

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH OF RAJAB
THE DIVINE MISSION DAY

This day is one of the great feast days. On this day, the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) was appointed for conveying the Divine Mission when Archangel Gabriel first came to him with the Divine Revelation. Several rites are advisably practiced on this day. Some of them are as follows:

First: It is recommended to bathe oneself on this day.

Second: It is recommended to observe fasting. In fact, this day is one of the four days that are dedicated to fasting in the whole year. The reward of observing fasting on this day is equal to seventy year fasting.

Third: It is recommended to repeat very frequently the invocation of blessings upon Prophet Muḥammad and his Household.

Fourth: It is recommended to visit the tombs of the Holy Prophet and Imam `Alī, peace be upon them and their Household.

Fifth: In his book entitled *Miṣbāḥ al-Mutahajjid*, Shaykh al-Ṭūsī mentions that al-Rayyān ibn al-Ṣalt is reported as saying that Imam Muḥammad al-Jawād (`a) observed fasting on the fifteenth and the twenty-seventh of Rajab while he was in Baghdad. Following him, all of his followers observed fasting. He then ordered us to offer the prayer that consists of twelve units at each of which Sūrah *al-Fātiḥah* and another Sūrah should be recited. At the accomplishment of this prayer, it is recommended to recite Sūrahs *al-Fātiḥah*, *al-Tawḥīd*, *al-Falaq*, and *al-Nās* each for times. Then it is recommended to say the following litany four times:

There is no god save Allah.	lā ilāha illā allāhu	لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
Allah is the Most Great,	wallāhu akbaru	وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
all glory be to Allah,	wa subḥāna allāhi	وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ
all praise be to Allah,	walḥamdu lillāhi	وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ
and there is neither might nor power save with Allah, the Most High, the All-great.	wa lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā billāhi al`aliyyi al`azīmi	وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

Then, it is recommended to repeat the following four times:

Allah, Allah is my Lord. I associate none with Him.	allāhu allāhu rabbī lā ushriku biḥī shay'an	اللَّهُ اللَّهُ رَبِّي لَا أُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئاً
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Then, it is recommended to say the following four times, too:

I never associate anyone with my Lord.	lā ushriku birabbī aḥadan	لَا أُشْرِكُ بِرَبِّي أَحَداً
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Sixth: Shaykh al-Ṭūsī has also reported Abu'l-Qāsim Ḥusayn ibn Rūḥ—may Allah have mercy upon him—as saying: On this day, you may offer a prayer consisting of twelve units at each of which you may recite Sūrah *al-Fātiḥah* and any other Sūrah. After each couple of units, you may say the following:

All praise is due to Allah, Who has not taken a son	alḥamdu lillāhi alladhī lam yattakhidh waladan	الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ يَتَّخِذْ وَلِداً
Who has not a partner in the kingdom,	wa lam yakun lahū sharīkun fi al mulki	وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ شَرِيكٌ فِي الْمُلْكِ

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 and Who has not a helper to save Him from disgrace;
 and proclaim His greatness with thorough proclamation.
 O my Supporter throughout my lifetime!
 O my Companion in hardships!
 O provider of me with all graces that I enjoy!
 O my Succor in my desires!
 O source of success of my needs!
 O my guardian while I am absent!
 O He Who is sufficient for me when I am alone!
 O my entertainment in my loneliness!
 You alone conceal my faults!
 So, all praise be to You.
 You alone overlook my slips.
 So, all praise be to You.
 You alone revive my deterioration.
 So, all praise be to You.
 (Please do) send blessings to Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad
 and conceal my defects,
 secure my apprehensions,
 oversee my slips,
 pardon my offenses,
 overlook my evildoings,
 and include me with the people of Paradise;
 the promise of truth which they were promised.

wa lam yakun lahū waliyyun min aldhhdhulli
 wa kabbirhu takbīran
 yā `uddatī fī muddatī
 yā ṣāhibī fī shiddatī
 yā waliyyī fī ni`matī
 yā ghiyāthī fī raghbātī
 yā najāhī fī ḥājatī
 yā ḥāfiẓī fī ghaybatī
 yā kāfiyyī fī waḥdatī
 yā unsī fī waḥshatī
 anta alssātīru `awratī
 falaka alḥamdu
 wa anta almuqīlu `athratī
 falaka alḥamdu
 wa anta almun`ishu ṣar`atī
 falaka alḥamdu
 ṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin
 wastur `awratī
 wa āmin raw`atī
 wa aqilnī `athratī
 waṣfaḥ `an jurmī
 wa tajāwaz `an sayyi'ātī
 fī aṣḥābi aljannati
 wa `da alṣḥidqi alladhī kānū yū`adūna

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ وَلِيٌّ مِنَ الذُّلِّ
 وَكَبَّرَهُ تَكْبِيرًا
 يَا عُدَّتِي فِي مُدَّتِي
 يَا صَاحِبِي فِي شِدَّتِي
 يَا وَلِيِّي فِي نِعْمَتِي
 يَا غِيَاثِي فِي رَغْبَتِي
 يَا نَجَاحِي فِي حَاجَتِي
 يَا حَافِظِي فِي غَيْبَتِي
 يَا كَافِيِّي فِي وَحْدَتِي
 يَا أُنْسِي فِي وَحْشَتِي
 أَنْتَ أَلْسَاتِي رُ عَوْرَتِي
 فَلَكَ أَلْحَمْدُ
 وَأَنْتَ أَلْمُقِيلُ عَثْرَتِي
 فَلَكَ أَلْحَمْدُ
 وَأَنْتَ أَلْمُنْعِشُ صَرَ عَتِي
 فَلَكَ أَلْحَمْدُ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَأَسْتُرْ عَوْرَتِي
 وَأَمِنْ رَوْعَتِي
 وَأَقْلِنِي عَثْرَتِي
 وَأَصْفَحْ عَن جُرْمِي
 وَتَجَاوَزْ عَن سَيِّئَاتِي
 فِي أَصْحَابِ الْجَنَّةِ
 وَعَدَّ أَلصِّدْقِ أَلَّذِي كَانُوا
 يُوعَدُونَ

When you accomplish the prayer, you should recite Sūrahs *al-Fātiḥah*, *al-Tawḥīd*, *al-Falaq*, *al-Nās*, *al-Kāfirūn*, *al-Qadr*, and *Āyah al-Kursī* seven times. You should then repeat the following seven times:

There is no god save Allah;	lā ilāha illā allāhu	لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
Allah is the Most Great,	wallāhu akbaru	وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
glory be to Allah,	wa subḥāna allāhi	وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ
and there is neither might nor power save with Allah.	wa lāḥawla wa lā quwwata illā billāhi	وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

You should then say the following seven times:

Allah, Allah is my Lord. I associate none with Him.	allāhu allāhu rabbī lā ushriku biḥī shay'an	اللَّهُ اللَّهُ رَبِّي لَا أُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا
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After that, you may submit your needs.

Seventh: As is mentioned in *Iqbāl al-A`māl* and some manuscripts of *Miṣbāḥ al-Mutahajjid*, it is recommended to say the following supplicatory prayer on this day:

O He Who has ordered us to forgive and overlook	yā man amara bil`afwi walttjāwuzi	يَا مَنْ أَمَرَ بِالْعَفْوِ وَالتَّجَاوُزِ وَضَمَّنَ نَفْسَهُ الْعَفْوَ وَالْتَّجَاوُزَ
and has taken upon Himself to forgive and overlook!	wa ḍammaṇa nafsahū al`afwa walttjāwuzā	يَا مَنْ عَفَا وَتَجَاوَزَ إِعْفُ عَنِّي وَتَجَاوِزْ يَا كَرِيمُ
O He Who did forgive and overlook!	yā man `afā wa tajāwaza	اللَّهُمَّ وَقَدْ أَكْدَى الطَّلَبُ وَأَعْيَتِ الْحِيلَةُ وَالْمَذْهَبُ وَدَرَسَتِ الْأَمَالُ
(Please do) forgive me and overlook (my evildoings), O All-generous!	i`fu `annī wa tajāwaz yā karīmu	وَأَنْقَطَعَ الرَّجَاءُ إِلَّا مِنْكَ وَحَدِّكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أجدُ سُبُلَ الْمَطَالِبِ إِلَيْكَ مُشْرَعَةً وَمَنَاهِلَ الرَّجَاءِ لَدَيْكَ مُتْرَعَةً
O Allah, surely all requests have been rejected, all means and ways have been inaccessible, all hopes have been eradicated, all expectations have been cut off from everybody save You alone. There is no partner with You.	allāhumma wa qad akdā alṭṭalabu wa a`yat alḥīlatu walmadhhabu wa darasat al-āmālu wanqaṭa`a alrrajā'u illā minka waḥdaka lā sharīka laka	
O Allah, I find the ways to requesting from You wide open, the springs of hoping for You quenching,	allāhumma innī ajidu subula almaṭālibi ilayka mushra`atan wa manāhila alrrajā'i ladayka mutra`atan	

the doors of supplication
unlocked before one who
implores You,

wa abwāba alddu `ā'i liman
da`āka mufattaḥatan

وَأَبْوَابَ الدُّعَاءِ لِمَنْ دَعَاكَ
مُفْتَحَةً

and Your aid available for
those who seek it.

walisti`ānata liman ista`āna
bika mubāḥatan

وَالِاسْتِعَانَةَ لِمَنْ اسْتَعَانَ
بِكَ مُبَاحَةً

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

wa a`lamu annaka lidā`ika
bimawḍi`i ijābatin

وَأَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ لِدَاعِيكَ
بِمَوْضِعِ إِجَابَةٍ

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

wa lilṣṣārikhi ilayka bimarṣadi
ighāthatin

وَلِلصَّارِحِ إِلَيْكَ بِمَرُودٍ
إِغَاثَةٍ

and hastening to Your
magnanimity and reliance
upon Your promise

wa anna fī allāhfi ilā jūdika
walḍḍamāni bi`idatika

وَأَنَّ فِي اللَّهِفِي إِلَيَّ
جُودِكَ وَالضَّمَانَ بِعِدَّتِكَ

compensate from the
stinginess of the misery ones

`iwaḍan min man`i
albākhilīna

عَوَضًا مِنْ مَنَعِ الْبَاخِلِينَ
وَمَنْدُوحَةً عَمَّا فِي أَيْدِي

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

wa mandūḥatan `ammā fī
aydī almusta`thirīna

الْمُسْتَأْثِرِينَ

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

wa annaka lā taḥtajibu `an
khalqika

وَأَنَّكَ لَا تَحْتَجِبُ عَنْ
خَلْقِكَ

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

illā an taḥjubahum al-a`mālu
dūnaka

إِلَّا أَنْ تَحْجُبَهُمُ الْأَعْمَالُ
دُونَكَ

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

wa qad `alimtu anna afḍala
zādi alrrāḥili ilayka

وَقَدْ عَلِمْتُ أَنَّ أَفْضَلَ زَادِ
الرَّاحِلِ إِلَيْكَ

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

`azmu irādatin yakhtāruka
bihā

عَزْمُ إِرَادَةٍ يَخْتَارُكَ بِهَا

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

wa qad nājāka bi`azmi al-
irādati qalbī

وَقَدْ نَجَاكَ بِعَزْمِ الْإِرَادَةِ
قَلْبِي

and I pray You in the name
of all supplications said by a

wa as'aluka bikulli da`watin
da`āka bihā rājin ballaghtahū
amalahū

وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِكُلِّ دَعْوَةٍ دَعَاكَ

hopeful and thus You have achieved his hope,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This is Rajab, the honored and dignified month,

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

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

O Lord of Magnanimity and Generosity!

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

aw ṣārikhun ilayka aghathta ṣarkhatahū

aw malhūfun makrūbun farrajta karbahū

aw mudhnibun khāṭi'un ghafarta lahū

aw mu`āfan atmamta ni`mataka `alayhi

aw faqīrun ahdayta ghināka ilayhi

wa litilka aldda`wati `alayka ḥaqqun wa `indaka manzilatulun

illā ṣallayta `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin

wa qaḍayta ḥawā'ijī ḥawā'ija alddunyā wal-ākhirati

wa hādhā rajabun almurajjabu almukarramu

alladhī akramtanā bihī awwalu ashhuri alḥurumi

akramtanā bihī min bayni al-umami

yā dhaljūdi walkarami

fanas'aluka bihī wa bismika al-a`ẓami al-a`ẓami al-a`ẓami

بِهَا رَاجٍ بَلَغْتَهُ أَمَلَهُ
أَوْ صَارِحٌ إِلَيْكَ أَغْتَتَ
صَرَخْتَهُ

أَوْ مَلْهُوفٌ مَكْرُوبٌ فَرَجْتَهُ
كَرْبَهُ

أَوْ مُذْنِبٌ خَاطِيٌّ غَفَرْتَ لَهُ
أَوْ مُعَافَىٌّ أَتَمَمْتَ نِعْمَتَكَ
عَلَيْهِ

أَوْ فَاقِيرٌ أَهْدَيْتَ غِنَاكَ
إِلَيْهِ

وَلِتِلْكَ الدَّعْوَةَ عَلَيْكَ حَقٌّ
وَعِنْدَكَ مَنْزِلَةٌ
إِلَّا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ
وَأَلِّ مُحَمَّدٍ

وَقَضَيْتَ حَوَائِجِي حَوَائِجَ
الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

وَهَذَا رَجَبٌ الْمُرْجَبُ
الْمُكْرَمُ

الَّذِي أَكْرَمْتَنَا بِهِ أَوَّلُ
أَشْهُرِ الْحُرْمِ

أَكْرَمْتَنَا بِهِ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأُمَمِ

يَا ذَا الْجُودِ وَالْكَرَمِ

فَنَسْأَلُكَ بِهِ وَبِاسْمِكَ

grandest, the grandest,

the most majestic, the most honorable,

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

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

to send blessings to Muḥammad and his Household the immaculate

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

and those who hope for Your admission.

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

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

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

Peace be upon His servants, the chosen,

and His blessings be upon them all.

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

covered with Your nobility,

al-ajalli al-akrami

alladhī khalaqtahū fastaqarra fī ḡillika

falā yakhruju minka ilā ghayrika

an tuṣalliya `alā muḥammadin wa ahli baytihi alṭṭāhirina

wa taj`alanā min al`āmilīna fīhi biṭā`atika

wal-āmilīna fīhi bishafā`atika

allāhumma wahdinā ilā sawā'i alssabīli

waj`al maqīlanā `indaka khayra maqīlin fī ḡillin ḡalīlin

fa'innaka ḥasbunā wa ni`ma alwakīlu

wa alssalāmu `alā `ibādihi almuṣṭafayna

wa ṣalawātuhū `alayhim ajma`īna

allāhumma wa bārik lanā fī yawminā hādhā alladhī faḍḍaltahū

wa bikarāmatika jallaltahū

الْأَعْظَمِ الْأَعْظَمِ الْأَعْظَمِ
الْأَجَلُّ الْأَكْرَمِ
الَّذِي خَلَقْتَهُ فَاسْتَقَرَّ فِي
ظِلِّكَ

فَلَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْكَ إِلَيَّ
غَيْرِكَ

أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ
وَأَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

وَتَجْعَلَنَا مِنَ الْعَامِلِينَ فِيهِ
بِطَاعَتِكَ

وَالْأَمِلِينَ فِيهِ بِشَفَاعَتِكَ

اللَّهُمَّ وَاهْدِنَا إِلَى سَوَاءِ
السَّبِيلِ

وَأَجْعَلْ مَقِيلَنَا عِنْدَكَ

خَيْرَ مَقِيلٍ فِي ظِلِّ ظَلِيلٍ
فَإِنَّكَ حَسْبُنَا وَنِعْمَ
الْوَكِيلُ

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيَّ عِبَادِهِ
الْمُصْطَفَيْنَ

وَصَلَوَاتُهُ عَلَيْهِمْ أَجْمَعِينَ

اللَّهُمَّ وَبَارِكْ لَنَا فِي يَوْمِنَا
هَذَا الَّذِي فَضَّلْتَهُ

وَبَكَرَامَتِكَ جَلَّلْتَهُ

and implanted in the great
and highest Dwelling.

wa bilmanzili al`aẓīmi al-a`lā
anzaltahū

وَبِالْمَنْزِلِ الْعَظِيمِ الْأَعْلَى
أَنْزَلْتَهُ

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

ṣalli `alā man fihi ilā `ibādika
arsaltahū

صَلِّ عَلَيَّ مَنْ فِيهِ إِلَيَّ
عِبَادِكَ أَرْسَلْتَهُ

and whom You
accommodated in the Noble
Place.

wa bilmaḥalli alkarīmi
aḥlaltahū

وَبِالْمَحَلِّ الْكَرِيمِ أَحَلَلْتَهُ

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

allāhumma ṣalli `alayhi
ṣalatan dā'imatan takūnu laka
shukran

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِ صَلَاةً
دَائِمَةً تَكُونُ لَكَ شُكْرًا

and reward to us.

wa lanā dhukhran

وَلَنَا ذُخْرًا

And make easy for us all our
affairs

waj` al lanā min amrinā
yusran

وَأَجْعَلْ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا يُسْرًا

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

wakhtim lanā bilssa`ādati ilā
muntahā ājālinā

وَأَخْتِمْ لَنَا بِالسَّعَادَةِ إِلَيَّ
مُنْتَهَى آجَالِنَا

after You accept our little
deed

wa qad qabilta alyasīra min
a`mālinā

وَقَدْ قَبِلْتَ أَلْيَسِيرٍ مِنْ
أَعْمَالِنَا

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

wa ballaghtanā biraḥmatika
afḍala āmālinā

وَبَلَّغْتَنَا بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَفْضَلَ
أَمَالِنَا

Verily, You have power over
all things.

innaka `alā kulli shay'in
qadīrun

إِنَّكَ عَلَيَّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

May Allah bless and exalt
Muḥammad and his
Household.

wa ṣallā allāhu `alā
muḥammadin wa ālihī wa
sallama

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ
وَأَلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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

Eighth: As is mentioned in *Iqbāl al-A`māl*, it is recommended to say the following supplicatory prayer on this day:

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

allāhumma innī as'aluka
bilttajallī al-a`ẓamī...

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِالتَّجَلِّي
الْأَعْظَمِ...

This supplicatory prayer has been previously mentioned, yet according to the narration of al-Kaf'amī, within the rites of the twenty-seventh night of Rajab.