

As for the forms of ziyārah dedicated to Imam Mūsā al-Kāzīm (`a), Sayyid Ibn Ṭāwūs, in his book of *al-Mazār*, has mentioned the following method and form:

When you intend to visit Imam al-Kāzīm (`a), you ought to bathe yourself before you come to the holy shrine with tranquility and solemnity. When you come, you may stop at the gate of the shrine and say the following words:

Allah is the Most Great. Allah is the Most Great.	allāhu akbaru allāhu akbaru	اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
There is no god save Allah. And Allah is the Most Great.	lā ilāha illā allāhu wallāhu akbaru	لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
All praise be to Allah for guiding [me] to His religion	alhamdu lillāhi `alā hidāyatihi lidīnihi	الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَىٰ هِدَايَتِهِ لِدِينِهِ
and for leading [me] successfully to His Course to which He has invited (us).	walṭṭawfīqi limā da`ā ilayhi min sabīlihi	وَأَلْتَوْفِيقِ لِمَا دَعَا إِلَيْهِ مِنْ سَبِيلِهِ
O Allah, You are verily the most Honorable Besought One	allāhumma innaka akramu maqṣūdin	اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ أَكْرَمُ مَقْصُودٍ
and the most Honorable Purposed One.	wa akramu ma'tiyyin	وَأَكْرَمُ مَا تُنِي
I thus have come to You, seeking nearness to You	wa qad ataytuka mutaḡarriban ilayka	وَقَدْ أَتَيْتُكَ مُتَقَرِّبًا إِلَيْكَ
in the name of the son of Your Prophet's daughter,	bibni binti nabīyyika	بِابْنِ بِنْتِ نَبِيِّكَ
Your blessings be upon him and upon his immaculate fathers	ṣalawātuka `alayhi wa `alā ābā'ihī alṭṭāhirina	صَلَوَاتِكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آبَائِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ
and pure sons.	wa abnā'ihī alṭṭayyibīna	وَأَبْنَائِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ
O Allah, (please) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,	allāhumma ṣalli `alā muhammadin wa āli muhammadin	اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
never frustrate my efforts,	wa lā tukhayyib sa`yī	وَلَا تُخَيِّبْ سَعْيِي
never cut off my hope,	wa lā taqṭa` rajā'i	وَلَا تَقْطَعْ رَجَائِي
make me illustrious in Your view	waj`alnī `indaka wajīhan	وَأَجْعَلْنِي عِنْدَكَ وَجِيهًا
in this world as well as the world to come, and make me of those brought near to You.	fī alddunyā wal-ākhirati wa min almuqarrabīna	فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَمِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ

You may then enter the shrine by preceding your right foot (to the left), saying the following words:

In the Name of Allah (I begin), in Allah (I trust),	bismi allāhi wa billāhi	بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَبِاللَّهِ
and on the way of Allah	wa fī sabīli allāhi	وَفِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

and on the norm of the Messenger of Allah (I proceed),	wa `alā millati rasūli allāhi	وَعَلَىٰ مِلَّةِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ
may Allah bless him and his Household.	ṣallā allāhu `alayhi wa ālihi	صَلَّىٰ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
O Allah, (please do) forgive me, my parents,	allāhumma ighfir lī wa liwālidayya	اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ
and all the believing men and women.	wa lijamī`i almu'minīna walmu'mināti	وَلِجَمِيعِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ

When you reach the gate of the dome, you may stop there and ask permission of entrance by saying the following words:

O Allah's Messenger, may I enter?	a'adkhulu yā rasūla allāhi	أَدْخُلْ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
O Allah' Prophet, may I enter?	a'adkhulu yā nabiyya allāhi	أَدْخُلْ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ
O Muhammad the son of `Abdullāh, may I enter?	a'adkhulu yā muhammadu bna `abdillāhi	أَدْخُلْ يَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ
O Commander of the Faithful, may I enter?	a'adkhulu yā amīra almu'minīna	أَدْخُلْ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ
O Ab£-Muhammad al-°asan, may I enter?	a'adkhulu yā abā muhammadin alhasanu	أَدْخُلْ يَا أَبَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْحَسَنُ
O Ab£-`Abdullāh al-°usayn, may I enter?	a'adkhulu yā abā `abdillāhi alhusaynu	أَدْخُلْ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ الْحُسَيْنُ
O Ab£-Muhammad `Al¢ ibn al-°usayn, may I enter?	a'adkhulu yā abā muhammadin `aliyyu bna alhusayni	أَدْخُلْ يَا أَبَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ
O Ab£-Ja`far Muhammad ibn `Al¢, may I enter?	a'adkhulu yā abā ja`farin muhammadu abna `aliyyin	أَدْخُلْ يَا أَبَا جَعْفَرٍ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ
O Ab£-`Abdullāh Ja`far ibn Muhammad, may I enter?	a'adkhulu yā abā `abdillāhi ja`faru bna muhammadin	أَدْخُلْ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ
O my master Abu'l-°asan M£si ibn Ja`far, may I enter?	a'adkhulu yā mawlāya yā abā alhasani mūsā bna ja`farin	أَدْخُلْ يَا مَوْلَايَ يَا أَبَا الْحَسَنِ مُوسَىٰ بْنَ جَعْفَرٍ
O my master Ab£-Ja`far, may I enter?	a'adkhulu yā mawlāya yā abā ja`farin	أَدْخُلْ يَا مَوْلَايَ يَا أَبَا جَعْفَرٍ
O my master Muhammad ibn `Al¢, may I enter?	a'adkhulu yā mawlāya muhammadu abna `aliyyin	أَدْخُلْ يَا مَوْلَايَ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ

While entering, you may repeat the following statement four times:
Allah is the Most Great.

allāhu akbaru
اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

You may then stop in front of the holy tomb, making the kiblah direction to be between your shoulders, and say the following words:

Peace be upon you, O Allah's intimate servant and son of His intimate servant.
alssalāmu `alayka yā waliyya allāhi wabna waliyyihī
السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَلِيَّ اللَّهِ وَأَبْنَ وَلِيِّهِ

Peace be upon you, O Allah's argument and son of His argument.	alssalāmu `alayka yā hujjata allāhi wabna hujjatihī	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا حُجَّةَ اللَّهِ وَأَبْنَ حُجَّتِهِ
Peace be upon you, O Allah's choice and son of His choice.	alssalāmu `alayka yā ṣafiyya allāhi wabna ṣafiyyihī	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا صَفِيَّ اللَّهِ وَأَبْنَ صَفِيَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O Allah's trustee and son of His trustee.	alssalāmu `alayka yā amīna allāhi wabna amīnihī	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَمِينَ اللَّهِ وَأَبْنَ أَمِينِهِ
Peace be upon you, O Allah's light in the darkness of the earth.	alssalāmu `alayka yā nūra allāhi fī ḡulumāti al-arḡi	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ فِي ظُلُمَاتِ الْأَرْضِ
Peace be upon you, O leader to the true guidance.	alssalāmu `alayka yā imāma alhudā	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا إِمَامَ الْهُدَى
Peace be upon you, O signpost of religiousness and piety.	alssalāmu `alayka yā `alama alddīni walṭṭiqā	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا عِلْمَ الدِّينِ وَالتَّقَى
Peace be upon you, O hoarder of the knowledge of the Prophets.	alssalāmu `alayka yā khāzina `ilmi alnabiyyīna	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا خَازِنَ عِلْمِ النَّبِيِّينَ
Peace be upon you, O hoarder of the knowledge of the Messengers.	alssalāmu `alayka yā khāzina `ilmi almursalīna	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا خَازِنَ عِلْمِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
Peace be upon you, O deputy of the preceding Successors (of the Prophets).	alssalāmu `alayka yā nā'iba al-awṣiyā'i alssābiqīna	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَائِبَ الْأَوْصِيَاءِ السَّابِقِينَ
Peace be upon you, O essence of the manifest Revelation.	alssalāmu `alayka yā ma`dina alwahi almubīni	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَعْدِنَ الْوَحْيِ الْمُبِينِ
Peace be upon you, O holder of the certain knowledge.	alssalāmu `alayka yā ṣāhiba al`ilmi alyaqīni	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا صَاحِبَ الْعِلْمِ الْيَقِينِ
Peace be upon you, O case of the knowledge of the Messengers.	alssalāmu `alayka yā `aybata `ilmi almursalīna	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا عَيْبَةَ عِلْمِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
Peace be upon you, O righteous leader.	alssalāmu `alayka ayyuhā al-imāmu alṣṣālihu	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْإِمَامُ الصَّالِحُ
Peace be upon you, O ascetic leader.	alssalāmu `alayka ayyuhā al-imāmu alzzāhidu	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْإِمَامُ الزَّاهِدُ
Peace be upon you, O oft-worshipping leader.	alssalāmu `alayka ayyuhā al-imāmu al`ābidu	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْإِمَامُ الْعَابِدُ
Peace be upon you, O prudent leader and chief.	alssalāmu `alayka ayyuhā al-imāmu alssayyidu alrrashīdu	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْإِمَامُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّشِيدُ
Peace be upon you, O slain and martyred.	alssalāmu `alayka ayyuhā almaqtūlu alshshahīdu	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَقْتُولُ الشَّهِيدُ
Peace be upon you, O son of Allah's	alssalāmu `alayka yabna rasūli allāhi wabna waṣiyyihī	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَأَبْنَ

Messenger and son of his successor.

Peace be upon you, O my master Mʿsi
son of Jaʿfar.

Allah's mercy and blessings be upon
you.

I bear witness that you conveyed
faithfully that which Allah ordered You
to convey,

safeguarded that which He entrusted
with you,

decided as lawful all that which Allah
has deemed lawful,

decided as unlawful all that which Allah
has deemed unlawful,

carried out the decrees of Allah,

recited the Book of Allah,

endured harm for the sake of Allah,

and strove in the way of Allah as it
ought to be striven

until death came upon you.

I also bear witness that you passed
away

carrying the same principles on which
your immaculate fathers

and pure forefathers

the successors, guides,

leaders, and rightly guided ones passed
away.

You never preferred blindness to true
guidance

and never slanted from right to wrong.

I also bear witness that you acted
sincerely to Allah,

alssalāmu `alayka yā mawlāya
mūsā bna ja`farin

wa rahmatu allāhi wa
barakātuhū

ashhadu annaka qad ballaghta
`an allāhi mā hammalaka

wa hafizta mā istawda`aka

wa hallalta halāla allāhi

wa harramta harāma allāhi

wa aqamta ahkāma allāhi

wa talawta kitāba allāhi

wa ṣabarta `alā al-adhā fī janbi
allāhi

wa jāhadta fī allāhi haqqa
jihādihī

hattā atāka alyaqīnu

wa ashhadu annaka maḍayta

`alā mā maḍā `alayhi ābā'uka
alṭṭāhirūna

wa ajdāduka alṭṭayyibūna

al-awṣiyā'u alhādūna

al-a'immatu almahdiyyūna

lam tu'thir `aman `alā hudan

wa lam tamil min haqqin ilā
bāṭilin

wa ashhadu annaka naṣahta
lillāhi

وَصِيَّهِ

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ مُوسَىٰ بِنَ
جَعْفَرٍ

وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ قَدْ بَلَّغْتَ عَنِ اللَّهِ مَا
حَمَّلَكَ

وَحَفِظْتَ مَا أَسْتَوْدَعَكَ

وَحَلَّلْتَ حَلَالَ اللَّهِ

وَحَرَّمْتَ حَرَامَ اللَّهِ

وَأَقَمْتَ أَحْكَامَ اللَّهِ

وَتَلَوْتَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ

وَصَبَرْتَ عَلَىٰ الْأَذَىٰ فِي جَنْبِ اللَّهِ

وَجَاهَدْتَ فِي اللَّهِ حَقَّ جِهَادِهِ

حَتَّىٰ أَتَاكَ الْأَيُّمُ

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ مَضَيْتَ

عَلَىٰ مَا مَضَىٰ عَلَيْهِ آبَاؤُكَ الطَّاهِرُونَ

وَأَجْدَادُكَ الطَّيِّبُونَ

الْأَوْصِيَاءُ الْهَادُونَ

الْأَيْمَّةَ الْمَهْدِيِّينَ

لَمْ تُؤَثِّرْ عَمَىٰ عَلَىٰ هُدَىٰ

وَلَمْ تَمِيلْ مِنْ حَقِّ إِلَىٰ بَاطِلٍ

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ نَصَحْتَ لِلَّهِ

to His Messenger, and to the
Commander of the Faithful,
fulfilled the trust,
avoided betrayal,
performed the prayers,
defrayed the poor-rate,
enjoined the right,
forbade the evil,
and served Allah earnestly
and painstakingly, expecting His reward,
until death came upon you.

So, may Allah reward you on behalf of
Islam and its people

with the best reward and the most
honoring reward.

I have come to you, O son of Allah's
Messenger, visiting you,

recognizing your right,
admitting your precedence,
knowing about your knowledgeability,
seeking shield with your inviolability,
seeking protection with your grave,
resorting to your tomb,
seeking your intercession with Allah,
declaring loyalty to your loyalists,
incurring the animosity of your
enemies,

seeking insight of your standing
and true guidance you are leading to,
and having full acquaintance with the
straying of those who dissent from you

wa lirasūlihī wa li'amīri
almu'minīna

wa annaka addayta al-amānata

wajtanabta alkhīyānata

wa aqamta alṣṣalāta

wa ātayta alzzakāta

wa amarta bilma`rūfi

wa nahayta `an almunkari

wa `abadta allāha mukhlīṣan

mujtahidan muhtasiban

hattā atāka alyaqīnu

fajazāka allāhu `an al-islāmi wa
ahlihī

afḍala aljazā'i wa ashrafa
aljazā'i

ataytuka yabna rasūli allāhi
zā'iran

`ārifan bihaqqika

muqirran bifaḍlika

muhtamilan li`ilmika

muhtajiban bidhimmatika

`ā'idhan biqabrika

lā'idhan biḍarīhika

mustashfi`an bika ilā allāhi

muwāliyan li'awliyā'ika

mu`ādiyan li'a`dā'ika

mustabṣiran bisha'nika

wa bilhudā alladhī anta `alayhi

`āliman biḍalālāti man
khālafaka

وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَلَا مَيْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

وَأَنَّكَ أَدَّيْتَ الْأَمَانَاتَ

وَأَجْتَنَبْتَ الْخِيَانَةَ

وَأَقَمْتَ الصَّلَاةَ

وَأَتَيْتَ الزَّكَاةَ

وَأَمَرْتَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ

وَتَهَيْتَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ

وَعَبَدْتَ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصًا

مُجْتَهِدًا مُحْتَسِبًا

حَتَّىٰ آتَاكَ الْيَقِينَ

فَجَزَاكَ اللَّهُ عَنِ الْإِسْلَامِ وَأَهْلِهِ

أَفْضَلَ الْجَزَاءِ وَأَشْرَفَ الْجَزَاءِ

أَتَيْتُكَ يَا بَنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ زَائِرًا

عَارِفًا بِحَقِّكَ

مُقِرًّا بِفَضْلِكَ

مُحْتَمِلًا لِإِعْلَمِكَ

مُحْتَجِبًا بِذِمَّتِكَ

عَائِدًا بِقَبْرِكَ

لَائِدًا بِضَرْبِكَ

مُسْتَشْفِعًا بِكَ إِلَى اللَّهِ

مُوَالِيًا لِأَوْلِيَائِكَ

مُعَادِيًا لِأَعْدَائِكَ

مُسْتَبْصِرًا بِشَأْنِكَ

وَبِالْهُدَى الَّذِي أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِ

عَالِمًا بِضَلَالَةِ مَنْ خَالَفَكَ

and the blindness they are following.	wa bil`amā alladhī hum `alayhi	وَبِأَعْمَىٰ الَّذِي هُمْ عَلَيْهِ
Ransoms for you be my father, mother,	bi`abī anta wa ummī	بِأَبِي أَنْتَ وَأُمِّي
myself, my family members,	wa nafsī wa ahlī	وَتَفْسِي وَأَهْلِي
my property, and my sons.	wa māli wa waladī	وَمَالِي وَوَلَدِي
O son of Allah's Messenger,	yabna rasūli allāhi	يَا بْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ
I have come to you seeking nearness to Allah the All-exalted by visiting you	ataytuka mutaḡarriban biziyāratika ilā allāhi ta`ālā	أَتَيْتُكَ مُتَقَرِّبًا بِزِيَارَتِكَ إِلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَىٰ
and seeking your intercession for me with Him;	wa mustashfi`an bika ilayhi	وَمَسْتَشْفِعًا بِكَ إِلَيْهِ
So, (please) intercede for me with your Lord	fashfa` lī `inda rabbika	فَأَشْفَعْ لِي عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ
so that He may forgive my sins,	liyaghfira lī dhunūbī	لِيَغْفِرَ لِي ذُنُوبِي
pardon my offences,	wa ya`fuwa`an jurmī	وَيَغْفُوَ عَن جُرْمِي
overlook my evildoings,	wa yatajāwaza`an sayyi`ātī	وَيَتَجَاوَزَ عَن سَيِّئَاتِي
erase my wrongdoings,	wa yamhuwa`anni khaṭi`iātī	وَيَمْحُوَ عَنِّي خَطِيئَاتِي
allow me to enter Paradise,	wa yudkhillanī aljannata	وَيُدْخِلْنِي الْجَنَّةَ
endue me with favors that suit His generosity,	wa yatafaḡḡala`alayya bimā huwa ahlukū	وَيَتَفَضَّلَ عَلَيَّ بِمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ
and forgive me, my forefathers,	wa yaghfira lī wa li`ābā`ī	وَيَغْفِرَ لِي وَلِأَبَائِي
my brothers, my sister,	wa li`ikhwānī wa akhawātī	وَلِإِخْوَانِي وَأَخَوَاتِي
and all believing men and women	wa lijamī`i almu`minīna walmu`mināti	وَلِجَمِيعِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
in the east and west of the earth,	fī mashāriqi al-arḡi wa maghāribihā	فِي مَشَارِقِ الْأَرْضِ وَمَغَارِبِهَا
out of His favoring, magnanimity, and benevolence.	bifaḡlihī wa jūdihī wa mannihī	بِفَضْلِهِ وَجُودِهِ وَمَنِّهِ

You may then throw yourself on the grave, smear your two cheeks on it, and pray for any thing you want.

You may then turn to the side of the Imam's head and say the following words:

Peace be upon you, O my master	alssalāmu `alayka yā mawlāya	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ
MEsj the son of Ja`far.	yā mūsā bna ja`farin	يَا مُوسَىٰ بْنَ جَعْفَرَ
Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you.	wa rahmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
I bear witness that you are verily the guiding leader	ashhadu annaka al-imāmu alhādī	أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ الْإِمَامُ الْهَادِي

and the guardian who leads to the right guidance,	walwaliyyu almurshidu	وَأَوْلِيُّ الْمُرْشِدِ
you are verily the core of the Revelation,	wa annaka ma`dinu alttanzīli	وَأَنْتَ مَعْدِنُ التَّنْزِيلِ
the man of true interpretation,	wa ṣāhibu altta`wīli	وَصَاحِبُ التَّأْوِيلِ
the bearer of the Torah and the Gospel,	wa hāmīlu alttawrāti wal-injīli	وَحَامِلُ التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ
the knowledgeable, the decent,	wal`ālimu al`ādīlu	وَالْعَالِمُ الْعَادِلُ
the veracious, and the one who puts his knowledge in practice.	walṣṣādīqu al`āmīlu	وَالصَّادِقُ الْعَامِلُ
O my master, I repudiate your enemies in the presence of Allah	yā mawlāya anā abra'u ilā allāhi min a`dā'ika	يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنَا أَبْرَأُ إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَعْدَائِكَ
and I seek nearness to Allah through loyalty to you.	wa ataḡarrabu ilā allāhi bimuwālātika	وَأَتَقَرَّبُ إِلَى اللَّهِ بِمُؤَالَاتِكَ
So, may Allah bless you,	faṣallā allāhu `alayka	فَصَلِّ عَلَى اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ
your fathers, your forefathers, your descendants,	wa `alā ābā'ika wa ajdādika wa abnā'ika	وَعَلَى آبَائِكَ وَأَجْدَادِكَ وَأَبْنَائِكَ
your partisans, and your devotees.	wa shī`atika wa muhibbīka	وَشَيْعَتِكَ وَمُحِبِّبِكَ
May Allah's mercy and blessings be upon them.	wa rahmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتِهِ

You may then offer the two-unit prayer of ziyārah, reciting Sūrah Yāsīn (No. 36) –after Sūrah al-Fātihah in the first unit- and Sūrah al-Rahmān (No. 55) –after Sūrah al-Fātihah in the second unit. You may also recite any Sūrah instead.

ANOTHER FORM OF ZIARAH Shaykh al-Mufīd, al-Shahīd, and Muhammad ibn al-Mashhadī have said the following:

In the Name of Allah (I begin), in Allah (I trust),	bismi allāhi wa billāhi	بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَبِاللَّهِ
on the way of Allah (I proceed),	wa fī sabīli allāhi	وَفِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ
and on the norm of the Messenger of Allah,	wa `alā millati rasūli allāhi	وَعَلَى مِلَّةِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ
may Allah bless him and his Household,	ṣallā allāhu `alayhi wa ālihi	صَلَّى عَلَى اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
and peace be upon the intimate servants of Allah.	wa alssalāmu `alā awliyā'i allāhi	وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى أَوْلِيَاءِ اللَّهِ

You may then walk until you stop in front of the grave of Mūsā ibn Ja`far (`a). When you stop there, you may say the following words:

Peace be upon you, O light of Allah in the darkness of the earth.	alssalāmu `alayka yā nūra allāhi fī zulumāti al-arḡi	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ فِي ظُلُمَاتِ الْأَرْضِ
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Peace be upon you, O Allah's intimate servant.	alssalāmu `alayka yā waliyya allāhi	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَلِيَّ اللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O Allah's argument.	alssalāmu `alayka yā hujjata allāhi	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا حُجَّةَ اللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O door to Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā bāba allāhi	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَابَ اللَّهِ
I bear witness that you performed the prayers,	ashhadu annaka aqamta alṣṣalāta	أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ أَقَمْتَ الصَّلَاةَ
defrayed the poor-rate,	wa ātayta alzzakāta	وَأَتَيْتَ الزَّكَاةَ
enjoined the right,	wa amarta bilma`rūfi	وَأَمَرْتَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ
forbade the wrong,	wa nahayta `an almunkari	وَنَهَيْتَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ
recited the Book as it should be recited,	wa talawta alkitāba haqqa tilāwatihi	وَتَلَوْتَ الْكِتَابَ حَقَّ تِلَاوَتِهِ
strove for the sake of Allah as exactly as strife should be,	wa jāhadta fī allāhi haqqa jihādihi	وَجَاهَدْتَ فِي اللَّهِ حَقَّ جِهَادِهِ
endured harm for His sake expecting His reward,	wa ṣabarta `alā aladhā fī janbihi muhtasiban	وَصَبَرْتَ عَلَى الْأَذَى فِي جَنْبِهِ مُحْتَسِبًا
and served Him sincerely until death came upon you.	wa `abadtahū mukhliṣan hattā atāka alyaqīnu	وَعَبَدْتَهُ مُخْلِصًا حَتَّى أَتَاكَ الْيَقِينُ
I bear witness that you are the closest to Allah and His Messenger	ashhadu annaka awlā billāhi wa birasūlihi	أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ أَوْلَى بِاللَّهِ وَبِرَسُولِهِ
and you are verily the son of Allah's Messenger.	wa annaka ibnu rasūli allāhi haqqan	وَأَنْتَ ابْنُ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ حَقًّا
I repudiate your enemies in the presence of Allah	abra'u ilā allāhi min a`dā'ika	أَبْرَأُ إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَعْدَائِكَ
and seek nearness to Allah through my loyalty to you.	wa ataqqarrabu ilā allāhi bimuwālātika	وَأَتَقَرَّبُ إِلَى اللَّهِ بِمُؤَالَاتِكَ
I have come to you, O my master, recognizing your right,	ataytuka yā mawlāya `ārifan bihaqqika	أَتَيْتُكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ عَارِفًا بِحَقِّكَ
declaring loyalty to your loyalists,	muwāliyan li'awliyā'ika	مُؤَالِيًّا لِأَوْلِيَائِكَ
and incurring the animosity of your enemies;	mu`ādiyan li'a`dā'ika	مُعَادِيًّا لِأَعْدَائِكَ
so, (please) intercede for me with your Lord.	fashfa` lī `inda rabbika	فَأَشْفَعْ لِي عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ

You may then throw yourself on the grave, kiss it, place both your cheeks on it, turn to the side of the Imam's head, stop there, and say the following words:

Peace be upon you, O son of Allah's Messenger.	alssalāmu `alayka yabna rasūli allāhi	السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ
I bear witness that you are veracious.	ashhadu annaka ṣādiqun	أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ صَادِقٌ
You fulfilled [your duty] sincerely,	addayta nāṣihan	أَدَّيْتَنَاصِحًا
spoke honestly,	wa qulta amīnan	وَقُلْتَ أَمِينًا
and passed away as martyr.	wa maḍayta shahīdan	وَمَضَيْتَ شَهِيدًا
You never preferred blindness to the true guidance	lam tu'thir `aman `alā alhudā	لَمْ تُؤْتِرْ عَمَى عَلَى الْهُدَى
and never slanted from right to wrong.	wa lam tamil min haqqin ilā bāṭilin	وَلَمْ تَمِلْ مِنْ حَقٍّ إِلَى بَاطِلٍ
May Allah send blessings upon you,	ṣallā allāhu `alayka	صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ
upon your fathers, and upon your sons the immaculate.	wa `alā ābā'ika wa abnā'ika alṭṭāhirīna	وَعَلَى آبَائِكَ وَأَبْنَائِكَ الطَّاهِرِينَ

You may then kiss the grave and offer a two-unit prayer. You may then offer any prayer you like. After that, you may prostrate yourself and say the following words:

O Allah, I have had recourse to You,	allāhumma ilayka i`tamadtu	اللَّهُمَّ إِلَيْكَ اعْتَمَدْتُ
made my way to You,	wa ilayka qaṣadtu	وإِلَيْكَ قَصَدْتُ
hoped for Your favoring,	wa bifaḍlika rajawtu	وَبِفَضْلِكَ رَجَوْتُ
visited the tomb of my Imam the obedience to whom You have made obligatory on me,	wa qabra imāmiya alladhī awjabta `alayya ṭā`atahū zurtu	وَقَبْرَ إِمَامِي الَّذِي أُوجِبْتَ عَلَيَّ طَاعَتَهُ زُرْتُ
and I have chosen him as my means to You;	wa bihī ilayka tawassaltu	وَبِهِ إِلَيْكَ تَوَسَّلْتُ
so, [I beseech You] in the name of their rights which You have made incumbent upon Yourself,	fabihaqqihimu alladhī awjabta `alā nafsika	فَبِحَقِّهِمُ الَّذِي أُوجِبْتَ عَلَيَّ نَفْسِكَ
forgive me, my parents, and the believers,	ighfir lī wa liwālidayya wa lilmu'minīna	أَغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
O All-generous.	yā karīmu	يَا كَرِيمٌ

You may then put your right cheek on the ground and say the following supplicatory words:

O Allah, You have already known my requests;	allāhumma qad `alimta hawā'ijī	اللَّهُمَّ قَدْ عَلِمْتَ حَوَائِجِي
so, bless Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad and settle them for me.	faṣalli `alā muhammadin wa āli muhammadin waqḍihā	فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَفْضِيهَا

You may then put your left cheek on the ground and say the following words:

O Allah, You have certainly taken
account of my sins;

allāhumma qad aḥṣayta dhunūbī

اَللّٰهُمَّ قَدْ اَحْصَيْتَ ذُنُوْبِي

so, [I beseech You] in the name of
Muhammad and the Household of
Muhammad,

fabihaqqi muhammadin wa āli
muhammadin

فَبِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَّآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

send blessings upon Muhammad and
the Household of Muhammad,

ṣalli `alā muhammadin wa āli
muhammadin

صَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَّآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

forgive them, and grant me as charity
that which suits You.

waghfirhā wa taṣaddaq `alayya
bimā anta ahluhū

وَاعْفِرْهَا وَتَصَدَّقْ عَلَيَّ بِمَا أَنْتَ
أَهْلُهُ

You may then return to the position of prostration and repeat the following word one hundred times:
Thanks.

shukran

شُكْرًا

You may then raise your head from prostration and pray for whatever you wish and whomever you wish.

Salwaat -Invoking blessings on him

In his book of *Miṣbāh al-Zā'ir*, the sublime Sayyid Ibn Ṭāwūs, while referring to some forms of ziyārah of Imam al-Kāzīm (`a), has mentioned a form of invoking blessings on him, which contains references to some of the Imam's virtues, merits, method of worship, and misfortunes. Hence, a visitor of this Imam (`a) is advised not to miss the reward of this form of invocation of blessings, which is as follows:

O Allah, (please) send blessings upon
Muhammad and his Household

allāhumma ṣalli `alā muhammadin
wa ahli baytihi

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَّاهْلِ بَيْتِي

and send blessings upon Mūsā the son of
Ja'far,

wa ṣalli `alā mūsā bni ja`farin

وَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُوسَى بْنِ جَعْفَرٍ

the successor of the righteous ones,

waṣiyyi al-abrāri

وَصِيِّ الْأَبْرَارِ

the leader of the excellent ones,

wa imāmi al-akhyāri

وَأِمَامِ الْأَخْيَارِ

the case of illuminations,

wa `aybati al-anwāri

وَعَيْبَةِ الْأَنْوَارِ

and the inheritor of tranquility, solemnity,

wa wārithi alssakīnati walwaqāri

وَوَارِثِ السَّكِينَةِ وَالْوَقَارِ

wisdoms, and traditions,

walḥikami wal-āthāri

وَأَلْحَكَمِ وَالْآثَارِ

who used to spend nights sleeplessly up to
the early dawn

alladhī kāna yuhyī allayla bilssahari
ilā alssahari

الَّذِي كَانَ يُحْيِي اللَّيْلَ بِالسَّهْرِ إِلَى
السَّحْرِ

with continuous implorations for
forgiveness.

bimuwāṣalati alistighfāri

بِمُواصَلَةِ الْأَسْتِغْفَارِ

He was inseparable associate of lengthy
prostrations,

halīfi alssajdati alṭṭawīlati

حَلِيفِ السَّجْدَةِ الطَّوِيلَةِ

heavy tears,

walddumū`i alghazīrati

وَالدُّمُوعِ الْغَزِيرَةِ

very much confidential talks,	walmunājati alkathīrati	وَأَلْمُنَاجَاةَ الْكَثِيرَةِ
and incessant implorations.	walḍḍarā`āti almuttaṣilati	وَالضَّرَاعَاتِ الْمُتَّصِلَةِ
He was the center of understanding, justice,	wa maqarri alnnuhā wal`adli	وَمَقَرِّ النَّهْيِ وَالْعَدْلِ
goodness, virtue,	walkhayri walfadli	وَالْخَيْرِ وَالْفَضْلِ
generosity, and liberality.	walnnadā walbadhli	وَالنَّدَى وَالْبَدْلِ
He was also accustomed to ordeals and endurance	wa ma'lafi albalwā walṣṣabri	وَمَا لَفِ الْبَلْوَى وَالصَّبْرِ
and he was persecuted wrongfully,	walmuḍṭahadi bilzẓulmi	وَالْمُضْطَهَدِ بِالظُّلْمِ
entombed unjustly,	walmaqbūri biljawri	وَالْمَقْبُورِ بِالْجَوْرِ
and tortured in the bottom of jails	walmu`adhhabī fī qa`ri alsujūni	وَالْمُعَذَّبِ فِي قَعْرِ السُّجُونِ
and darkness of cells.	wa ẓulami almaṭāmīri	وَوَظْلَمِ الْمَطَامِيرِ
He is the one whose leg was bruised by the rings of chains	dhī alssāqi almarḍūḍi bihalaqi alquyūdi	ذِي السَّاقِ الْمَرْمُوضِ بِحَلْقِ الْقِيُودِ
and whose funeral was called with calls of humility of belittling.	waljanāzati almunādā`alayhā bidhulli alistikhfāfi	وَالْجِنَازَةَ الْمُنَادَى عَلَيْهَا بِدُلِّ الْأَسْتِخْفَافِ
He is the one who joined his grandfather the Chosen Prophet, his father the Well-pleased leader,	walwāridi`alā jaddihī almuṣṭafā wa abīhi almurtaḍā	وَالْوَارِدِ عَلَى جَدِّهِ الْمُصْطَفَى وَأَبِيهِ الْمُرْتَضَى
and his mother the doyen of women	wa ummihī sayyidati alnnsā'i	وَأُمِّهِ سَيِّدَةِ النِّسَاءِ
with usurped inheritance,	bi'irthin maghṣūbin	بِإِرْثٍ مَغْصُوبٍ
robbed loyalty,	wa walā'in maslūbin	وَوَلَاءٍ مَسْلُوبٍ
overpowered state,	wa amrin maghlūbin	وَأَمْرٍ مَغْلُوبٍ
unavenged blood,	wa damin maṭlūbin	وَدَمٍ مَطْلُوبٍ
and poisoned drink.	wa sammin mashrūbin	وَسَمٍّ مَشْرُوبٍ
O Allah, just as he suffered hard-hitting ordeals tolerantly,	allāhumma wa kamā ṣabara`alā ghalīẓi almihani	اللَّهُمَّ وَكَمَا صَبَرَ عَلَى غَلِيظِ الْمِحَنِ
swallowed chokes of agonies,	wa tajarra`a ghuṣaṣa alkurabi	وَتَجَرَّعَ غُصَصَ الْكُرْبِ
surrendered to Your pleasure,	wastaslama liriḍāka	وَأَسْتَسَلَّمَ لِرِضَاكَ
obeyed You sincerely,	wa akhlaṣa alṭṭā`ata laka	وَأَخْلَصَ الطَّاعَةَ لَكَ
adopted reverence for You,	wa mahaḍa alkhushū`a	وَمَحَضَ الْخُشُوعَ

adapted himself with submission to You,	wastash`ara alkhudū`a	وَأَسْتَشْعَرَ الْخُضُوعَ
stood against heresies and their bearers,	wa `ādā albid`ata wa ahlahā	وَعَادَى الْبِدْعَةَ وَأَهْلِهَا
and did not care for the blame of any blamer in the course of following Your orders and refraining from Your prohibitions;	wa lam yalhaqhu fī shay'in min awāmirika wa nawāhīka lawmatu lā'imīn	وَلَمْ يَلْحَقْهُ فِي شَيْءٍ مِنْ أَمْرِكَ وَتَوَاهَيْكَ لَوْمَةً لَائِمٍ
so, (please) bless him with ever-increasing, towering, and purifying blessings	ṣalli `alayhi ṣalātan nāmiyyatan munīfatan zākiyyatan	صَلِّ عَلَيْهِ صَلَاةً نَامِيَةً مُنِيفَةً زَاكِيَةً
due to which You endue him with the intercession of nations from Your creatures	tūjibu lahū bihā shafā`ata umamin min khalqika	تُوجِبُ لَهُ بِهَا شَفَاعَةَ أُمَّمٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ
and centuries of Your beings.	wa qurūnin min barāyāka	وَقُرُونٍ مِنْ بَرَايَاكَ
And convey to him greetings and salutation from us,	wa ballighhu `annā tahiyyatan wa salāman	وَبَلِّغْهُ عَنَّا تَحِيَّةً وَسَلَامًا
give us from You on account of our loyalty to him favors, bounty,	wa ātinā min ladunka fī muwālātihi faḍlan wa ihsānan	وَآتِنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ فِي مَوْلَاتِنَا فَضْلًا وَإِحْسَانًا
forgiveness, and pleasure.	wa maghfiratan wa riḍwānan	وَمَغْفِرَةً وَرِضْوَانًا
Verily, You are the Lord of prevalent favor	innaka dhulfaḍli al`amīmi	إِنَّكَ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَمِيمِ
and great exoneration,	walṭtajāwuzi al`azīmi	وَالْتَّجَاوُزِ الْعَظِيمِ
in the name of Your mercy; O most merciful of all those who show mercy.	birahmatika yā arhamā alrrāhimīna	بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ