilayka

وَبِضْيَاءِ نُورِكَ اهْتَدَى الطَّالِبُونَ إِلَيْكَ،

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

wa ash-hadu annaka nūru
allāhi alladhy lam yuṭfa
wa lā yuṭfa`u abadan

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ نُورُ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ يُطْفَأْ
وَلَا يُطْفَأُ أَبَدًا،

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

wa annaka wajhu allāhi
alladhy lam yahlik wa lā
yuhlaku abadan

وَأَنَّكَ وَجْهُ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ يَهْلِكْ وَلَا
يُهْلِكُ أَبَدًا،

And I bear witness that this soil is
yours,

wa ash-hadu ann hadhihi
alṭṭrbata turbatuka

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ هَذِهِ التُّرْبَةَ تُرْبَتُكَ،

And this holy precinct is yours.

wa hādhā alḥarama
ḥaramuka

وَهَذَا الْحَرَمَ حَرَمُكَ،

And this death is the death of your
body only,

wa hādhā almaṣra`a
maṣra`u badanika

وَهَذَا الْمَصْرَعُ مَصْرَعُ بَدَنِكَ

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

lā dhalīla wallāhu
mu`izzuka

لَا ذَلِيلَ وَاللَّهُ مُعِزُّكَ

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

wa lā maghlūba wallāhu
nāṣiruka

وَلَا مَغْلُوبَ وَاللَّهُ نَاصِرُكَ،

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.

hadhihi shahādātun lī
`indaka ilā yawmi qabḍi
rūḥy biḥaḍratika

هَذِهِ شَهَادَةٌ لِي عِنْدَكَ إِلَى يَوْمِ قَبْضِ
رُوحِي بِحَضْرَتِكَ،

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Peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you. wa alssalāmu `alayka wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhu

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ.

Fourth: It is recommended to recite the following supplication, which stand for a form of *Ziyārah* for the Concealed Imam al-Mahdi (a.s). this supplication has been mentioned by both Sayyid Ibn Ṭawūs and Shaykh al-Ṭūsiy:

O Allah: I beseech You in the name of this night and in the name of him whom was born at it

allāhumma biḥaqqi laylatinā
hadhihi wa mawlūdihā

اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ لَيْلَتِنَا هَذِهِ وَمَوْلُودِهَا

and in the name of Your Argument and in the name of Your promise in it,

wa ḥujjtika wa maw`ūdihā

وَحُجَّتِكَ وَمَوْعُودِهَا،

the night that You have added a new merit to its many merits

allaty qaranta ilā faḍlihā
faḍlan

الَّتِي قَرَنْتَ إِلَى فَضْلِهَا فَضْلاً،

So, Your Word has been accomplished truly and fairly;

fatamnt kalimatuka ṣidqan
wa `adlan

فَتَمَّتْ كَلِمَتُكَ صِدْقاً وَعَدْلاً،

no one can change Your words,

lā mubaddla likalimātika

لَا مُبَدَّلَ لِكَلِمَاتِكَ،

nor obscure Your signs,

wa lā mu`aqqa li-āyātika

وَلَا مُعَقَّبَ لآيَاتِكَ،

(He is) Your glowing Light

nūruka almutalliqu

نُورِكَ الْمُتَأَلِّقُ،

and Your bring splendor

wa dīāu`uka almushriqu

وَضِيَاؤُكَ الْمُشْرِقُ،

and the luminous sign in the obscurity of darkness

wal-`alamu alnnūru fī
ṭakhya`i aldayjūri

وَالْعَلَمُ النُّورُ فِي طَخْيَاءِ الدَّيْجُورِ،

and the absent and the concealed,

alghā`ibu almastūru

الْغَائِبُ الْمَسْتُورُ

Lofty is his birth and noble is his lineage

jalla mawliduhu wa karuma
maḥtiduhu

جَلَّ مَوْلِدُهُ، وَكَرُمَ مَحْتِدُهُ،

and the angels are his witnesses

wal-malā`ikatu shuhhaduhu

وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ شُهَدَاؤُهُ،

and Allah is his Supporter and Backer

wallāhu nāṣiruhu wa
mu`ayyduhu

وَاللَّهُ نَاصِرُهُ وَمُؤَيِّدُهُ،

when his time comes and the angels shall be his sponsors;

idhā āna mī`āduhu wal-
malā`ikatu amdāduhu

إِذَا آنَ مِيعَادُهُ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ أَمْدَادُهُ،

(He shall act as) the sword of Allah that shall never miss the target,

sayfu allāhi alladhy lā yanbū

سَيْفُ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا يَنْبُؤُ،

and His light that shall never be extinguished

wa nūruhu alladhy lā yakhbū

وَنُورُهُ الَّذِي لَا يَخْبُؤُ،

And the forbearing person who shall never deviate the truth.

wa dhu alḥilmi alladhy lā
yaṣbū

وَدُوُّ الْحِلْمِ الَّذِي لَا يَصْبُؤُ،

and the motive and reason of the course of events,

madāru alddhri

مَدَارُ الدَّهْرِ،

and the one for whom the laws of ages have been made

wa nawāmīsu al`aṣri

وَنَوَامِيسُ الْعَصْرِ،

and (one of) the men of authority	wa wulatu alamri	وَوُلَاةُ الْأَمْرِ،
who receive that which is revealed on the Grand Night.	wal-munazzalu `alayhim mā yatanazzalu fī laylati alqadri	وَالْمُنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَا يَنْزَلُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ،
and the managers of the Resurrection and the Account; (They are) the interpreters of His revelations	wa aṣḥābu alḥashri wal-nnashri tarājimatū waḥyihi	وَأَصْحَابُ الْحَشْرِ وَالنَّشْرِ، تَرَاجِمَتُهُ وَوَحْيِهِ،
and in charge of what is deemed lawful and what is deemed unlawful by Him.	wa wulatu amrihi wa nahīihi	وَوُلَاةُ أَمْرِهِ وَنَهْيِهِ.
O Allah: send blessings on their seal and their Riser	allāhumma faṣalli `alā khātīmihim wa qā'imihim	اللَّهُمَّ فَصَلِّ عَلَى خَاتِمِهِمْ وَقَائِمِهِمْ
whom is hidden from their world.	al mastūri `an `awalimihim	الْمَسْتُورِ عَنْ عَوَالِمِهِمْ.
O Allah: (please) make us causes for the coming of him,	allāhumma wa adrik binā ayyāmahu	اللَّهُمَّ وَأَدْرِكْ بِنَا أَيَّامَهُ
and causes for his advent and reappearance	wa zuhūrahu wa qiyāmahu	وَزُطُورَهُ وَقِيَامَهُ،
and (please) include us with his supporters	waj `alnā min anṣārihi	وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنْ أَنْصَارِهِ،
and join our vengeance to his	waqrin tha'ranā bitha'rihi	وَأَقْرِنْ ثَارَنَا بِثَأْرِهِ،
and decide us to be among his assistants and retinue.	wāktubnā fī a`wānihi wa khulaṣā'ihi	وَاجْعَلْنَا فِي أَعْوَانِهِ وَخُلَصَائِهِ،
and make us live in bliss in his reign,	wa aḥīinā fī dawlatihi nā`imīna	وَأَحْيِنَا فِي دَوْلَتِهِ نَاعِمِينَ،
and make us win the ecstasy of his companionship,	wa biṣuḥbatihi ghānimīna	وَبِصُحْبَتِهِ غَانِمِينَ،
and make us of those who carry out our duty toward him,	wa biḥaqqhi qā'imīna	وَبِحَقِّهِ قَائِمِينَ،
and save us from evil.	wa mina alssū'ī sālimīna	وَمِنَ السُّوءِ سَالِمِينَ،
O the most Merciful of all those who show mercy.	yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna	يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ،
All praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds.	walḥamdu lillāhi rabbi al`ālamīna	وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ،
His blessings be upon our master, Muḥammad	wa ṣalawātuḥu `alā sayyidinā muḥammadin	وَصَلَوَاتُهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
the seal of the Prophets and the Messengers,	khātami alnnabiyyīna wal-mursalinā	خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالْمُرْسَلِينَ
and upon his Household, the veracious,	wa `alā ahli baytihi alṣṣādiqīna	وَعَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ الصَّادِقِينَ
and his offspring, the spokespersons of the truth,	wa `itratihī alnnāṭiqīna	وَعَثْرَتِهِ النَّاطِقِينَ،
and curse all the wrongdoers	wal-`an jamī`a alzzālimīna	وَالْعَنْ جَمِيعَ الظَّالِمِينَ،

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and judge between them and us	wāḥkum baynanā wa baynahum	وَاحْكُم بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَهُمْ
O the Most Just of all judges.	yā aḥkama alḥākimīna	يَا أَحْكَمَ الْحَاكِمِينَ.

Fifth: Shaykh Ismā`il ibn Faḍl al-Hāshimiy has narrated that Imam Ja`far al-Şādiq (a.s) instructed him to recite the following supplication at the fifteenth night of Sha`bān:

O Allah: You are verily the Ever-living, the Self-Subsisting,	allāhumma anta alḥayyu alqayyūmu	اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ
the Most High, the All-great,	al`aliyyu al`azīmu	الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ
the Creator, the Sustainer,	alkhāliq alrrāziq	الْخَالِقُ الرَّازِقُ
the Giver of live, the Causer of death,	almuḥiy almumītu	الْمُحْيِي الْمُمِيتُ
the Originator, the Maker.	albadī`u albadī`u	الْبَدِيءُ الْبَدِيءُ،
To You is the Majesty	laka aljalālu	لَكَ الْجَلَالُ،
and to You is the favor,	wa laka alfaḍlu	وَلَكَ الْفَضْلُ،
and to You is all praise,	wa laka alḥamdu	وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ،
and to You is thanks,	wa laka almann	وَلَكَ الْمَنُّ،
and to You is magnanimity,	wa laka aljūdu	وَلَكَ الْجُودُ،
and to You is generosity,	wa laka alkaramu	وَلَكَ الْكَرَمُ،
and to You do belong all affairs,	wa laka alamru	وَلَكَ الْأَمْرُ،
and to You is glory,	wa laka almajdu	وَلَكَ الْمَجْدُ،
and to You is gratitude;	wa laka alshshkru	وَلَكَ الشُّكْرُ،
You are alone without having any partner with You.	wa ḥdaka lā sharīka laka	وَحْدَكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ،
O the One: O the Absolute: O the Besought of all:	yā wāḥidu yā aḥadu yā şamadu	يَا وَاحِدُ يَا أَحَدُ يَا صَمَدُ
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 lahu kufwan aḥadun	وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ،
(please do) bless Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad	şalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin	صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
and forgive me; and have mercy upon me;	waghfir lī warḥamny	وَاعْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْنِي
and relieve me from whatever has aggrieved me;	wākfiny mā ahammany	وَاطْفِنِي مَا أَهَمَّنِي
and help me settle my debt;	waqdi daynī	وَاقْضِ دَيْنِي،

and expand my provisions;	wa wassi`alayy fi rizqī	وَوَسَّعْ عَلَيَّ فِي رِزْقِي،
for You, at this night, make distinct all affairs of wisdom;	fa'innaka fi hadhihi allaylati kull amrin ḥakīmin tafuqu	فَإِنَّكَ فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ كُلِّ 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.	fārzūqny wa anta khayru alrrāziqīna	فَارْزُقْنِي وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ،
You have said—and You are the Best of those who speak and utter—	fa'innaka qulta wa anta khayru alqā'ilīna alnnāṭiqīna:	فَإِنَّكَ قُلْتَ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْقَائِلِينَ النَّاطِقِينَ:
“Ask Allah of His bounty.”	“was-alū allāha min faḍlihi”	(وَاسْأَلُوا اللَّهَ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ)
I thus ask You of Your bounty;	famin faḍlika as-alu	فَمِنْ فَضْلِكَ أَسْأَلُ،
and to You do I turn my face;	wa 'iyyāka qaṣadtu	وَإِيَّاكَ قَصَدْتُ،
and the intercession of Your Prophet's son do I seek;	wābna nabiyyka a`tamadtu	وَأَبْنَ نَبِيِّكَ اعْتَمَدْتُ،
and for You do I hope.	wa laka rajawtu	وَلَكَ رَجَوْتُ،
So, (please do) have mercy upon me; O the most Merciful of all those who show mercy.	farḥamny yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna	فَارْحَمْنِي يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

Sixth: It is recommended to say this supplication, which the Holy Prophet (a.s) used to recite at this night:

O Allah: (please do) grant us an amount of fearfulness of You that prevents us from committing acts of disobedience to You;	allāhumma aqsim lanā min khashiyatika	اللَّهُمَّ اقْسِمْ لَنَا مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ
and an amount of obedience to You that makes us attain Your satisfaction;	mā yaḥūlu baynanā wa bayna ma`ṣiyatika	مَا يَحُولُ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ مَعْصِيَتِكَ،
and an amount of conviction that help us tolerate the vicissitudes of this worldly life.	wa min ṭā`atika mā tuballghunā bihi riḍwānaka	وَمِنْ طَاعَتِكَ مَا تُبَلِّغُنَا بِهِ رِضْوَانَكَ،
O Allah: (please do) make us enjoy our hearings, sights, and powers	allāhumma amti`nā biasmā`inā wa abṣārinā wa quwwatinā	اللَّهُمَّ أَمِّتِنَا بِأَسْمَاعِنَا وَأَبْصَارِنَا وَقُوَّتِنَا
so long as You decide to keep us alive; and (please do) make it the inheritor of us.	mā aḥiyaytanā waj`alhu alwāritha minnā	مَا أَحْيَيْتَنَا وَاجْعَلْهُ الْوَارِثَ مِنَّا،
And (please do) make us avenge ourselves against them who	waj`al tharanā `alā man zalamanā	وَاجْعَلْ ثَارَنَا عَلَيَّ مَنْ ظَلَمَنَا،

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wrong us;

and back us against them who
antagonize us;

wānṣurnā `alā man `ādānā

وَأَنْصُرْنَا عَلَى مَنْ عَادَانَا،

and do not suffer misfortunes in
affairs of our religion;

wa lā taj`al muṣībatanā fi
dīninā

وَلَا تَجْعَلْ مُصِيبَتَنَا فِي دِينِنَا،

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

wa lā taj`ali alddunyā
akbara hammnā wa lā
mablagha `ilminā

وَلَا تَجْعَلِ الدُّنْيَا أَكْبَرَ هَمِّمْنَا وَلَا مَبْلَغَ
عِلْمِنَا،

and do set him who does not
have mercy upon us as master
over us;

wa lā tusallṭ `alaynā man lā
yarḥamunā

وَلَا تُسَلِّطْ عَلَيْنَا مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُنَا،

in the name of Your mercy; O
the most Merciful of all those
who show mercy.

biraḥmatika yarḥama
alrrāḥimīna

بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

Actually, this supplication is one of the perfect, comprehensive prayers that may be recited at all times. In the word of the book of ‘*Awālī al-La’ālī*’, the Holy Prophet (a.s) used to recite this supplication at all times.

Seventh: shajarati alnnbuwwati... **Eighth:** It is recommended to recite the famous *Du`ā' Kumayl* (The Supplication of Kumayl ibn Ziyād)

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

All glory be to Allah;

subḥāna allāhi,

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ،

all praise be to Allah;

walḥamdu lillāhi,

وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ،

there is no god save Allah;

wa lā ilāha illā allāhu,

وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ،

Allah is the Greatest;

wallāhu akbaru,

وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ،

Tenth: Shaykh al-Ṭūsiy, in ‘*Miṣbāḥ al-Mutahajjid*’, has narrated a Ḥadīth about the merits of the fifteenth night of Sha`bān entailing that Abū-Yaḥyā asked Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (a.s) about the best of supplications at this night. The Imam (a.s) instructed him saying, “After you accomplish the obligatory ‘Ishā’ Prayer, you may offer a two Rak`ah prayer in the first of which you should recite Sūrah of *al-Fātiḥah* and Sūrah of *al-Kāfirūn* and in the second you should recite Sūrah of *al-Fātiḥah* and Sūrah of *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) ‘*allāhu-akbar*’ thirty-four times. You may then say the following supplication:

O He to Whom the servants (of
Him) resort in urgencies

yā man ilayhi malja`u
al`ibādi fi almuḥimmāti

يَا مَنْ إِلَيْهِ مَلْجَأُ الْعِبَادِ فِي الْمُهِّمَاتِ،

and to Whom the creatures turn
in ordeals;

wa ilayhi yafza`u alkhalqu fi
almulimmāti

وَالَيْهِ يَفْرَعُ الْخَلْقُ فِي الْمِلْمَاتِ،

O He Who knows the open and
the hidden matters;

yā `ālima aljahri wal-
khafiyāti

يَا عَالِمَ الْجَهْرِ وَالْخَفِيَّاتِ،

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O He from Whom neither the ideas of illusions nor the initiatives of delusions can be concealed;

yā man lā takhfā `alayhi
khawāṭiru alawhāmi wa
taṣarrfu alkhaṭarāti

يَا مَنْ لَا تَخْفَى عَلَيْهِ خَوَاطِرُ الْأَوْهَامِ
وَتَصَرَّفُ الْخَطَرَاتِ،

O the Lord of creatures and beings;

yā rabbi alkhalā'iqi wal-
bariyyāti

يَا رَبَّ الْخَلَائِقِ وَالْبَرِيَّاتِ،

O He Who grasps the kingdoms of the earth and the heavens;

yā man biyadihi malakūtu
alaraḍīna wal-ssamāwāti

يَا مَنْ بِيَدِهِ مَلَكُوتُ الْأَرْضِينَ
وَالسَّمَاوَاتِ،

You are verily Allah; there is no god save You;

anta allāhu lā ilāha illā anta

أَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ،

I thus try to connect with you in the name of 'There is no god save You'

amutt ilayka bilā ilāha illā
anta

أُمْتُ إِلَيْكَ بِلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا 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;

fayā lā ilāha illā anta
aj`alny fī hadhihi allaylati
mimn nazarta ilayhi
faraḥimtahu

فَيَا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ اجْعَلْنِي فِي هَذِهِ
اللَّيْلَةِ مِمَّنْ نَظَرْتَ إِلَيْهِ فَرَحِمْتَهُ،

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

wa sami`ta du`āhu fa-
ajabtahu

وَسَمِعْتَ دُعَاءَهُ فَأَجَبْتَهُ،

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

wa `alimta astiqālatahu fa-
aqaltahu

وَعَلِمْتَ اسْتِغْلَالَهُ فَأَقَلْتَهُ،

and You have thus overlooked their past sins and enormous offenses.

wa tajāwazta `an sālifi
khaṭiātihi wa `azīmi
jarīratihī

وَتَجَاوَزْتَ عَنْ سَالِفِ خَطِيئَتِهِ وَعَظِيمِ
جَرِيرَتِهِ،

verily, I am seeking Your shelter against my sins,

faqadi astajartu bika min
dhunūbī

فَقَدِ اسْتَجَرْتُ بِكَ مِنْ ذُنُوبِي،

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

wa lajatu ilayka fī satri
`uyūbī

وَلَجَأْتُ إِلَيْكَ فِي سِتْرِ عُيُوبِي.

O Allah: (please) bestow lavishly upon me with Your generosity and Favor;

allāhumma fajud `alayy
bikaramika wa faḍlika

اللَّهُمَّ فَجُدْ عَلَيَّ بِكَرَمِكَ وَفَضْلِكَ،

and condone my misdeeds out of Your forbearance and pardon,

wāḥṭuṭ khaṭāiāya biḥilmika
wa `afwika

وَاحْطُطْ خَطَايَايَ بِحِلْمِكَ وَعَفْوِكَ،

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

wa taghammdny fī hadhihi
allaylati bisābighi karāmatika

وَتَعَمَّدْنِي فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ بِسَابِغِ
كَرَامَتِكَ،

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

waj`alny fihā min awlāiā'ika
alladhīna ajtabaytahum
liṭā`atika

وَاجْعَلْنِي فِيهَا مِنْ أَوْلِيَائِكَ الَّذِينَ
اجْتَبَيْتَهُمْ لَطَاعَتِكَ،

and whom You have chosen for worshipping You,

wākhtartahum li`ibādatika

وَاخْتَرْتَهُمْ لِعِبَادَتِكَ،

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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,

and 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,

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

and save me from doing more acts of disobedience to You,

and make me love the acts of obedience to You and whatever draws me near You and approaches me toward You.

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

and a needy begs none save You,

and only on Your generosity does a repentant, contrite one depends

You have disciplined Your servants by means of generosity; and You are verily the most Generous of all those who are generous.

and 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,

and do not make me despair of Your opulent bounties,

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

wa ja`altahum khāliṣataka
wa ṣifwataka

allāhumma aj`alny mimmn
sa`ada jadduhu

wa tawaffra mina alkhayrāti
ḥazzuhu

waj`alny mimmn salima
fana`ima

wa fāza faghanima

wākfīny sharr mā aslaftu

wā`ṣimny mina alāzdiādi fi
ma`ṣiyatika

wa ḥabbib ilayya ṭā`ataka
wa mā yuqarribuny minka
wa yuzlifuny`indaka

sayyidy ilayka yalja`u
alhāribu

wa minka yaltamis alttālibu

wa`alā karamika yu`awwīlu
almustaqīlu alttālibu

addabta`ibādaka
bilttakarrumi wa anta
akramu alakramīna

wa amarta bil`afūi`ibādaka
wa anta alghafūru alrrahīmu

allāhumma falā taḥrimny mā
rajawtu min karamika

wa lā tu`īsny min sābighi
ni`amika

wa lā tukhayyby min jazīli
qisamika fi hadhihi allaylati
liahli ṭā`atika

وَجَعَلْتَهُمْ خَالِصَتَكَ وَصِفْوَتَكَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ سَعَدَ جَدُّهُ،

وَتَوَفَّرَ مِنَ الْخَيْرَاتِ حَظَّهُ،

وَاجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ سَلِمَ فَنَعِمَ،

وَفَازَ فَعَنِمَ،

وَكَفَّنِي شَرَّ مَا أَسْلَفْتُ،

وَاعْصِمْنِي مِنَ الْإِزْدِيَادِ فِي مَعْصِيَتِكَ،

وَحَبَّبْ إِلَيَّ طَاعَتَكَ وَمَا يُقَرِّبُنِي مِنْكَ
وَيُزَلِّفُنِي عِنْدَكَ.

سَيِّدِي إِلَيْكَ يَلْجَأُ الْهَارِبُ،

وَمِنْكَ يَلْتَمِسُ الطَّالِبُ،

وَعَلَى كَرَمِكَ يُعْوَلُ الْمُسْتَقِيلُ التَّائِبُ،

أَدَّبْتَ عِبَادَكَ بِالسَّكْرَمِ وَأَنْتَ أَكْرَمُ
الْأَكْرَمِينَ،

وَأَمَرْتَ بِالْعَفْوِ عِبَادَكَ وَأَنْتَ الْعَفْوُ
الرَّحِيمُ.

اللَّهُمَّ فَلَا تَحْرِمْنِي مَا رَجَوْتُ مِنْ
كَرَمِكَ،

وَلَا تُؤَيِّسْنِي مِنْ سَابِغِ نِعْمِكَ،

وَلَا تُخَيِّبْنِي مِنْ جَزِيلِ قِسْمِكَ فِي
هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ لِأَهْلِ طَاعَتِكَ،

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and include me with Your protection against Your evil creatures.

O my Lord: If I do not deserve so, then You are worthy of acting generously to me, and pardoning and forgiving me,

and (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,

and 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 You are 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,

and I seek refuge with Your pardon against Your chastisement,

and (please) forgive me the sin that prevents me from enjoying high morals,

and suppresses my sustenance,

so that I will do that which excellently achieves Your satisfaction

and I will enjoy Your profuse granting,

and I will be delighted by Your abundant bounties.

I am having recourse to Your sanctity,

and I am asking for Your generosity,

and I am taking shelter in Your pardon against Your punishment,

waj`alny fi junnatin min
shirāri bariyyatika

rabbi in lam akun min ahli
dhalika fanta ahlu alkarami
wal-`afūi wal-maghfirati

wa jud`alayya bimā anta
ahluhu lā bimā astahiqquhu

faqad ḥasuna ḡanni bika

wa taḥaqqāqa rajāiy laka

wa`aliqat nafsī bikaramika

fa-anta arḥamu alrrāḥimīna

wa akramu alakramīna

allāhumma wākhṣuṣny min
karamika bijazīli qisamika

wa a`ūdhu bi`afwika min
`uqūbatika

wa għfir liya aldhḥanba
alladhy yaḥbisu`alayya
alkhuluqa

wa yuḍayyiqu`alayya
alrrzqa

ḥattā aqūma biṣāliḥi riḍāka

wa an`ama bijazīli`aṭā'ika

wa as`ada bisābighi
na`mā'ika

faqad ludhtu biḥaramika

wa ta`arraḍtu likaramika

wāsta`adhtu bi`afwika min
`uqūbatika

وَأَجْعَلْنِي فِي جُنَّةٍ مِنْ شَرِّ بَرِيَّتِكَ،

رَبِّ إِنْ لَمْ أَكُنْ مِنْ أَهْلِ ذَلِكَ فَأَنْتَ
أَهْلُ الْكَرَمِ وَالْعَفْوِ وَالْمَغْفِرَةِ،

وَجُدْ عَلَيَّ بِمَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ لَا بِمَا
أَسْتَحِقُّهُ،

فَقَدْ حَسُنَ ظَنِّي بِكَ،

وَتَحَقَّقْ رَجَائِي لَكَ،

وَعَلَّقْتُ نَفْسِي بِكَرَمِكَ

فَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ،

وَأَكْرَمُ الْأَكْرَمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ وَاخْصُصْنِي مِنْ كَرَمِكَ بِجَزِيلِ
قِسْمِكَ،

وَأَعُوذُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عُقُوبَتِكَ،

وَاعْفِرْ لِي الدَّنْبَ الَّذِي يَحْبِسُنِي عَلَيَّ
الْخُلُقَ،

وَيُضَيِّقُ عَلَيَّ الرِّزْقَ

حَتَّى أَقُومَ بِصَالِحِ رِضَاكَ،

وَأَنْعَمَ بِجَزِيلِ عَطَائِكَ،

وَأَسْعَدَ بِسَابِغِ نِعْمَائِكَ،

فَقَدْ لُدْتُ بِحَرَمِكَ،

وَتَعَرَّضْتُ لِكَرَمِكَ،

وَاسْتَعَدْتُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عُقُوبَتِكَ،

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and in Your forbearance against
Your ire.

wa bihilmika 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 altamastu minka

وَأَنْبِلْ مَا أَلْتَمَسْتُ مِنْكَ،

I beseech You in Your name,
since there is nothing great that
You are.

aṣaluka bika lā bishay'in
huwa a`zamu minka

أَسْأَلُكَ بِكَ لَا بِشَيْءٍ هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنْكَ.

You may prostrate yourself and repeat the following twenty times:

O my Lord!

yā rabb(i)

يَا رَبِّ.

And then repeat the following seven times:

O Allah!

yā allāh(u)

يَا اللَّهُ.

And then repeat the following seven times:

There is neither might nor power
save with Allah.

lā ḥawla walā quwwata illā
billāh(i)

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ.

And then repeat the following ten times:

Only that which Allah wants (will
be).

mā shā'allāh(u)

مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ.

And then repeat the following ten times:

There is no power save with
Allah.

lā quwwata illā billāhi

لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ.

You may then pray Almighty Allah for sending blessings upon the Holy Prophet and ask for settling your requests.

By Allah I swear, even if you pray for needs as many as raindrops, Almighty Allah, out of His generosity and favors, will settle them all.”

Eleventh: Shaykh al-Ṭūsiy and Shaykh al-Kaf`amiy say: It is suitable to say the following supplication at this night:

O Allah: tonight the seekers of
favors, restless and eager,
present themselves to You;

ilāhy ta`arraḍa laka fī hādhā
allayli almuta`arriḍūna

إِلَهِي تَعَرَّضَ لَكَ فِي هَذَا اللَّيْلِ
الْمُتَعَرِّضُونَ،

the determined aspirers have
You in mind;

wa qaṣadaka alqāṣidūna

وَقَصَدَكَ الْقَاصِدُونَ،

those who make requests look
long and attentively at Your
obligingness and kindness;

wa ammla faḍlaka wa
ma`rūfaka alṭṭālibūna

وَأَمَلْ فَضْلَكَ وَمَعْرُوفَكَ الطَّالِبُونَ،

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

wa laka fī hādhā allayli
nafaḥātun wa jawā'izu

وَلَكَ فِي هَذَا اللَّيْلِ نَفَحَاتٌ وَجَوَائِزُ

free donations, and favors,

wa `aṭāyā wa mawāhibu

وَعَطَايَا وَمَوَاهِبُ

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

tamunnu bihā `alā man
tashā'u min `ibādika

تَمُنُّ بِهَا عَلَيَّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ،

and say no to those who do not
try to get in advance (remain

wa tamna`uhā man lam
tasbiq lahu al`ināiyatu

وَتَمْنَعُهَا مَنْ لَمْ تَسْبِقْ لَهُ الْعِنَايَةَ

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behind) for obtaining the bounties from You.

minka

مِنْكَ،

I, a modest needy bondman,

wa hā anā dhā `ubayduka
alfaqīru ilayka

وَهَا أَنَا ذَا عُبَيْدِكَ الْفَقِيرِ إِلَيْكَ

am hopeful of Your obligingness and kindness.

almu `ammilu faḍlaka wa
ma `rūfaka

الْمُؤْمَلُ فَضْلِكَ وَمَعْرُوفِكَ،

Indeed if You, O My Master, bestows a favor on any one, in this night, from among Your created beings,

fain kunta yā mawlāiya
tafaḍḍalta fī hadhihi allaylati
`alā aḥadin min khalqika

فَإِنْ كُنْتَ يَا مَوْلَايَ تَفَضَّلْتَ فِي هَذِهِ
اللَّيْلَةِ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ

and multiply profits and gains for him out of love and affection,

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

وَعُدْتَ عَلَيْهِ بِعَائِدَةٍ مِنْ عَطْفِكَ

please send blessings upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad:

faṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa
āli muḥammadin

فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

the pure, the immaculate, the virtuous, and the righteous;

alṭṭiyyibīna alṭṭāhirīna
alkhayyirīna alfāḍilīna

الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ الْخَيْرِينَ الْفَاضِلِينَ،

and then let me have enough and be contented on account of Your liberality and obligingness,

wa jud `alayya biṭawlika wa
ma `rūfika

وَجُدْ عَلَيَّ بِطَوْلِكَ وَمَعْرُوفِكَ

O Lord of the worlds!

yā rabba al `ālamīna

يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ،

May Allah send blessings upon Muḥammad, the seal of the Prophets,

wa ṣallā allāhu `alā
muḥammadin khātami
alnnabiyyīna

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ

and upon his Household, the immaculate,

wa ālihi alṭṭāhirīna

وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

and may He exalt them very much.

wa sallama taslīman

وَسَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا

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

inn allāha ḥamīdun majīdun

إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ.

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

allāhumma innī ad `ūka
kamā amarta

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَدْعُوكَ كَمَا أَمَرْتَ

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

fastajib lī kamā wa `adta

فَاسْتَجِبْ لِي كَمَا وَعَدْتَ

verily, You never break Your promise.

innaka lā tukhlifu almī `āda

إِنَّكَ لَا تُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ.

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

Twelfth: It is recommended to say the supplication narrated by Shaykh al-Ṭūsiy and Sayyid Ibn Ṭāwūs after each two Rak`ahs 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 supplications

Prostrating before You are my body and my shadow

sajada laka sawādy wa
khayālī

سَجَدَ لَكَ سَوَادِي وَخَيَالِي،

and my heart is in full faith of You

wa āmana bika fu `ādī

وَأَمَنَ بِكَ فُوَادِي،

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These are my two hands and this is what I have committed against myself,

hadhihi yadāiya wa mā
janaytuhu `alā nafsī

هَذِهِ يَدَايِ وَمَا جَنَيْتُهُ عَلَى نَفْسِي،

O the All-great: You are hoped for all enormous things;

yā `azīmu turjā likulli
`azīmin

يَا عَظِيمٌ تُرَجَى لِكُلِّ عَظِيمٍ

Please, forgive me my serious offences

aghfir liya al`azīma

اغْفِرْ لِي الْعَظِيمَ

because none can forgive the serious sin except the All-great Lord.

fa`innhu lā yaghfiru
aldhdhanba al`azīma illā
alrrabbu al`azīmu

فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذَّنْبَ الْعَظِيمَ إِلَّا الرَّبُّ
الْعَظِيمُ.

The Holy Prophet (a.s) then raised his head and then prostrated himself again, saying:

I seek the protection of the light of Your Face that has lit the heavens and the earth

a`ūdhu binūri wa jhika
alladhy aḍā`at lahu
alssamāwātu wal-araḍūna

أَعُوذُ بِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ الَّذِي أَضَاءَتْ لَهُ
السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُونَ،

and has removed all darkness

wānkashafat lahu
alzzulumātu

وَأَنكَشَفَتْ لَهُ الظُّلْمَاتُ،

and has made active all the affairs of the past and the coming generations

wa ṣalaha `alayhi amru al-
awwalīna wal-ākhirīna

وَصَلَحَ عَلَيْهِ أَمْرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ

against Your sudden chastisement

min fuj-ati naqimatika

مِنْ فُجْأَةٍ نَقِمَتِكَ،

and 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 zawal-i ni`matika

وَمِنْ زَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ.

O Allah: (please) grant me a heart that is pious and pure,

allāhumma arzuqny qalban
taqiyyan naqiyyan

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي قَلْبًا تَقِيًّا نَقِيًّا

and is released from polytheism,

wa mina alshshirki barī'an

وَمِنَ الشِّرْكِ بَرِيًّا

and is neither atheist nor unhappy.

lā kāfiran wa lā shaqiyyan

لَا كَافِرًا وَلَا شَقِيًّا.

The Holy Prophet (a.s) then attached his face to the ground and said:

I am putting my face on the ground

`affartu wajhy fi altturābi

عَفَّرْتُ وَجْهِي فِي التُّرَابِ

and it is my duty to prostrate myself before You

wa ḥuqqa lī an asjuda laka

وَحَقُّ لِي أَنْ أَسْجُدَ لَكَ

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

Fifteenth: At the night of the half of Sha`bān, you may offer a four Rak`ah prayer in each Rak`ah of which you may recite the Sūrah of *al-Fātiḥah* once and the Sūrah of *al-Tawḥīd* one hundred times. After accomplishment, you may say the following supplication:

O Allah: I am in need for You,

allāhumma innī ilayka
faqīrun

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي إِلَيْكَ فَاقِيرٌ،

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and I am fearful of You and
seeking Your shelter against
Your chastisement.

O Allah: (please) do not erase my
name,

and do not change my body,

and do not increase my ordeals,

and do not make my enemies
rejoice at my misfortune.

I resort to Your pardon against
Your punishment,

and I resort to Your mercy
against Your chastisement,

and I resort to Your pleasure
against Your wrath,

and I resort to You from You

Enormous be the praise of You

You are as exactly as You have
praised Yourself,

and above all that which is said
about You.

wa min `adhābika khā'ifun
mustajīrun

allāhumma lā tubaddil ismī

wa lā tughayyir jismī

wa lā tajhad balā'y

wa lā tushmit bi a`dā'y

a`ūdhu bi`afwika min
`iqābika

wa a`ūdhu biraḥmatika min
`adhābika

wa a`ūdhu biriḍāka min
sakaḥatika

wa a`ūdhu bika minka

jalla thanāu`uka

anta kamā athnayta `alā
nafsika

wa fawqa mā yaqūlu
alqā'ilūna

وَمِنْ عَذَابِكَ خَائِفٌ مُّسْتَجِيرٌ.

اللَّهُمَّ لَا تُبَدِّلِ اسْمِي،

وَلَا تُغَيِّرْ جِسْمِي،

وَلَا تَجْهَدْ بِلَائِي،

وَلَا تُشْمِتْ بِي أَعْدَائِي،

أَعُوذُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عِقَابِكَ،

وَأَعُوذُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِكَ،

وَأَعُوذُ بِرِضَاكَ مِنْ سَخَطِكَ،

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْكَ،

جَلَّ ثَنَاؤُكَ

أَنْتَ كَمَا أَنْتَيْتَ عَلَيَّ نَفْسِكَ

وَفَوْقَ مَا يَقُولُ الْقَائِلُونَ.