



FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT IN RAJAB CALLED 'LAYLAT AL-RAGHĀ'IB (NIGHT OF DESIRES).

It is mentioned by Sayyid Ibn Ṭāwūs in his book of 'Iqbāl al-A`māl' and `Allāmah al-Majlisi in 'Ijāzat Bani-Zuhrah,' the reward of him who offers this prayer is that a great number of his sins are forgiven and that on the first night in the grave, Almighty Allah sends him the reward of this prayer in the form of a life form to say to him, "Good tidings, You have escaped all hardships." The offerer of this prayer will then ask him "Who are you? Indeed, I have never seen such good-looking face, and I have never smelled such nice scent." He will be answered, "I am the reward of the prayer that you offered at so-and-so night in so-and-so month in so-and-so year at the town of so-and-so. I am here now so as to settle your right, to entertain you in your loneliness, and to save you from this situation. When the Trumpet shall be blown (declaring the Resurrection Day), I will cast a shadow over your head in the Resurrection Court. So, be happy, for you shall never be deprived of goodness."

One should observe fast on the first Thursday in Rajab.

Between the Maghrib (sunset) and `Ishā' (evening) Prayers, one should offer a twelve Rak`ah prayer (6 X 2 units) Each couple of which is separated by Taslim. In each Rak`ah, one should recite the Sūrah of al-Fātihah once, the Sūrah of al-Qadr three times, and the Sūrah of al-Tawhīd twelve times.

After completion of the prayer, one should recite the following invocation seventy times:

O Allah please send blessings upon Muḥammad, the Ummi Prophet, and upon his Family. allāhumma ṣalli `alā muḥammadin alnabiyy al-`ummiyy wa `alā ālihi. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى آلِهِ.

Then, one should prostrate and recite the following seventy times:

Glorified (is He), Holy (is He), the Lord of the angels and the Spirit. subbūḥun quddūsun rabb almalā'ikati wal-rrūḥi. سُبُّوحٌ قُدُّوسٌ رَبُّ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ.

Then, one should raise the head from the prostration and recite the following seventy times:

O my Lord: please forgive me, have mercy upon me, and overlook my wrongdoings that You know. Surely, You are the Most High, the Greatest. rabb aghfir wārḥam wa tajāwaz `ammā ta`lamu, innaka anta al`aliyyu ala`ẓamu. رَبِّ اغْفِرْ وَارْحَمْ وَتَجَاوَزْ عَمَّا تَعْلَمُ، إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَلِيُّ الْأَعْظَمُ.

One should then prostrate again and repeat the following invocation seventy times:

Glorified (is He), Holy (is He), the Lord of the angels and the Spirit. subbūḥun quddūsun rabbu almalā'ikati wal-rrūḥi. سُبُّوحٌ قُدُّوسٌ رَبُّ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ.

Then, one may pray to Almighty Allah for settling one's needs, for they will be settled if Allah wills.