

1) **Rabbi wa Rabbukallah** When your eyes fall on the new moon, turn yourself towards the Qibla, raise both your hands towards the sky, and address the moon with the following words:

My Lord and your Lord is Allah, the Lord of the worlds.

O Allah for us let this month be a period of peace, faith, safety and total submission to Thy will; make us walk apace swiftly to that which Thou likes and approves.

O Allah pour out much blessings on us in this month, make available for us its generous good and assistance,

and keep us safe from the harm, evil, misfortune and mischief that may try to trap us in this month.

رَبِّي وَرَبُّكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ اللَّهُمَّ أَهْلَهُ عَلَيْنَا
بِالْأَمْنِ وَالْإِيمَانِ وَالسَّلَامَةِ وَالْإِسْلَامِ وَ
الْمُسَارَعَةِ إِلَى مَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا
فِي شَهْرِنَا هَذَا وَارْزُقْنَا خَيْرَهُ وَعُونَهُ وَاصْرِفْ عَنَّا
ضُرَّهُ وَشَرَّهُ وَبَلَاءَهُ وَفِتْنَتَهُ

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2 **Ramadhan month moonsighting** It has been narrated that when the Holy Prophet (a.s) would see the new moon he would turn his face to the kiblrah direction and say:

O Allah: (please do) cause this crescent to carry with it for us security and faith And safety and Islam And encompassing good health and repulsion of ailments, And assistance on praying, observing fasting, and doing acts of worship, And on reciting the Qur'an. O Allah: (please do) keep us sound for the month of Ramadhan, And accept our deeds during it, And save us during it, Until the month of Ramadhan will not elapse Except that You have pardoned us, forgiven us, and had mercy upon us.

اللَّهُمَّ أَهْلُهُ عَلَيْنَا بِالْأَمْنِ وَالْإِيمَانِ وَالسَّلَامَةِ وَالْإِسْلَامِ
وَالْعَافِيَةِ الْمُجَلَّلَةِ وَدِفَاعِ الْأَسْقَامِ
وَالْعَوْنِ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ وَالصِّيَامِ وَالْقِيَامِ وَتِلَاوَةِ الْقُرْآنِ.
اللَّهُمَّ سَلِّمْ لَنَا لِشَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ،
وَتَسَلِّمْهُ مِنَّا، وَسَلِّمْ لَنَا فِيهِ حَتَّى يَنْقُضِيَ عَنَّا شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ
وَقَدْ عَفَوْتَ عَنَّا وَغَفَرْتَ لَنَا وَرَحِمْتَنَا.

3) **Allahumma Qad Hazara** اللَّهُمَّ قَدْ حَضَرَ Imam Ja`far al-Sadiq (a.s) is also reported to have said: When you see the new moon of Ramadhan, you may say the following:

O Allah: the month of Ramadhan has commenced,

And You have made obligatory upon us to observe fasting during it,

And You revealed the Qur'an in it,

As guidance for people and clear proofs of true guidance and distinction (between the right and the wrong).

O Allah: (please) help us observe fasting in it,

And accept it from us,

And keep us safe during it,

And help us observe it adequately,

And keep it sound for us with easiness and good health from You.

اللَّهُمَّ قَدْ حَضَرَ شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ
وَقَدْ افْتَرَضْتَ عَلَيْنَا صِيَامَهُ،
وَأَنْزَلْتَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنَ
هُدًى لِلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ.
اللَّهُمَّ أَعِنَّا عَلَى صِيَامِهِ،
وَتَقَبَّلْهُ مِنَّا،
وَسَلِّمْ لَنَا فِيهِ،
وَسَلِّمْ لَنَا مِنْهُ،
وَسَلِّمْ لَنَا فِي يُسْرِ مِنْكَ وَعَافِيَةٍ،

You verily have power over all things.

إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ،

O the All-beneficent, O the All-merciful.

يَا رَحْمَنُ يَا رَحِيمٌ.

4) **Ayyuhal Khalqul muti** Sayyid ibn Tawsus has narrated that Imam Zaynul Abidin (as), once, gazed at the new moon of the month of Ramadhan while he was walking. He therefore stopped and said the following:

O obedient creature,

أَيُّهَا الْخَلْقُ الْمُطِيعُ،

speedy and untiring,

الدَّائِبُ السَّرِيعُ،

frequenter of the mansions of determination,

الْمُتَرَدِّدُ فِي مَنَازِلِ التَّقْدِيرِ،

moving about in the sphere of governance!

الْمُتَصَرِّفُ فِي فَلَكِ التَّدْبِيرِ،

I have faith in Him Who lights up darkness's through you,

آمَنْتُ بِمَنْ نَوَّرَ بِكَ الظُّلْمَ،

illuminates jet-black shadows by you,

وَأَوْضَحَ بِكَ الْبُهْمَ،

appointed you one of the signs of His kingdom

وَجَعَلَكَ آيَةً مِنْ آيَاتِ مُلْكِهِ،

And one of the marks of His authority,

وَعَلَامَةً مِنْ عِلْمَاتِ سُلْطَانِهِ،

So, He identified time through You,

فَحَدَّ بِكَ الزَّمَانَ،

And humbled you through increase and decrease,

وَأَمْتَهَنَكَ بِالْكَمَالِ وَالتَّقْصَانِ،

And rising and setting,

وَالطُّلُوعِ وَالْأُفُولِ

And illumination and eclipse.

وَالْإِنَارَةِ وَالْكَسُوفِ

In all of this you are obedient to Him,

فِي كُلِّ ذَلِكَ أَنْتَ لَهُ مُطِيعٌ،

And prompt toward His will.

وَأَلَىٰ إِرَادَتِهِ سَرِيعٌ،

Glory be to Him! How wonderful is what He has arranged in Your situation!

سُبْحَانَهُ مَا أَعْجَبَ مَا دَبَّرَ مِنْ أَمْرِكَ!

How subtle what He has made for Your task!

وَأَلْطَفَ مَا صَنَعَ فِي شَأْنِكَ!

He has made You the key to a new month for a new situation.

جَعَلَكَ مِفْتَاحَ شَهْرٍ حَادِثٍ لِأَمْرٍ حَادِثٍ،

So I ask Allah, my Lord and Your Lord,

فَأَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكَ،

my Creator and Your Creator,

وَخَالِقِي وَخَالِقَكَ،

my Determiner and Your Determiner,

وَمُقَدِّرِي وَمُقَدِّرَكَ،

my Form-giver and Your Form-giver,

وَمُصَوِّرِي وَمُصَوِّرَكَ

that He bless Muhammad and his Household

أَنْ يُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ،

and appoint You a crescent of blessings not effaced by days

وَأَنْ يَجْعَلَكَ هِلَالَ بَرَكَةٍ لَا تَمْحَقُهَا الْأَيَّامُ،

and of purity not defiled by sins;

a crescent of security from blights

and of safety from evil deeds;

a crescent of auspiciousness containing no misfortune,

of prosperity accompanied by no adversity,

of ease not mixed with difficulty,

of good unstained by evil;

a crescent of security and faith,

favor and good-doing,

safety and submission!

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his Household,

place us among the most satisfied of those over whom the crescent has risen,

the purest of those who have looked upon it,

the most fortunate of those who have worshiped You under it;

give us the success during [the new month] to repent,

preserve us within it from misdeeds and exposition to punishment,

allot to us within it thanksgiving for Your favor,

clothe us during it in the shields of well-being,

and complete for us Your kindness by perfecting therein obedience to You!

Surely You are All-kind, Praiseworthy.

And bless Muhammad and his Household, the good, the pure.

And grant us aid from You to carry out that which You have ordered us to do in it;

Such as the obedience to You which You have made incumbent upon us,

and accept them from us, for You are the most Generous of all those who show generosity

and the most Merciful of all those who show mercy.

Respond! Respond! O the Lord of the Worlds.

وَطَهَارَةٍ لَا تُدْنِسُهَا الْآثَامُ،

هِلَالٍ أَمِنٍ مِنَ الْآفَاتِ،

وَسَلَامَةٍ مِنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ،

هِلَالٍ سَعْدٍ لَا نَحْسَ فِيهِ،

وَيُؤْمِنٍ لَا نَكْدَ مَعَهُ،

وَيُسْرٍ لَا يُمَارِجُهُ عُسْرٌ،

وَخَيْرٍ لَا يَشُوبُهُ شَرٌّ،

هِلَالٍ أَمِنٍ وَإِيمَانٍ،

وَنِعْمَةٍ وَإِحْسَانٍ،

وَسَلَامَةٍ وَإِسْلَامٍ.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنْ أَرْضَى مَنْ طَلَعَ عَلَيْهِ،

وَأَرْكَى مَنْ نَظَرَ إِلَيْهِ،

وَأَسْعَدَ مَنْ تَعَبَّدَ لَكَ فِيهِ،

وَوَفَّقَنَا اللَّهُمَّ فِيهِ لِلطَّاعَةِ وَالتَّوْبَةِ،

وَاعْصِمْنَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآثَامِ وَالْحَوْبَةِ،

وَأَوْزِعْنَا فِيهِ شُكْرَ النِّعْمَةِ،

وَأَلْبِسْنَا فِيهِ جُنْنَ الْعَافِيَةِ،

وَأَتِمِّمْ عَلَيْنَا بِاسْتِكْمَالِ طَاعَتِكَ فِيهِ الْمِنَّةَ،

إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْمَنَّانُ الْحَمِيدُ،

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ،

وَاجْعَلْ لَنَا فِيهِ عَوْنًا مِنْكَ عَلَى مَا نَدَبْتَنَا إِلَيْهِ

مِنْ مُفْتَرَضِ طَاعَتِكَ

وَتَقَبَّلْهَا إِنَّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ مِنْ كُلِّ كَرِيمٍ،

وَالْأَرْحَمُ مِنْ كُلِّ رَحِيمٍ،

آمِينَ آمِينَ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ.