It is highly advisable to visit the Holy Shrine of Imam al-Rida (a.s) in Rajab, since it enjoys a special rank in this month:

O God! Please cleanse me, and cleanse my heart!

(Please) ‘expand my breast’, and let Thy praise and eulogy flow out from my tongue since indeed there is no power but in Thee.

O God! Please establish it as a means of cleansing and treatment for me.

Say the following as you leave your house:

In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

In the name of God. By God, I turn to God and towards the son of God’s Prophet.

God suffices me, and I rely on God.

O God! I have set out to Thee. And I have directed toward You, And I have decided (to get) what is near Thee.

When you go out stop at the door of your house and say:

O God! I have turned my face towards Thee. And I have left behind my family, wealth and whatever Thee have granted me.

I have trusted Thee. Then (please) do not turn me into a loser, O the One who would not make a loser anyone whom Thee wish, and will not ruin whatever he possesses.

Blessings be upon Muhammad and Muhammad’s Household. And (please) guard me under Thy custody since nothing that Thee guard gets ruined.
Then whenever you want to go to visit, perform the ritual ghusl and while you are bathing say:

O God! Please cleanse me, alhumma tahirine

and cleanse my heart! wa-tahir qalbe

(Please) 'expand my breast'; wa’shrah le sadre

and let Thy praise, love and eulogy flow out from my tongue wa-ajri ‘ala lisane midhatika wa-mahabbatika wa’th-thana ‘i ‘alayka

since indeed there is no power but in Thee. fa-innahu la quwwata ilta bika

I have indeed realized that the strength of my religion depends upon my submission to Thy decrees, and the following of Thy Prophet’s traditions, wa-qad ‘alimtu anna qiwama dene al-taslemu li-amrika

and bearing witness (to this) for all Thy creatures. walit-tiba’u li-sunnati nabiyyika

O God! Please establish it as a means of healing for me, and as a light, inanka ‘ala kulli shay’in qader.

since Thee are capable of all things. fa-innahu la quwwata ilta bika

and indeed there is no power but in Thee. fa-innahu la quwwata ilta bika

Since I have realized that the strength of my religion depends upon my submission to Thy decrees, and the following of Thy Prophet’s traditions, and bearing witness (to this) for all Thy creatures.

O God! Please establish it as a means of healing for me, and as a light, since Thee are capable of all things.

Then put on your cleanest clothes. Walk with bare feet, with calmness, dignity, exaltation, acclamation and glorification of God; that is, you may repeat the following statements:

Allah is the Most Great allahu akbaru

There is no god save Allah la ilaha illallah

All glory be to Allah subhanallah

All praise be to Allah alhamdu lillahi

Take short steps and while you are entering (the holy shrine) say:

In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful. bismillahir-rahabman-rahim

In the name of God and by God bismil-la ali-billa hi

and to the nation of God’s Prophet: God’s blessings be upon him and his Household. wa-‘ala millati rasulil-la hahu ‘ayayhi wa-alihi

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah. He is One and He has no partners. ash-hadu an-la ilaha wahdahu la shareka lahu
And I bear witness that Muhammad is His Servant and His Messenger.

And I bear witness that Ali is God’s friend.

Then walk until you stop at his tomb. Then face him by turning your back towards the Qibla (prayer direction) and say:

I bear witness that there is no god but God, the One; and there are no partners for Him.

I bear witness that Muhammad is His Servant and His Messenger.

Verily, he is the Master of all those of old and those of later times.

Verily, he is the Master of the Prophets and the Messengers.

O God! God’s Blessings be upon Muhammad

Thy Servant; Thy Messenger,

Thy Prophet and the Master of all Thy creatures

blessings that no one but Thee can measure.

O God! God’s blessings be upon the Commander of the Faithful

`Ale ibn Abe-Talib,

Thy servant, the brother of Thy Messenger, whom Thou elected by Thy Knowledge,

whom Thou established as a guide (to show the right path) to those of Thy creatures,

and as evidence for those whom Thou appointed to (deliver) Thy Message.

And he managed the affairs of the religion according to Thy (system of) justice, and applied Thy Judgments (to settle the issues which cropped up)

among the people whom Thee predominated thereon.

And also God’s mercy and blessings be upon him.
O God! (Please) send blessings upon Fatimah, the daughter of Thy Prophet, the wife of Thy friend, the mother of the two grandsons, al-Hasan and al-Husayn, the Masters of Youth in Heaven. She is clean, immaculate, purified, pious, pure, content, sinless the Doyenne of all the Women of Heaven blessings which no one but Thee can measure.

O God! (Please) send blessings upon al-Hasan and al-Husayn; the two grandsons of Thy Prophet, the Masters of Youth in Heaven; Thy two established authorities among Thy creatures: And they are established as two proofs for those whom Thou appointed them to (deliver) Thy Message to. And they are the two who managed the affairs of the religion according to Thy (system of) justice, and applied Thy Judgments (to settle the issues which cropped up) among Thy creatures. O God! (Please) send blessings upon `Ale ibn al-Husayn, Thy servant, Thy established authority among Thy creatures and as proof for those to whom Thee appointed him to (deliver) Thy Message to. And he managed the affairs of the religion according to Thy (system of) justice, and applied Thy Judgments (to settle the issues which cropped up) among Thy creatures. He is the Master of the Worshippers.
O God! (Please) send blessings upon Muhammad bin `Ale - Thy servant; Thy representative on Earth; and the dissector of the Knowledge of the Prophets.

O God! (Please) send blessings upon Ja`far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq (the veracious) – Thy servant; the defender of Thy religion; and Thy proof for all Thy creatures. He is the truthful, and the righteous.

O God! (Please) send blessings upon Musa ibn Ja`far - Thy devoted servant; Thy spokesman among Thy creatures speaking by Thy authority, and the proof for all Thy creatures.

O God! (Please) send blessings upon `Ale ibn Musa al-Riza – the absolute model of contentment – Thy devoted servant; the defender of Thy religion; Thy established authority of Thy justice; the caller to Thy religion and the religion of his truthful forefathers blessings that no one but Thee can measure.

O God! (Please) send blessings upon Muhammad ibn `Ale - Thy servant; Thy established defender by Thy decree; the caller to Thy path.

O God! (Please) send blessings upon `Ale ibn Muhammad - Thy servant; Thy established authority defending Thy decree and the caller to Thy path.
O God! (Please) send blessings upon al-Hasan ibn `Ale – the agent acting upon Thy decrees; the established authority over Thy creatures; Thy proof acting on behalf of Thy Prophet; Thy witness for Thy creatures; the exclusive (receiver) of Thy munificence.

He is the caller to Thy obedience and obedience to Thy Prophet. May Thou send blessings upon them all.

O God! (Please) send blessings to Thy proof; Thy friend; Thy established authority over Thy creatures: Blessings so perfect, developed and lasting by which Thee may expedite his arrival and make him victorious.

And make us accompany him in this world and the Hereafter. O God! I seek Thy nearness through my love for them. I am friends with their friends and oppose their enemies.

Therefore grant me the good of this world and the Hereafter on their account. And on their account, fend off the evils of this world and the Hereafter from me, and the dreadful fright on the Judgment Day.

Then you sit near the position of his head and say the following:

Peace be upon you! O the friend of God!
Peace be upon you! O the proof of God!
Peace be upon you! O the light of God in the darkness of the Earth!
Peace be upon you! O the pillar of the religion!
Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of Adam - chosen by God!

 السلامُ عليكُ يا وَارِثَ آدَمَ صَفْوَةِ اللّهِ،

Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of Noah - the Prophet of God!

 السلامُ عليكُ يا وَارِثَ نُوحٍ نَبِيِّ اللّهِ،

Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of Abraham - the friend of God!

 السلامُ عليكُ يا وَارِثَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلِ اللّهِ،

Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of Ishmael - the offering to God!

 السلامُ عليكُ يا وَارِثَ إِسْمَاعِيلَ ذَبِيحِ اللّهِ،

Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of Moses - the interlocutor of God!

 السلامُ عليكُ يا وَارِثَ مُوسَى كَلِيمِ اللّهِ،

Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of Jesus - the spirit of God!

 السلامُ عليكُ يا وَارِثَ عِيسَى رُوحِ اللّهِ،

Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of Muhammad - the Prophet of God!

 السلامُ عليكُ يا وَارِثَ مُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولِ اللّهِ.

Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of the Commander of the Faithful

 السلامُ عليكُ يا وَارِثَ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلِيٍّ وَلِيِّ اللّهِ وَوَصِيِّ رَسُولِ اللّهِ.

Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of Fatimah al-Zahra!

 السلامُ عليكُ عَلِيّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ زَيْنِ الْعَابِدِينَ،

Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of al-Hasan and al-Husayn

 السلامُ عليكُ يَا وَارِثَ الْحَسَنِ وَالْحُسَيْنِ سَيِّدَيْ شَبَابِ أَهْلِ الجَنَّةِ.

Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of `Ale ibn al-Husayn; the adornment of the worshippers!

 السلامُ عليكُ يَا وَارِثَ الْحَسَنِ وَالْحُسَيْنِ زَيْنِ الْعَابِدِينَ
Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of Muhammad ibn `Ale - the dissector versed in the knowledge of those of old and those of later times! Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of Ja`far ibn Muhammad the veracious, the virtuous!

Peace be upon you! O the inheritor of Musa ibn Ja`far!

Peace be upon you! O the truthful martyr!

Peace be upon you! O the virtuous and pious trustee!

I bear witness that it was indeed you who established prayers, paid the alms-tax, commanded to do right, admonished against doing wrong and sincerely served God until what is sure to come happened to you.

O Abu’l-Hasan (Imam al-Riza (a.s))! Peace be upon you! And the grace of God and His blessings be upon you, For He is indeed worthy of all praise, full of all glory!

May God’s curse be upon the people who murdered you! May God’s curse be upon the people who oppressed you! May God’s curse be upon the people who established the foundations of oppression, tyranny and innovation against you—members of the Household (of the Prophet) (a.s)!

السلام عليه يا وارث محمد بن علي باقر علي الأولين والآخرين، السلام عليه يا وارث جعفر بن محمد الصادق البار، السلام عليه يا وارث موسى بن جعفر.

السلام عليه يا وارث جعفر بن محمد الصادق البار، السلام عليه يا وارث السديد الشهيد، السلام عليه يا وارث الموسي البار التقي.

السلام عليه. أشهد أنك قد أقمت الصلاة.

وأتين الزكاء، وآمنت بالمعروف، ونهيت عن المنكر، وعبد الله مخلصا حتى آتاك اليقين.

السلام عليه يا آبا الحسن ورحمة الله وبركاته، إنه حميد مجيد.

لعن الله أمة فتلتتك، لعن الله أمة ظلمتكم، لعن الله أمة فتلتتك، لعن الله أمة ظلمتكم.

إنَّهُ حمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ. لَعَنَ اللهُ أُمَّةً قَتَلَتْكَ، لَعَنَ اللهُ أُمَّةً ظَلَمَتْكَ، لَعَنَ اللهُ أُمَّةً أَسَسَتْ أَسَاسَ الظُّلْمِ وَالْجَوْرِ وَالبِدْعَةِ عَلَيْكِمْ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ.
Then you touch the tomb and say:

O God! I set out towards Thee from my homeland, and passed through many towns with the hope of receiving Thy mercy.

Please do not disappoint me, and do not send me back without having my needs fulfilled.

Have mercy upon my turning towards the tomb of the son of Thy Messenger's brother.

May Thy blessings be upon him and his Household.

O my Master! May my parents be your ransom!

I have come to visit you and I have arrived.

I seek refuge in you from whatever crimes I have committed against myself the burden of which I carry on my back.

Then (please) intercede with God on my behalf on the Day of my poverty and destitution as you enjoy an especial praiseworthy position in the presence of God.

He considers you to be an eminent man.

Then you raise your right hand up and extend your left hand towards the tomb and say:

O God! I seek Thy nearness through my love and friendship for them.

I love the last one of them as much as I love the first one, and avoid any intimate friendship with anyone but them.

My God! (Please) curse those who altered Thy blessings,
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accused Thy Prophet, wat-tahamu nabiyyaka

denied Thy verses, wa-jahadu bi-ayatika

mocked Thy appointed leader, wa-sakhiru bi-imamika

and placed the burden of the people upon the shoulders of the members of the Household of Muhammad (a.s).

wa-hamalun-nasa 'ala aktafi ali muhammad.

O God! I seek Thy nearness by cursing them (your enemies), and by staying away from them in this world and in the Hereafter, O the Beneficent!

allahumma inne ataqarrabu ilayka bil-la'natili 'alayhim wal-bara'ati minhum fid-dunya wa-akhirati ya rhaman.

Then you turn towards the position of his feet and say:

أَبَا الْحَسَنِ، May God’s blessings be upon you!

أَبَا الْحَسَنِ, O Abu'l-Hasan! May God’s blessings be upon you!

سَلَّمْ اللّهُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَبَا الْحَسَنِ, Allahu lahu 'alayka ya abal hasani,

سَلَّمْ اللّهُ عَلَى رُوحِكَ وَبَدَنِكَ, Sallal lahu 'ala ruhika w-badanika,

كَبِيرُ التَّابِعِينَ، You persevered. You were truthful and your truthfulness has been confirmed.

كَبِيرُ التَّابِعِينَ, sabarta wa-antas sadiqul musaddaqu

كَبِيرُ التَّابِعِينَ, qatalal lahu man qatalaka bil-ayde wal-alsun.

Then supplicate and curse the murderer of the Commander of the Faithful (a.s) and the murderers of al-Hasan (a.s), al-Husayn (a.s) and all those who murdered the members of the Household of the God’s Messenger (a.s). Then turn towards the position of his head from behind his back and offer two units of prayers. Recite the chapters al-Fatihah (No. 1) and Yasen (No. 36) in the first unit, and recite the chapters al-Fatihah and al-Rahman (No. 55) in the second unit. But if you have not memorized them recite the chapter al-Tawhed (No. 112) in both units. And pray for the believing men and women, and especially pray for your parents. Also make an effort to say supplications, cry, and pray a lot for yourself, your parents and all your brethren. And stay near the position of his head as much as you wish. And you must say your prayers at the tomb.