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VISITING THE TOMB /ZIARAT OF IMAM `ALĪ AMĪR AL-MU'MINĪN

SHRINE HISTORY LIVE STREAM

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MERITS OF VISITING

Through an authentic chain of authority, Shaykh al-Ṭūsī has reported on the authority of Muḥammad ibn Muslim that Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) said, "Almighty Allah has not created a category of creatures bigger in number than angels. Verily, seventy thousand angels descend everyday to circumambulate the Much-Frequented Fane. Then, they circumambulate the Holy Ka`bah. Then, they visit the tomb of the Holy Prophet (ṣ) to greet him. Then, they visit the tomb of Imam `Alī Amīr al-Mu'minīn (ʿa) to greet him. Then, they visit the tomb of Imam al-Ḥusayn (ʿa) to greet him. They then ascend back to the skies. Everyday and up to the Resurrection Day, such a number of angels descend and do the same thing. Verily, if one visits Amīr al-Mu'minīn (i.e. the Comamnder of the Believers) with full recognition of his right[1] and being neither arrogant nor conceited, Almighty Allah shall decide for him the reward of one hundred thousand martyrs, forgive his past and coming sins, include him with the secured group (on the Resurrection Day), and make easy for him the calling to account; and he will be received be the angels. As he returns home (after ziyārah), these angels will visit him when he is ill. When he dies, these angels will follow him to his grave, imploring Almighty Allah's forgiveness for him."

In his book entitled Farḥat al-Gharī, Sayyid `Abd al-Karīm ibn Ṭāwūs has reported the following saying from Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa), too:

"As for one who visits the tomb of Amīr al-Mu'minīn (ʿa) walking, Almighty Allah shall verily decide for him the reward of one ḥajj and one `umrah. If he returns walking, Almighty Allah shall decide for him the reward of two times of ḥajj and two time of `umrah."

Likewise, Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) is reported to have said to Ibn Mārid, "As for any one who visits the tomb of my grandfather with recognition of his right, Almighty Allah shall decide for him the reward of acceptable ḥajj and admissible `umrah. Ibn Mārid, I swear by Allah that He shall never give to Hellfire a foot that was dusted in the course of visiting Amīr al-Mu'minīn, being walking or riding. Ibn Mārid, write down this saying with golden ink."

Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) is also reported as saying, "We confirm that there is a grave near al-Kūfah; Almighty Allah shall definitely heal any handicapped person who has recourse to it."

In the word of authorized narrations, Almighty Allah has decided the tombs of Imam `Alī (`a) and his immaculate descendants to be shelters for the fearful, refuges for the depressed, and secure places for the inhabitants of the earth. Certainly, any aggrieved person who visits these tombs, Almighty Allah shall definitely relieve him. Any ailed person who visits them, Almighty Allah shall heal him. Any seeker of security who seeks it at these tombs, Almighty Allah shall grant him security.

Sayyid `Abd al-Karīm ibn Ṭāwūs has reported the following story on the authority of Muḥammad ibn `Alī al-Shaybānī:

I was a child when, one day in the year 260 (AH), my father, uncle, and I went out secretly directing to al-Gharī for visiting the tomb of Amīr al-Mu'minīn (ʿa). At that time, the tomb was not constructed but surrounded by black stones. At the time that we were reciting Qur'ān, offering prayers, and reciting the Ziyārah form, a lion came in the direction of us. When he approached us, we moved back. The lion came to the tomb and passed its wounded foreleg over it. Fear vanished when we were told about this scene; therefore, we all approached to see the lion, which kept on doing so for a while and then left. We then returned to the tomb.

Shaykh al-Mufīd also related the following story:

One day, Hārūn, the `Abbāsid ruler, went out for hunting. As he approached al-Gharī neighborhood, he saw a group of antelopes there. He thus ordered hawks and hounds to be set for chasing them. For a while, these hawks and hounds chased the antelopes, but when the antelopes would resort to a hillock, these chasing animals would stop. This process was repeated more than once before the eyes of Hārūn who, upon seeing this, ordered his retinue to bring to him the eldest man in al-K ūfah. An old man from Banū-Asad, a famous tribe, came. Hence, Hārūn asked him about the secret beyond that hillock.

"Do you pledge my security if I answer your question?" demanded the old man.

"I vow by Allah that I will not hurt you," pledged the ruler.

The man then said, "My father told me that his fathers used to say that this hillock contained the tomb of `Alī ibn Abī-Ṭālib;

therefore, Allah made it a secured shelter for any one that resorts to it." Here, the story ends.

"More zealous than the protector of the locusts;" this is a famous Arab proverb that is cited for describing one's readiness to protect someone or something. This proverb is taken from the story of Mudlaj ibn Suwayd, a man belonging to the tribe of Ṭayy, who was at his tent when some people came to him carrying baskets. When he asked them for explanation, they told that they came to collect a swarm of locusts that fell on his land. Immediately, he rode his horse and took his lance in the hand, threatening them by saying, "How dare you collect the locust that came to my vicinity seeking my shelter?" He therefore positioned there watching and guarding these locusts until they left his land after the land had become hot due to sunlight. He thus said, "Now, you may follow that swarm of locusts after they have left my land."

A similar story, the author of al-Qāmūs relates that Dhu'l-A`wād was an Arab chief who, claimed to be the grandfather of Aktham ibn Ṣayfī. He used to levy taxes from the tribe of Muḍar, one of the major Arab tribes. Carried on a throne, he used to visit the Arab tribes to collect levies. He was such a respected and cherished personality that any fearful one who restored to his throne would be granted security, any humiliated one who approached his throne would be fortified, and any hungry one who came to his throne would be fed… etc.

In view of that, if a throne of an Arab man could attain such honor and sublimity, then it is not strange that Almighty Allah decides the tombs of His intimate servants, especially those whose cradles were carried by the Archangels Gabriel and Michael; namely, Imam al-Ḥasan and Imam al-Ḥusayn, to be shelters for the fearful, sanctuaries for the fugitive, refuges for the depressed, and remedy for the ailed.

Wherever you are, dear reader, try to reach the holy tomb of Imam `Alī ('a), to stick to it by all strength, and to implore persistently there so that he may aid and save you from perdition in this world as well as the Next World.

It seems suitable to cite these verses on this occasion:

لُذْ إِلَىٰ جُودِهِ تَجِدْهُ زَعيماً

If you avail yourself of his magnanimity, you will find him the leader

بِنَجَاةِ ٱلْعُصَاةِ يَوْمَ لِقَاهَا

of redemption for the disobedient ones on the Day of Meeting,

عَائِذٌ لِلْمُؤَمِّلِينَ مُجيبٌ

Receptive for those who hope for him, responsive,

سَامِعٌ مَا تُسِرُّ مِنْ نَجْوَاهَا

and listening even to their confidential speeches.

In the book of Dār al-Islām, it is reported, on the authority of Shaykh al-Daylamī on the authority of a group of righteous people of al-Najaf, that a man saw in dream that many lines were extended from the tombs inside and outside the holy shrine of Imam `Alī ('a) to connect to the dome. When the man woke up, he composed the following poetic verses:

إِذَا مُتُّ فَادْفِنِّي إِلَىٰ جَنْبِ حَيْدَرٍ

When I die, lay me in the vicinity of Ḥaydar.([2])

أَبِي شَبَّرٍ أَكْرِمْ بِهِ وَشُبَيْرِ

Excellent is he! The father of Shubbar and Shubayr.([3])

فَلَسْتُ أَخَافُ النَّارَ عِنْدَ جِوَارِهِ

I then will not fear the Fire next to him

وَلاَ أَتَّقي مِنْ مُنْكَرٍ وَنَكيرِ

and I will not panic about the interrogation of Munkar and Nakīr.([4])

فَعارٌ عَلَىٰ حَامِي الْحِمَىٰ وَهْوَ فِي الْحِمَىٰ

It will be shameful on the Protector of the neighborhood

إِذَا ضَلَّ فِي الْبَيْدَا عِقَالُ بَعيرِ

if a single camel will be lost in his neighborhood.

METHOD OF VISITING AMĪR AL-MU'MINĪN'S TOMB

There are two categories of Ziyārah of Imam `Alī's tomb; one is general, that is; it may be done at any time, and the other is is specified to certain occasions click here for those ziarat

FIRST ZIYĀRAH

Shaykh al-Mufīd, al-Shahīd, Sayyid Ibn Ṭāwūs, and others have mentioned the following form of Ziyārah:

As you are determined to visit the tomb of Imam `Alī ('a), you should bathe yourself, put on two clean pieces of dress, and use a perfume, even though it is acceptable without it. While you are about to leave your house, you may say the following:

O Allah, I leave my house seeking Your bounties	allāhumma innī kharajtu min manzilī abghī faḍlaka	اَللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي خَرَجْتُ مِنْ مَنْزِلِي أَبْغِي فَضْلَكَ
and visiting the Viceroy of Your Prophet—peace of You be upon both of them.	wa azūru waṣiyya nabiyyika ṣalawātuka `alayhimā	وَأَزُورُ وَصِيَّ نَبِيِّكَ صَلَوَاتُكَ عَلَيْهِمَا
So, O Allah, (please do) make it easy for me,	allāhumma fayassir dhālika lī	اَللَّهُمَّ فَيَسِّرْ ذٰلِكَ لِي
help me pay this visit to him,	wa sabbibi almazāra lahū	وَسَبِّبِ ٱلْمَزَارَ لَهُ
and take my place, while I am away, in my affairs and possessions	wakhlufnī fī `āqibatī wa ḥuzānatī	وَٱخْلُفْنِي فِي عَاقِبَتِي وَحُزَانَتِي
in the best manner of taking place.	bi'aḥsani alkhilāfati	بِأَحْسَنِ الْخِلاَفَةِ
O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!	yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna	يَا أَرْحَمَ ٱلرَاحِمِينَ

You may then proceed, extolling Almighty Allah with the following doxology:

All praise be to Allah.	alḥamdu lillāhi	اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ
All glory be to Allah.	subḥāna allāhi	سُبْحَانَ ٱللَّهِ
There is no god but Allah.	lā ilāha illā allāhu	لاَ إِلٰهَ إِلاَّ ٱللَّهُ

Once you reach the trench of al-Kūfah, you may stop there and say the following words:

Allah is the Most Great. Allah is the Most Great.	allāhu akbaru allāhu akbaru	اللَّهُ اَكْبَرُ ٱللَّهُ اَكْبَرُ
O worthiest of exaltation, glorification, and grandeur.	ahla alkibriyā'i walmajdi wal`aẓamati	اَهْلَ ٱلْكِبْرِيَاءِ وَٱلْمَجْدِ وَٱلْعَظَمَةِ
Allah is the Most Great. O worthiest of being deemed Great, of sanctification,	allāhu akbaru ahla alttakbīri walttaqdīsi	اللَّهُ اَكْبَرُ اَهْلَ ٱلتَّكْبِيرِ وَٱلتَّقْدِيسِ

of glorification, and of granting bounties.	walttasbīḥi wal-ālā'i	وَٱلتَّسْبِيحِ وَٱلآلاَءِ
Allah is Greater than what I fear and what I worry about.	allāhu akbaru mimmā akhāfu wa aḥdharu	اللَّهُ اَكْبَرُ مِمَّا اَخَافُ وَاَحْذَرُ
Allah is the Most Great; He is my support and on Him do I rely.	allāhu akbaru `imādī wa `alayhi atawakkalu	اللَّهُ اَكْبَرُ عِمَادِي وَعَلَيْهِ اَتَوَكَّلُ
Allah is the Most Great; He is my hope and to Him do I turn.	allāhu akbaru rajā'ī wa ilayhi unību	اللَّهُ اَكْبَرُ رَجَائِي وَإِلَيْهِ اُنِيبُ
O Allah, You are indeed the source of my blessings	allāhumma anta waliyyu ni`matī	اَللَّهُمَّ اَنْتَ وَلِيُّ نِعْمَتِي
and You alone can respond to my request.	walqādiru `alā ṭalibatī	وَٱلْقَادِرُ عَلَىٰ طَلِبَتِي
You know my neediness	ta`lamu ḥājatī	تَعْلَمُ حَاجَتِي
and whatever is concealed by the premonitions of hearts	wa mā tuḍmiruhū hawājisu alṣṣudūri	وَمَا تُضْمِرُهُ هَوَاجِسُ ٱلصُّدُورِ
and the thoughts of inner selves.	wa khawāṭiru alnnufūsi	وَخَوَاطِرُ ٱلنُّفُوسِ
I therefore beseech You in the name of Muḥammad, the Chosen Prophet,	fa'as'aluka bimuḥammadin almuṣṭafā	فَاَسْاَلُكَ بِمُحَمَّدٍ ٱلْمُصْطَفَىٰ
through whom You have stopped all the claims of those who may excuse	alladhī qaṭa`ta bihī ḥujaja almuḥtajjīna	ٱلَّذِي قَطَعْتَ بِهِ حُجَجَ ٱلْمُحْتَجِّينَ
and the pretexts of those who may make apologies	wa `udhra almu`tadhirīna	وَعُذْرَ ٱلْمُعْتَذِرِينَ
and whom You have decided to be mercy to the peoples,	wa ja`altahū raḥmatan lil`ālamīna	وَجَعَلْتَهُ رَحْمَةً لِلْعَالَمِينَ
(I beseech You) not to deprive me of the rewards of my visiting Your intimate servant,	an lā taḥrimanī thawāba ziyārati waliyyika	اَنْ لاَ تَحْرِمَنِي ثَوَابَ زِيَارَةِ وَلِيِّكَ
the brother of Your Prophet, and the Commander of the Believers and my directing to him,	wa akhī nabiyyika amīri almu'minīna wa qaṣdahū	وَاَخِي نَبِيِّكَ اَمِيرِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَقَصْدَهُ
and to include me with the virtuous delegation to him	wa taj`alanī min wafdihī alṣṣāliḥīna	وَتَجْعَلَنِي مِنْ وَفْدِهِ ٱلصَّالِحِينَ
and with his pious adherents;	wa shī`atihī almuttaqīna	وَشِيعَتِهِ ٱلْمُتَّقِينَ
(I beseech for that) in the name of Your mercy, O most Merciful of all those who show mercy.	biraḥmatika yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna	بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا اَرْحَمَ ٱلرَّاحِمِينَ

Once your eyes fall on the holy dome, say these words:

All praise be to Allah, for He has conferred upon me exclusively	alḥamdu lillāhi `alā mā ikhtaṣṣanī bihī	اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَىٰ مَا اخْتَصَّنِي بِهِ
the legitimacy of birth,	min ṭībi almawlidi	مِنْ طِيبِ ٱلْمَوْلِدِ
and for He has bestowed me, out of His honoring me,	wastakhlaṣanī ikrāman bihī	وَٱسْتَخْلَصَنِي إِكْرَاماً بِهِ
with the loyalty to the pious,	min muwālāti al-abrāri	مِنْ مُوَالاَةِ ٱلاَبْرَارِ
immaculate representatives (of Him),	alssafarati al-aṭhāri	ٱلسَّفَرَةِ ٱلاَطْهَارِ

وَٱلْخَيَرَةِ ٱلأَعْلاَمِ	walkhiyarati al-a`lāmi	the best of all, and the most knowledgeable.
اَللَّهُمَّ فَتَقَبَّلْ سَعْيِي إِلَيْكَ	allāhumma fataqabbal sa`yī ilayka	O Allah, (please do) accept my seeking for You
وَتَضَرُّعِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ	wa taḍarru`ī bayna yadayka	and my earnest imploration in Your Presence
وَٱغْفِرْ لِيَ الذُّنُوبَ ٱلَّتِي لاَ تَخْفَىٰ عَلَيْكَ	waghfir liya aldhdhunūba allatī lā takhfā `alayka	and (please do) forgive my sins that cannot be hidden from You.
إِنَّكَ اَنْتَ ٱللَّهُ ٱلْمَلِكُ ٱلْغَفَّارُ	innaka anta allāhu almaliku alghaffāru	Verily, You are Allah, the King, the All-forgiving.

As soon as the sight of the zā'ir, especially the learnt and righteous, falls on the luminous dome of Imam `Alī's holy shrine, he/she feels active and delightful; and love and loyalty begins arousing in his heart, making he/her try to turn to the Imam ('a) with full heart and to praise and commend him in all languages and styles, and to find suitable poetic verses through which he/she can express his/her actual feelings. I therefore deem suitable to cite the following poetic verses excerpted from the famous poem of al-Azrī, hoping that the gentle zā'ir, being at this situation, will convey my greetings to the owner of that dome and will not exclude from those for whom he prays:

اَيُّهَا ٱلرَّاكِبُ ٱلْمُجِدُّ رُوَيْداً بِقُلُوبٍ تَقَلَّبَتْ فِي جَوَاهَا	O hasty driver, slow down! Have compassion on hearts that are turned over in tense emotions.
إِنْ تَرَاءَتْ اَرْضُ ٱلْغَرِيَّينِ فَٱخْضَعْ وَٱخْلَعِ ٱلنَّعْلَ دُونَ وَادِي طُواهَا	If the land of al-Gharī shows itself to you, then yield and take off your shoes facing the like of Ṭuwā Valley.
وَإِذا شِمْتَ قُبَّةَ ٱلْعالَمِ ٱلأَعْـ ـلَىٰ وَاَنْوَارُ رَبِّهَا تَغْشَاهَا	If you behold the dome of the Upper World covered by the lights of its Lord,
فَتَوَاضَعْ فَثَمَّ دَارَةُ قُدْسٍ تَتَمَنَّىٰ ٱلأَفْلاَكُ لَثْمَ ثَرَاهَا	then be unassuming, for there lies a halo of holiness that even the highest stars wish to kiss its soil.
قُلْ لَهُ وَٱلدُّمُوعُ سَفْحُ عَقِيقٍ وَٱلْحَشَا تَصْطَلِي بِنَارِ غَضَاهَا	Say to him, while your tears are like pouring agate and your

bowels being blazed by their fire:

يَا بْنَ عَمِّ ٱلنَّبِيِّ ا أَنْتَ يَدُ ٱللَّـ
ـهِ ٱلَّتِي عَمَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ نَدَاهَا

O Prophet's cousin, you are the Hand of Allah Whose bounty has included all things.

ا أَنْتَ قُرْآنُهُ ٱلْقَدِيمُ وَا أَوَصَا
فُكَ آيَاتُهُ ٱلَّتِي ا أَوْحَاهَا

You are His Eternal Qur'ān and your attributes are the Verses that He has revealed.

خَصَّكَ ٱللَّهُ فِي مَآثِرَ شَتَّىٰ
هِيَ مِثْلُ ٱلا أَعْدَادِ لاَ تَتَنَاهَىٰ

Allah has favored you in untold merits that are as countless as numbers.

لَيْتَ عَيْناً بِغَيْرِ رَوْضِكَ تَرْعَىٰ
قَذِيَتْ وَٱسْتَمَرَّ فِيهَا قَذَاهَا

May an eye that grazes from a garden other than yours be deeply injured and be kept in injury.

ا أَنْتَ بَعْدَ ٱلنَّبِيِّ خَيْرُ ٱلْبَرَايَا
وَٱلسَّمَا خَيْرُ مَا بِهَا قَمَرَاهَا

After the Prophet, you are the best of beings, and the best thing in the sky is the moon.

لَكَ ذَاتٌ كَذَاتِهِ حَيْثُ لَوْ لاَ
ا أَنَّهَا مِثْلُهَا لَمَا آخَاهَا

You have a self that is as same as his. Had your selves been different, he would not have united them in fraternity.

قَدْ تَراضَعْتُمَا بِثَدْيِ وِصَالٍ
كَانَ مِنْ جَوْهَرِ ٱلتَّجَلِّي غِذَاهَا

You and he were fed from the same breast of connection whose drink was made of the Essence of Manifestation.

يَا اَخَا ٱلْمُصْطَفَىٰ لَدَيَّ ذُنُوبٌ
هِيَ عَيْنٌ ٱلْقَذَا وَاَنْتَ جَلاَهَا

O Chosen Prophet's brother, I have had sins just like motes in my eye, and you are the remedy.

لَكَ فِي مُرْتَقَىٰ ٱلْعُلَىٰ وَٱلْمَعَالِي
دَرَجَاتٌ لاَ يُرْتَقَىٰ اَدْنَاهَا

In the scale of elevation and altitude, you enjoy such high levels that even the lowest of which cannot be attained.

لَكَ نَفْسٌ مِنْ مَعْدَنِ ٱللُّطْفِ صِيغَتْ
جَعَلَ ٱللَّهُ كُلَّ نَفْسٍ فِدَاهَا

You enjoy a soul that was made from the core of fineness. May Allah make all souls ransoms for it.

When you reach at the fortress of Najaf (ḥiṣn al-najaf), you may say the following words:

All praise be to Allah Who has guided us to this;	alḥamdu lillāhi alladhī hadānā lihādhā	اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ٱلَّذِي هَدَانَا لِهٰذَا
and we would not have found the way had it not been that Allah had guided us.	wa mā kunnā linahtadiya lawlā an hadānā allāhu	وَمَا كُنَّا لِنَهْتَدِيَ لَوْلاَ اَنْ هَدَانَا ٱللَّهُ
All praise be to Allah Who has made me travel in His countries,	alḥamdu lillāhi alladhī sayyaranī fī bilādihī	اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ٱلَّذِي سَيَّرَنِي فِي بِلاَدِهِ
Who has caused me to ride His animals,	wa ḥamalanī `alā dawābbihī	وَحَمَلَنِي عَلَىٰ دَوَابِّهِ
Who has made the distant space seem near for me,	wa ṭawā liya alba`īda	وَطَوَىٰ لِيَ ٱلْبَعِيدَ
Who has kept away from me what is dangerous,	wa ṣarafa `anniya almaḥdhūra	وَصَرَفَ عَنِّيَ ٱلْمَحْذُورَ
and Who has held off against me what is unwanted	wa dafa`a `anniya almakrūha	وَدَفَعَ عَنِّيَ ٱلْمَكْرُوهَ

until He made me come up to the Precinct of the brother of His Messenger,	ḥattā aqdamanī ḥarama akhī rasūlihī	حَتَّىٰ اَقْدَمَنِي حَرَمَ اَخِي رَسُولِهِ
peace be upon him and his Household.	ṣallā allāhu `alayhi wa ālihī	صَلَّىٰ اَللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

You may then enter the city, saying:

All praise be to Allah Who has allowed me to enter this blessed zone,	alḥamdu lillāhi alladhī adkhalanī hādhihī albuq`atā almubārakata	اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ اَلَّذِي اَدْخَلَنِي هٰذِهِ اَلْبُقْعَةَ اَلْمُبَارَكَةَ
which Allah has blessed	allatī bāraka allāhu fīhā	اَلَّتِي بَارَكَ اَللَّهُ فِيهَا
and has chosen for His Prophet's Successor.	wakhtārahā liwaṣiyyi nabiyyihī	وَاَخْتَارَهَا لِوَصِيِّ نَبِيِّهِ
O Allah, (please do) make this zone witness for me.	allāhumma faj`alhā shāhidatan lī	اَللَّهُمَّ فَاَجْعَلْهَا شَاهِدَةً لِي

When you reach at the first doorstep, you may say the following:

O Allah, I have stopped at Your door,	allāhumma bibābika waqaftu	اَللَّهُمَّ بِبَابِكَ وَقَفْتُ
I have come to Your court,	wa bifinā'ika nazaltu	وَبِفَنَائِكَ نَزَلْتُ
to Your Cord do I cling,	wa biḥablika i`taṣamtu	وَبِحَبْلِكَ اَعْتَصَمْتُ
Your mercy do I seek,	wa liraḥmatika ta`arraḍtu	وَلِرَحْمَتِكَ تَعَرَّضْتُ
and by Your Intimate Servant—may Your blessings be upon him—do I beg You.	wa biwaliyyika ṣalawātuka `alayhi tawassaltu	وَبِوَلِيِّكَ صَلَوَاتُكَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَسَّلْتُ
So, (please do) make it an admissible visit	faj`alhā ziyāratan maqbūlatan	فَاَجْعَلْهَا زِيَارَةً مَقْبُولَةً
and a responded supplication.	wa du`ā'an mustajāban	وَدُعَاءً مُسْتَجَاباً

You may then stop at the gate of the courtyard, saying the following:

O Allah, this holy place is verily Yours,	allāhumma inna hādhā alḥarama ḥaramuka	اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هٰذَا اَلْحَرَمَ حَرَمُكَ
this situation is Yours,	walmaqāma maqāmuka	وَاَلْمَقَامَ مَقَامُكَ
and I am entering here so as to confide to You	wa anā adkhulu ilayhi unājīka	وَاَنَا اَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ اُنَاجِيكَ
things that You are more knowledgeable than I am	bimā anta a`lamu bihī minnī	بِمَا اَنْتَ اَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنِّي
as well as You are more knowledgeable than I am as regards my secrets and my confidential speech.	wa min sirrī wa najwāya	وَمَنْ سِرِّي وَنَجْوَايَ
All praise be to Allah, the All-benevolent, the All-favorer, the All-munificent,	alḥamdu lillāhi alḥannāni almannāni almutaṭawwili	اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ اَلْحَنَّانِ اَلْمَنَّانِ اَلْمُتَطَوِّلِ
Who, out of His munificence, has made it easy for me to visit my master,	alladhī min taṭawwulihī sahhala lī ziyārata mawlāya bi'iḥsānihī	اَلَّذِي مِنْ تَطَوُّلِهِ سَهَّلَ لِي زِيَارَةَ مَوْلاَيَ بِإِحْسَانِهِ

Who has not made me banned from visiting him,	wa lam yaj`alnī `an ziyāratihī mamnūa`an	وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْنِي عَنْ زِيَارَتِهِ مَمْنُوعاً
and Who has not included me with those who are prevented from being loyal to his (Divinely commissioned) leadership;	wa lā `an wilāyatihī madfū`an	وَلاَ عَنْ وِلاَيَتِهِ مَدْفُوعاً
rather, He has bestowed upon me and donated me (this favor).	bal taṭawwala wa manaḥa	بَلْ تَطَوَّلَ وَمَنَحَ
O Allah, just as You have conferred upon me with the favor of recognition of him,	allāhumma kamā mananta `alayya bima`rifatihī	اَللَّهُمَّ كَمَا مَنَنْتَ عَلَيَّ بِمَعْرِفَتِهِ
so also (please do) include me with his adherents (Shī`ah)	faj`alnī min shī`atihī	فَاجْعَلْنِي مِنْ شِيعَتِهِ
and allow me to enter Paradise by means of his intercession,	wa adkhilnī aljannata bishafā`atihī	وَأَدْخِلْنِي ٱلْجَنَّةَ بِشَفَاعَتِهِ
O most merciful of all those who show mercy.	yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna	يَا أَرْحَمَ ٱلرَّاحِمِينَ

You may then enter the courtyard of the holy shrine and say the following words:

All praise be to Allah Who has honored me with the recognition of Him,	alḥamdu lillāhi alladhī akramanī bima`rifatihī	اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ٱلَّذِي أَكْرَمَنِي بِمَعْرِفَتِهِ
the recognition of His Messenger,	wa ma`rifati rasūlihī	وَمَعْرِفَةِ رَسُولِهِ
and the recognition of him the obedience to whom has been made incumbent upon me by Him	wa man faraḍa `alayya ṭā`atahū	وَمَنْ فَرَضَ عَلَيَّ طَاعَتَهُ
on account of His mercy to me,	raḥmatan minhu lī	رَحْمَةً مِنْهُ لِي
His favor that He bestowed upon me,	wa taṭawwulan minhu `alayya	وَتَطَوُّلاً مِنْهُ عَلَيَّ
and His conferral upon me with faith.	wa manna `alayya bil'īmāni	وَمَنَّ عَلَيَّ بِٱلإِيمَانِ
All praise be to Allah Who has allowed me to enter the shrine of His Messenger's brother	alḥamdu lillāhi alladhī adkhalanī ḥarama akhī rasūlihī	اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ٱلَّذِي أَدْخَلَنِي حَرَمَ أَخِي رَسُولِهِ
and has made me see this shrine while I enjoy good health.	wa arānīhi fī `āfiyatin	وَأَرَانِيهِ فِي عَافِيَةٍ
All praise be to Allah Who has included me with the visitors of the tomb of His Messenger's successor.	alḥamdu lillāhi alladhī ja`alanī min zuwwāri qabri waṣiyyi rasūlihī	اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ٱلَّذِي جَعَلَنِي مِنْ زُوَّارِ قَبْرِ وَصِيِّ رَسُولِهِ
I bear witness that there is no god but Allah,	ashhadu an lā ilāha illā allāhu	أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ ٱللَّهُ
alone without having any associate,	waḥdahū lā sharīka lahū	وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ
and I bear witness that Muḥammad is His servant and Messenger.	wa ashhadu anna muḥammadan `abduhū wa rasūluhū	وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّداً عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ
He has conveyed the truth from Allah.	jā'a bilḥaqqi min `indi allāhi	جَاءَ بِٱلْحَقِّ مِنْ عِنْدِ ٱللَّهِ

And I bear witness that `Alī is the servant of Allah and the brother of Allah's Messenger.	wa ashhadu anna `aliyyan `abdu allāhi wa akhū rasūli allāhi	وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ عَلِيّاً عَبْدُ ٱللَّهِ وَأَخُو رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ
Allah is the Most Great. Allah is the Most Great. Allah is the Most Great.	allāhu akbaru allāhu akbaru allāhu akbaru	اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ٱللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ٱللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
There is no god but Allah, and Allah is the Most Great.	lā ilāha illā allāhu wallāhu akbaru	لاَ إِلٰهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ وَٱللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
All praise be to Allah for He has guided me	walḥamdu lillāhi `alā hidāyatihī	وَٱلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَىٰ هِدَايَتِهِ
and led me successfully to His course to which He has invited (us).	wa tawfīqihī limā da`ā ilayhi min sabīlihī	وَتَوْفِيقِهِ لِمَا دَعَا إِلَيْهِ مِنْ سَبِيلِهِ
O Allah, You are verily the most excellent besought One	allāhumma innaka afḍalu maqṣūdin	اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ أَفْضَلُ مَقْصُودٍ
and the most honorable purposed One.	wa akramu matiyyin	وَأَكْرَمُ مَأْتِيٍّ
I thus have come to You, seeking nearness to You	wa qad ataytuka mutaqarriban ilayka	وَقَدْ أَتَيْتُكَ مُتَقَرِّباً إِلَيْكَ
in the name of Your Prophet, the Prophet of Mercy	binabiyyika nabiyyi alrraḥmati	بِنَبِيِّكَ نَبِيِّ ٱلرَّحْمَةِ
and in the name of his brother, the Commander of the Faithful,	wa bi'akhīhi amīri almu'minīna	وَبِأَخِيهِ أَمِيرِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
`Alī the son of Abū-Ṭālib—peace be upon them both.	`aliyyi bni abī ṭālibin `alayhimā alssalāmu	عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ عَلَيْهِمَا ٱلسَّلاَمُ
So, (please do) send blessings upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad,	faṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin	فَصَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
do not disappoint my efforts,	wa lā tukhayyib sa`yī	وَلاَ تُخَيِّبْ سَعْيِي
(please) grant me a merciful look from You through which You refresh me,	wanẓur ilayya naẓratan raḥīmatan tun`ishunī bihā	وَٱنْظُرْ إِلَيَّ نَظْرَةً رَحِيمَةً تُنْعِشُنِي بِهَا
make me illustrious in Your view in this world as well as the world to come,	waj`alnī `indaka wajīhan fī alddunyā wal-ākhirati	وَٱجْعَلْنِي عِنْدَكَ وَجِيهاً فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا وَٱلآخِرَةِ
and make me of those brought near to You.	wa min almuqarrabīna	وَمِنَ ٱلْمُقَرَّبِينَ

You may then walk until you stop at the door of the portico and say the following words:

Peace be upon Allah's Messenger	alssalāmu `alā rasūli allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ
whom Allah has entrusted with His Revelations and with His determined commandments,	amīni allāhi `alā waḥyihī wa `azā'imi amrihī	أَمِينِ ٱللَّهِ عَلَىٰ وَحْيِهِ وَعَزَائِمِ أَمْرِهِ
who sealed the previous Messages,	alkhātimi limā sabaqa	ٱلْخَاتِمِ لِمَا سَبَقَ
paved the way to the coming blessings,	walfātiḥi limā istuqbila	وَٱلْفَاتِحِ لِمَا ٱسْتُقْبِلَ
and who prevails over all that.	walmuhaymini `alā dhālika kullihī	وَٱلْمُهَيْمِنِ عَلَىٰ ذٰلِكَ كُلِّهِ

May the mercy and blessings of Allah be upon him, too.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
Peace be upon the holder of tranquility.	alssalāmu `alā ṣāḥibi alssakīnati	السَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ صَاحِبِ ٱلسَّكِينَةِ
peace be upon the one buried at al-Mad īnah.	alssalāmu `alā almadfūni bilmadīnati	السَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلْمَدْفُونِ بِٱلْمَدِينَةِ
Peace be upon the triumphed and supported (by Allah).	alssalāmu `alā almanṣūri almu'ayyadi	السَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلْمَنْصُورِ ٱلْمُؤَيَّدِ
Peace be upon Abu'l-Qāsim, Muḥammad the son of `Abdullāh.	alssalāmu `alā abī alqāsimi muḥammadi bni `abdi allāhi	السَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ أَبِي ٱلْقَاسِمِ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ ٱللَّهِ
May the mercy and blessings of Allah be upon him, too.([5])	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

You may then enter the portico with your right foot, stop at the door of the dome, and say these words:

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah,	ashhadu an lā ilāha illā allāhu	أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ ٱللَّهُ
alone without having any associate,	waḥdahū lā sharīka lahū	وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ
and I bear witness that Muḥammad is His servant and Messenger.	wa ashhadu anna muḥammadan `abduhū wa rasūluhū	وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّداً عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ
He has conveyed the truth from Him and verified the (past) Messengers.	jā'a bilḥaqqi min `indihī wa ṣaddaqa almursalīna	جَاءَ بِٱلْحَقِّ مِنْ عِنْدِهِ وَصَدَّقَ ٱلْمُرْسَلِينَ
Peace be upon you, O Messenger of Allah!	alssalāmu `alayka yā rasūla allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O most-beloved of Allah and best of His beings!	alssalāmu `alayka yā ḥabība allāhi wa khiyaratahū min khalqihī	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا حَبِيبَ ٱللَّهِ وَخِيَرَتَهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ
Peace be upon the Commander of the Faithful:	alssalāmu `alā amīr almu'minīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ أَمِيرِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
the servant of Allah and the brother of Allah's Messenger.	`abdi allāhi wa akhī rasūli allāhi	عَبْدِ ٱللَّهِ وَأَخِي رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ
O master, O Commander of the Faithful!	yā mawlāya yā amīra almu'minīna	يَا مَوْلاَيَ يَا أَمِيرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
I, your slave and the son of your slave and your bondmaid,	`abduka wabnu `abdika wabnu amatika	عَبْدُكَ وَٱبْنُ عَبْدِكَ وَٱبْنُ أَمَتِكَ
have come to you seeking the refuge of your protection,	jā'aka mustajīran bidhimmatika	جَاءَكَ مُسْتَجِيراً بِذِمَّتِكَ
directing to your shrine,	qāṣidan ilā ḥaramika	قَاصِداً إِلَىٰ حَرَمِكَ
turning my face toward your place,	mutawajjihan ilā maqāmika	مُتَوَجِّهاً إِلَىٰ مَقَامِكَ
and begging Almighty Allah in your name.	mutawassilan ilā allāhi ta`ālā bika	مُتَوَسِّلاً إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ تَعَالَىٰ بِكَ
May I enter, O master?	a'adkhulu yā mawlāya	أَأَدْخُلُ يَا مَوْلاَيَ
May I enter, O Commander of the		

Faithful?	a'adkhulu yā amīra almu'minīna	اَأَدْخُلُ يَا اَمِيرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
May I enter, O argument of Allah?	a'adkhulu yā ḥujjata allāhi	اَأَدْخُلُ يَا حُجَّةَ ٱللَّهِ
May I enter, O trustee of Allah?	a'adkhulu yā amīna allāhi	اَأَدْخُلُ يَا اَمِينَ ٱللَّهِ
May I enter, O angels of Allah who reside in this shrine?	a'adkhulu yā malā'ikata allāhi almuqīmīna fī hādhā almashhadi	اَأَدْخُلُ يَا مَلاَئِكَةَ ٱللَّهِ ٱلْمُقِيمِينَ فِي هٰذَا ٱلْمَشْهَدِ
O master, may you permit me to enter	yā mawlāya ata'dhanu lī bilddukhūli	يَا مَوْلاَيَ اَتَاْذَنُ لِي بِٱلدُّخُولِ
in the best way of permission you have ever given to any of your devotees?	afḍala mā adhinta li'aḥadin min awliyā'ika	اَفْضَلَ مَا اَذِنْتَ لاِ َحَدٍ مِنْ اَوْلِيَائِكَ
If I am too little to deserve your permission, then You are too exalted to deprive me of it.	fa'in lam akun lahū ahlan fa'anta ahlun lidhlika	فَإِنْ لَمْ اَكُنْ لَهُ اَهْلاً فَاَنْتَ اَهْلٌ لِذٰلِكَ

You may then kiss the doorstep and enter there with your right foot, saying the following:

In the Name of Allah (I begin), in Allah (I trust),	bismi allāhi wa billāhi	بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ وَبِٱللَّهِ
on the way of Allah,	wa fī sabīli allāhi	وَفِي سَبِيلِ ٱللَّهِ
and on the norm of the Messenger of Allah (I proceed),	wa `alā millati rasūli allāhi	وَعَلَىٰ مِلَّةِ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ
may Allah bless him and his Household.	ṣallā allāhu `alayhi wa ālihī	صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
O Allah, (please do) forgive me	allāhumma ighfir lī warḥamnī wa tub `alayya	اَللَّهُمَّ ٱغْفِرْ لِي وَٱرْحَمْنِي وَتُبْ عَلَيَّ
for You are verily the Oft-Returning.	innaka anta alttawwābu alrraḥīmu	إِنَّكَ اَنْتَ ٱلتَّوَّابُ ٱلرَّحِيمُ

You may then walk until you face and become opposite to the holy tomb. You may stop there before reaching the tomb, and say the following:

Peace of Allah be upon Muḥammad the Messenger of Allah,	alssalāmu min allāhi `alā muḥammadin rasūli allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ مِنَ ٱللَّهِ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ
the trustee of Allah over His Revelations, Messages,	amīni allāhi `alā waḥyihī wa risālātihī	اَمِينِ ٱللَّهِ عَلَىٰ وَحْيِهِ وَرِسَالاَتِهِ
and determined commandments,	wa `azā'imi amrihī	وَعَزَائِمِ اَمْرِهِ
the core of the Divine Inspiration and Revelation,	wa ma`dini alwaḥyi walttanzīli	وَمَعْدِنِ ٱلْوَحْيِ وَٱلتَّنْزِيلِ
who sealed the previous Messages,	alkhātimi limā sabaqa	ٱلْخَاتِمِ لِمَا سَبَقَ
paved the way to the coming blessings,	walfātiḥi limā istuqbila	وَٱلْفَاتِحِ لِمَا ٱسْتُقْبِلَ

who prevails over all that,	walmuhaymini `alā dhālika kullihī	وَٱلْمُهَيْمِنِ عَلَىٰ ذٰلِكَ كُلِّهِ
the witness over the creatures,	alshshāhidi `alā alkhalqi	ٱلشَّاهِدِ عَلَىٰ ٱلْخَلْقِ
and the luminous torch.	alssirāji almunīri	ٱلسِّرَاجِ ٱلْمُنِيرِ
Peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him.	wa alssalāmu `alayhi wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَٱلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِ وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
O Allah, (please do) send blessings upon Muḥammad and his Household, the oppressed ones,	allāhumma ṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa ahli baytihī almaẓlūmīna	اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ ٱلْمَظْلُومِينَ
with the best, most perfect, most exalted,	afḍala wa akmala wa arfa`a	أَفْضَلَ وَأَكْمَلَ وَأَرْفَعَ
and most honored blessings that You have ever showed on any	wa ashrafa mā ṣallayta `alā aḥadin	وَأَشْرَفَ مَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَىٰ أَحَدٍ
of Your Prophets, Messengers, and Chosen servants.	min anbiyā'ika wa rusulika wa aṣfiyā'ika	مِنْ أَنْبِيَائِكَ وَرُسُلِكَ وَأَصْفِيَائِكَ
O Allah, (please do) send blessings upon the Commander of the Faithful,	allāhumma ṣalli `alā amīri almu'minīna	اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ أَمِيرِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
Your servant, the best of Your creatures after Your Prophet,	`abdika wa khayri khalqika ba`da nabiyyika	عَبْدِكَ وَخَيْرِ خَلْقِكَ بَعْدَ نَبِيِّكَ
the brother of Your Messenger,	wa akhī rasūlika	وَأَخِي رَسُولِكَ
the Successor of Your most-beloved one,	wa waṣiyyi ḥabībika	وَوَصِيِّ حَبِيبِكَ
whom You have selected from among Your beings,	alladhī intajabtahū min khalqika	ٱلَّذِي ٱنْتَجَبْتَهُ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ
the guide to those whom You sent with Your messages,	walddalīli `alā man ba`athtahū birisālātika	وَٱلدَّلِيلِ عَلَىٰ مَنْ بَعَثْتَهُ بِرِسَالَاتِكَ
the establisher of the true religion by means of Your justice,	wa dayyāni alddīni bi`adlika	وَدَيَّانِ ٱلدِّينِ بِعَدْلِكَ
and the decisive judge among Your beings.	wa faṣli qaḍā'ika bayna khalqika	وَفَصْلِ قَضَائِكَ بَيْنَ خَلْقِكَ
Peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him.	wa alssalāmu `alayhi wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَٱلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِ وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
O Allah, (please do) send blessings upon the Imams from his offspring,	allāhumma ṣalli `alā al-a'immati min wuldihī	اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ ٱلأَئِمَّةِ مِنْ وُلْدِهِ
(who are) the holders of Your commandments after him,	alqawwāmīna bi'amrika min ba`dihī	ٱلْقَوَّامِينَ بِأَمْرِكَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ
and the immaculate ones whom You have accepted as supporters of Your religion,	almuṭahharīna alladhīna irtaḍaytahum anṣāran lidīnika	ٱلْمُطَهَّرِينَ ٱلَّذِينَ ٱرْتَضَيْتَهُمْ أَنْصَاراً لِدِينِكَ
keepers of Your secret,	wa ḥafaẓatan lisirrika	وَحَفَظَةً لِسِرِّكَ

witnesses over Your created beings,	wa shuhadā'a `alā khalqika	وَشُهَدَاءَ عَلَىٰ خَلْقِكَ
and signs (of example) for Your servants.	wa a`lāman li`ibādika	وَأَعْلاَماً لِعِبَادِكَ
May Your blessings be upon them all.	ṣalawātuka `alayhim ajma`īna	صَلَوَاتُكَ عَلَيْهِمْ أَجْمَعِينَ
Peace be upon the Commander of the Faithful,	alssalāmu `alā amīri almu'minīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ أَمِيرِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
`Alī the son of Abū-Ṭālib,	`aliyyi bni abī ṭālibin	عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ
the successor of Allah's Messenger, his representative,	waṣiyyi rasūli allāhi wa khalīfatihī	وَصِيِّ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ وَخَلِيفَتِهِ
who managed his affairs after him,	walqā'imi bi'amrihī min ba`dihī	وَٱلْقَائِمِ بِأَمْرِهِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ
and the master of all Prophet's successors. May Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him, too.	sayyidi alwaṣiyyīna wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	سَيِّدِ ٱلْوَصِيِّينَ وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
Peace be upon Fāṭimah, the daughter of Allah's Messenger,	alssalāmu `alā fāṭimata binti rasūli allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ فَاطِمَةَ بِنْتِ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ
may Allah's blessings be upon him,	ṣallā allāhu `alayhi wa ālihī	صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
(she is) the doyenne of all the women of this world.	sayyidati nisā'i al`ālamīna	سَيِّدَةِ نِسَاءِ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ
Peace be upon al-Ḥasan and al-Ḥusayn,	alssalāmu `alā alḥasani walḥusayni	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلْحَسَنِ وَٱلْحُسَيْنِ
the chiefs of the youth of Paradise among all beings.	sayyiday shabābi ahli aljannati min alkhalqi ajma`īna	سَيِّدَيْ شَبَابِ أَهْلِ ٱلْجَنَّةِ مِنَ ٱلْخَلْقِ أَجْمَعِينَ
Peace be upon the Guiding Imams.	alssalāmu `alā al-a'immati alrrāshidīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلأَئِمَّةِ ٱلرَّاشِدِينَ
Peace be upon the Prophets and the Messengers.	alssalāmu `alā al-anbiyā'i walmursalīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلأَنْبِيَاءِ وَٱلْمُرْسَلِينَ
Peace be upon the Imams whom are entrusted (with the religion by Allah).	alssalāmu `alā al-a'immati almustawda`īna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلأَئِمَّةِ ٱلْمُسْتَوْدَعِينَ
Peace be upon the elite creatures of Allah.	alssalāmu `alā khāṣṣati allāhi min khalqihī	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ خَاصَّةِ ٱللَّهِ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ
Peace be upon those who understand by tokens.	alssalāmu `alā almutawassimīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلْمُتَوَسِّمِينَ
Peace be upon the faithful believers	alssalāmu `alā almu'minīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
who have carried out His orders,	alladhīna qāmū bi'amrihī	ٱلَّذِينَ قَامُواْ بِأَمْرِهِ

supported the saints of Allah,	wa wāzarū awliyā'a allāhi	وَوَازَرُواْ اَوْلِيَاءَ ٱللَّهِ
and have feared for their fear.	wa khāfū bikhawfihim	وَخَافُواْ بِخَوْفِهِمْ
Peace be upon the Favorite Angels.	alssalāmu `alā almalā'ikati almuqarrab īna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلْمَلاَئِكَةِ ٱلْمُقَرَّبِينَ
Peace be upon us and upon the righteous servants of Allah.	alssalāmu `alaynā wa `alā `ibādi allāhi alṣṣāliḥīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْنَا وَعَلَىٰ عِبَادِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلصَالِحِينَ

You may then draw near the tomb, face it, make the kiblah direction behind you, and say the following words:

Peace be upon you, O Commander of the Faithful.	alssalāmu `alayka yā amīra almu'minīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا اَمِيرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
Peace be upon you, O beloved by Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā ḥabība allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا حَبِيبَ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O choice of Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā ṣafwata allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا صَفْوَةَ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O intimate servant of Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā waliyya allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَلِيَّ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O Argument of Allah (against His creatures).	alssalāmu `alayka yā ḥujjata allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا حُجَّةَ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O leader of true guidance.	alssalāmu `alayka yā imāma alhudā	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا إِمَامَ ٱلْهُدَىٰ
Peace be upon you, O sign of piety.	alssalāmu `alayka yā `alama alttuqā	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا عَلَمَ ٱلتُّقَىٰ
Peace be upon you, O successor,	alssalāmu `alayka ayyuhā alwaṣiyyu	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ اَيُّهَا ٱلْوَصِيُّ
religious, pious,	albarru alttaqiyyu	ٱلْبَرُّ ٱلتَّقِيُّ
pure, and loyal.	alnnaqiyyu alwafiyyu	ٱلنَّقِيُّ ٱلْوَفِيُّ
Peace be upon you, O father of al-Ḥasan and al-Ḥusayn.	alssalāmu `alayka yā abā alḥasani walḥusayni	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا اَبَا ٱلْحَسَنِ وَٱلْحُسَيْنِ
Peace be upon you, O pillar of the religion.	alssalāmu `alayka yā `amūda alddīni	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا عَمُودَ ٱلدِّينِ
Peace be upon you, O chief of the successors (of Prophets),	alssalāmu `alayka yā sayyida alwaṣiyy īna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا سَيِّدَ ٱلْوَصِيِّينَ
trustee of the Lord of the worlds,	wa amīna rabbi al`ālamīna	وَاَمِينَ رَبِّ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ
judge on the Judgment Day,	wa dayyāna yawmi alddīni	وَدَيَّانَ يَوْمِ ٱلدِّينِ
best of the believers,	wa khayra almu'minīna	وَخَيْرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
chief of the most truthful ones,	wa sayyida alṣṣiddīqīna	وَسَيِّدَ ٱلصِّدِّيقِينَ
elite of the Prophets' lineage,	walṣṣafwata min sulālati alnnabiyyīna	وَٱلصَّفْوَةَ مِنْ سُلاَلَةِ ٱلنَّبِيِّينَ
door to the wisdom of the Lord of the worlds,	wa bāba ḥikmati rabbi al`ālamīna	وَبَابَ حِكْمَةِ رَبِّ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ

keeper of His Revelation,	wa khāzina waḥyihī	وَخَازِنَ وَحْيِهِ
container of His knowledge,	wa `aybata `ilmihī	وَعَيْبَةَ عِلْمِهِ
advisor of His Prophet’s people,	walnnāṣiḥa li'ummati nabiyyihī	وَٱلنَّاصِحَ لِأُمَّةِ نَبِيِّهِ
next to His Messenger,	walttāliya lirasūlihī	وَٱلتَّالِي لِرَسُولِهِ
who sacrificed himself for him (i.e. for the Messenger),	walmuwāsiya lahū binafsihī	وَٱلْمُوَاسِي لَهُ بِنَفْسِهِ
speaker with his arguments,	walnnāṭiqa biḥujjatihī	وَٱلنَّاطِقَ بِحُجَّتِهِ
inviter to his principles,	walddā`iya ilā sharī`atihī	وَٱلدَّاعِي إِلَىٰ شَرِيعَتِهِ
and steadfast on his instructions.	walmāḍiya `alā sunnatihī	وَٱلْمَاضِي عَلَىٰ سُنَّتِهِ
O Allah, I do bear witness	allāhumma innī ashhadu	اَللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَشْهَدُ
that he carried out the mission conveyed to him by Your Messenger,	annahū qad ballagha `an rasūlika mā ḥummila	أَنَّهُ قَدْ بَلَّغَ عَنْ رَسُولِكَ مَا حُمِّلَ
achieved what he was ordered to keep,	wa ra`ā mā istuḥfiẓa	وَرَعَىٰ مَا ٱسْتُحْفِظَ
kept what has been stored with him,	wa ḥafiẓa mā istūdi`a	وَحَفِظَ مَا ٱسْتُودِعَ
deemed lawful that which You deem lawful,	wa ḥallala ḥalālaka	وَحَلَّلَ حَلاَلَكَ
deemed unlawful that which You deem unlawful,	wa ḥarrama ḥarāmaka	وَحَرَّمَ حَرَامَكَ
put into practice Your laws,	wa aqāma aḥkāmaka	وَأَقَامَ أَحْكَامَكَ
strove against the contraveners for Your sake,	wa jāhada alnnākithīna fī sabīlika	وَجَاهَدَ ٱلنَّاكِثِينَ فِي سَبِيلِكَ
against the wrongdoers according to Your laws,	walqāsiṭīna fī ḥukmika	وَٱلْقَاسِطِينَ فِي حُكْمِكَ
and against the apostates from Your decree,	walmāriqīna `an amrika	وَٱلْمَارِقِينَ عَنْ أَمْرِكَ
did all that with steadfastness, expecting Your reward,	ṣābiran muḥtasiban	صَابِراً مُحْتَسِباً
and no blame of any blamer could ever influence him.	lā ta'khudhuhū fīka lawmatu lā'imin	لاَ تَأْخُذُهُ فِيكَ لَوْمَةُ لاَئِمٍ
O Allah, (please do) send blessings upon him with the best way	allāhumma ṣalli `alayhi afḍala mā ṣallayta	اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِ أَفْضَلَ مَا صَلَّيْتَ
You have ever blessed any of Your intimate servants, Your choicest ones,	`alā aḥadin min awliyā'ika wa aṣfiyā'ika	عَلَىٰ أَحَدٍ مِنْ أَوْلِيَائِكَ وَأَصْفِيَائِكَ
and Your Prophet’s successors.	wa awṣiyā'i anbiyā'ika	وَأَوْصِيَاءِ أَنْبِيَائِكَ
O Allah, this is the tomb of Your representative	allāhumma hādhā qabru waliyyika	اَللَّهُمَّ هٰذَا قَبْرُ وَلِيِّكَ
the obedience to whom has been made by You incumbent (upon us),	alladhī faraḍta ṭā`atahū	

		ٱلَّذِي فَرَضْتَ طَاعَتَهُ
the loyalty to whom has been made by You in the necks of Your servants,	wa ja`alta fī a`nāqi `ibādika mubāya`atahū	وَجَعَلْتَ فِي أَعْنَاقِ عِبَادِكَ مُبَايَعَتَهُ
and (it is the tomb of) Your viceroy through whom You will give and take,	wa khalīfatika alladhī bihī ta'khudhu wa tu`ṭī	وَخَلِيفَتِكَ ٱلَّذِي بِهِ تَأْخُذُ وَتُعْطِي
and through whom You will reward and punish.	wa bihī tuthību wa tu`āqibu	وَبِهِ تُثِيبُ وَتُعَاقِبُ
I have directed to him, seeking for what You have prepared for Your intimate servants.	wa qad qaṣadtuhū ṭama`an limā a`dadtahū li'awliyā'ika	وَقَدْ قَصَدْتُهُ طَمَعاً لِمَا أَعْدَدْتَهُ لِأَوْلِيَائِكَ
So, (I beseech You) in the name of his eminent standing with You,	fabi`aẓīmi qadrihī `indaka	فَبِعَظِيمِ قَدْرِهِ عِنْدَكَ
in the name of his great status in Your view,	wa jalīli khaṭarihī ladayka	وَجَلِيلِ خَطَرِهِ لَدَيْكَ
and in the name of the closeness of his position to You,	wa qurbi manzilatihī minka	وَقُرْبِ مَنْزِلَتِهِ مِنْكَ
to bless Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad	ṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin	صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
and to do to me that which is expected from You,	waf`al bī mā anta ahluhū	وَٱفْعَلْ بِي مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ
for You are verily worthy of honoring and generous granting.	fa'innaka ahlu alkarami waljūdi	فَإِنَّكَ أَهْلُ ٱلْكَرَمِ وَٱلْجُودِ
Peace be upon you, O my master,	wa alssalāmu `alayka yā mawlāya	وَٱلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ
and upon your partners in the place, (Prophet) Adam and (Prophet) Noah.	wa `alā ḍajī`ayka ādama wa nūḥin	وَعَلَىٰ ضَجِيعَيْكَ آدَمَ وَنُوحٍ
May Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you, too.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

You may then kiss the tomb from the head's side and say the following words:

O my master, to You is my coming	yā mawlāya ilayka wufūdī	يَا مَوْلَايَ إِلَيْكَ وُفُودِي
and in your name do I beseech my Lord	wa bika atawassalu ilā rabbī	وَبِكَ أَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَىٰ رَبِّي
so that I may achieve my goal.	fī bulūghi maqṣūdī	فِي بُلُوغِ مَقْصُودِي
I bear witness that he who beseeches (Allah) in your name shall never be disappointed	wa ashhadu anna almutawassila bika ghayru khā'ibin	وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ ٱلْمُتَوَسِّلَ بِكَ غَيْرُ خَائِبٍ
and he who implores (Allah) in your name, with full cognizance,	walṭṭāliba bika `an ma`rifatin	وَٱلطَّالِبَ بِكَ عَنْ مَعْرِفَةٍ
shall never be rejected; rather, all his needs shall be settled.	ghayru mardūdin illā biqaḍā'i ḥawā'ijihī	غَيْرُ مَرْدُودٍ إِلاَّ بِقَضَاءِ حَوَائِجِهِ
So, (please) be my interceder to Allah—	fakun lī shafī`an ilā allāhi	فَكُنْ لِي شَفِيعاً إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ

my and your Lord—for purpose of settling my needs,	rabbika wa rabbī fī qaḍā'i ḥawā'ijī	رَبِّكَ وَرَبِّي فِي قَضَاءِ حَوَائِجِي
making easy my affairs,	wa taysīri umūrī	وَتَيْسِيرِ اُمُورِي
relieving my depressions,	wa kashfi shiddatī	وَكَشْفِ شِدَّتِي
forgiving my sins,	wa ghufrāni dhanbī	وَغُفْرَانِ ذَنْبِي
expanding my sustenance sources,	wa sa`ati rizqī	وَسَعَةِ رِزْقِي
extending my lifetime,	wa taṭwīli `umrī	وَتَطْوِيلِ عُمْرِي
and granting me all my requests for the world to come as well as this world.	wa i`ṭā'i su'lī fī ākhiratī wa dunyāya	وَإِعْطَاءِ سُؤْلِي فِي آخِرَتِي وَدُنْيَايَ
O Allah, curse the killers of the Commander of the Faithful.	allāhumma il`an qatalata amīri almu'minīna	اَللَّهُمَّ اْلعَنْ قَتَلَةَ اَمِيرِ اْلمُؤْمِنِينَ
O Allah, curse the killers of al-Ḥasan and al-Ḥusayn.	allāhumma il`an qatalata alḥasani walḥusayni	اَللَّهُمَّ اْلعَنْ قَتَلَةَ اْلحَسَنِ وَاْلحُسَيْنِ
O Allah, curse the killers of the Imams,	allāhumma il`an qatalata al-a'immati	اَللَّهُمَّ اْلعَنْ قَتَلَةَ اْلاَئِمَّةِ
and subject them to such a painful chastisement	wa `adhdhibhum `adhāban alīman	وَعَذِّبْهُمْ عَذَاباً اَلِيماً
that You have never subjected any of Your creatures to it,	lā tu`adhdhibuhū aḥadan min al`ālamīna	لاَ تُعَذِّبُهُ اَحَداً مِنَ اْلعَالَمِينَ
such an enormous chastisement that never ceases,	`adhāban kathīran lā inqiṭā`a lahū	عَذَاباً كَثِيراً لاَ اْنقِطَاعَ لَهُ
nor comes to an end, nor reaches a deadline,	wa lā ajala wa lā amada	وَلاَ اَجَلَ وَلاَ اَمَدَ
for what they contended against Your authorities.	bimā shāqqū wulāta amrika	بِمَا شَاقُّوا وُلاَةَ اَمْرِكَ
And (please do) prepare for them such an intense torture	wa a`idda lahum `adhāban	وَاَعِدَّ لَهُمْ عَذَاباً
that You have not decided for any of Your creatures.	lam tuḥillahū bi'aḥadin min khalqika	لَمْ تُحِلَّهُ بِاَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ
O Allah, (please do) impose upon the killers of Your Messenger's supporters,	allāhumma wa adkhil `alā qatalati anṣāri rasūlika	اَللَّهُمَّ وَاَدْخِلْ عَلَىٰ قَتَلَةِ اَنْصَارِ رَسُولِكَ
the killers of the Commander of the Faithful,	wa `alā qatalati amīri almu'minīna	وَعَلَىٰ قَتَلَةِ اَمِيرِ اْلمُؤْمِنِينَ
the killers of al-Ḥasan and al-Ḥusayn,	wa `alā qatalati alḥasani walḥusayni	وَعَلَىٰ قَتَلَةِ اْلحَسَنِ وَاْلحُسَيْنِ
the killers of the supporters of al-Ḥasan and al-Ḥusayn,	wa `alā qatalati anṣāri alḥasani walḥusayni	وَعَلَىٰ قَتَلَةِ اَنْصَارِ اْلحَسَنِ وَاْلحُسَيْنِ
and the killers of all those whom were killed because of their loyalty to the	wa qatalati man qutila fī wilāyati āli	وَقَتَلَةِ مَنْ قُتِلَ فِي وِلاَيَةِ آلِ

Household of Muḥammad,	muḥammadin ajma`īna	مُحَمَّدٍ اَجْمَعِينَ
a painful, cyclic punishment	`adhāban alīman muḍā`afan	عَذَاباً اَلِيماً مُضَاعَفاً
in the lowest class of Hellfire	fī asfali darakin min aljaḥīmi	فِي اَسْفَلِ دَرَكٍ مِنَ ٱلْجَحِيمِ
that the punishment shall not be lightened for them	lā yukhaffafu `anhum al`adhābu	لاَ يُخَفَّفُ عَنْهُمُ الْعَذَابُ
and they shall lay therein in utter despair and endless curse;	wa hum fīhi mublisūna mal`ūnūna	وَهُمْ فِيهِ مُبْلِسُونَ مَلْعُونُونَ
they shall be hanging down their heads before their Lord	nākisū ru'ūsihim `inda rabbihim	نَاكِسُو رُؤُوسِهِمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ
after they shall find out with certainty regret and long-lasting disgrace,	qad `āyanū alnnadāmata walkhizya alṭṭawīla	قَدْ عَايَنُواْ ٱلنَّدَامَةَ وَٱلْخِزْيَ ٱلطَّوِيلَ
for they killed the members of the household of Your Prophets and Messengers	liqatlihim `itrata anbiyā'ika wa rusulika	لِقَتْلِهِمْ عِتْرَةَ اَنْبِيَائِكَ وَرُسُلِكَ
and the righteous servants from their followers.	wa atbā`ahum min `ibādika alṣṣāliḥīna	وَاَتْبَاعَهُمْ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ ٱلصَّالِحِينَ
O Allah, (do) curse them in the most concealed secrecy	allāhumma il`anhum fī mustasirri alssirri	اَللَّهُمَّ ٱلْعَنْهُمْ فِي مُسْتَسِرِّ ٱلسِّرِّ
and in the most apparent openness,	wa ẓāhiri al`alāniyati	وَظَاهِرِ ٱلْعَلاَنِيَةِ
in Your lands and in Your heavens.	fī arḍika wa samā'ika	فِي اَرْضِكَ وَسَمَائِكَ
O Allah, (please do) decide for me a truthful step with Your intimate servants	allāhumma ij`al lī qadama ṣidqin fī awliyā'ika	اَللَّهُمَّ ٱجْعَلْ لِي قَدَمَ صِدْقٍ فِي اَوْلِيَائِكَ
and make me long for their shrines and their residing-places	wa ḥabbib ilayya mashāhidahum wa mustaqarrahum	وَحَبِّبْ إِلَيَّ مَشَاهِدَهُمْ وَمُسْتَقَرَّهُمْ
until You include me with them	ḥattā tulḥiqanī bihim	حَتَّىٰ تُلْحِقَنِي بِهِمْ
and make me among their followers in this world as well as the world to come.	wa taj`alanī lahum taba`an fī alddunyā wal-ākhirati	وَتَجْعَلَنِي لَهُمْ تَبَعاً فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا وَٱلآخِرَةِ
O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!	yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna	يَا اَرْحَمَ ٱلرَّاحِمِينَ

You may then kiss the tomb, face the tomb of Imam al-Ḥusayn ibn `Alī (ʿa), make the kiblah direction seem to be between your shoulders, and say the following words:

Peace be upon you, O Abū-`Abdullāh.	alssalāmu `alayka yā abā `abdillāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا اَبَا عَبْدِ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O son of Allah's Messenger.	alssalāmu `alayka yabna rasūli allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O son of the Commander of the Faithful.	alssalāmu `alayka yabna amīri almu'min īna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ اَمِيرِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Peace be upon you, O son of Fāṭimah, the luminous lady,	alssalāmu `alayka yabna fāṭimata alzzahrā'i	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ فَاطِمَةَ ٱلزَّهْرَاءِ
the doyenne of all women of the worlds.	sayyidati nisā'i al`ālamīna	سَيِّدَةِ نِسَاءِ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ
Peace be upon you, O father of the Imams—the guides and well-guided.	alssalāmu `alayka yā abā al-a'immati alhādīna almahdiyyīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا اَبَا ٱلاَئِمَّةِ ٱلْهَادِينَ ٱلْمَهْدِيِّينَ
Peace be upon you, O victim of the pouring tears.	alssalāmu `alayka yā ṣarī`a alddam`ati alssākibati	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا صَرِيعَ ٱلدَّمْعَةِ ٱلسَّاكِبَةِ
Peace be upon you, O man of the disastrous misfortune.	alssalāmu `alayka yā ṣāḥiba almuṣībati alrrātibati	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا صَاحِبَ ٱلْمُصِيبَةِ ٱلرَّاتِبَةِ
Peace be upon you and upon your grandfather and father.	alssalāmu `alayka wa `alā jaddika wa ab īka	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَىٰ جَدِّكَ وَاَبِيكَ
Peace be upon you and upon your mother and brother.	alssalāmu `alayka wa `alā ummika wa akhīka	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَىٰ اُمِّكَ وَاَخِيكَ
Peace be upon you and upon the Imams from your offspring and descendants.	alssalāmu `alayka wa `alā al-a'immati min dhurriyyatika wa banīka	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَىٰ ٱلاَئِمَّةِ مِنْ ذُرِيَّتِكَ وَبَنِيكَ
I bear witness that Allah has purified the soil (on which you fell down) through you,	ashhadu laqad ṭayyaba allāhu bika altturāba	اَشْهَدُ لَقَدْ طَيَّبَ ٱللَّهُ بِكَ ٱلتُّرَابَ
has made clear His Book through you,	wa awḍaḥa bika alkitāba	وَاَوْضَحَ بِكَ ٱلْكِتَابَ
and has made you, your father, your grandfather,	wa ja`alaka wa abāka wa jaddaka	وَجَعَلَكَ وَاَبَاكَ وَجَدَّكَ
your brother, and your descendants examples for the owners of intellects.	wa akhāka wa banīka `ibratan li'ulī al-albābi	وَاَخَاكَ وَبَنِيكَ عِبْرَةً لاِوُلِي ٱلاَلْبَابِ
O son of the blessed, purified ones	yabna almayāmīni al-aṭyābi	يَا بْنَ ٱلْمَيَامِينِ ٱلاَطْيَابِ
who recite (and apply) the Book utterly,	alttālīna alkitāba	ٱلتَّالِينَ ٱلْكِتَابَ
I direct my greetings to you.	wajjahtu salāmī ilayka	وَجَّهْتُ سَلاَمِي إِلَيْكَ
May Allah make His peace and blessings to be upon you	ṣalawātu allāhi wa salāmuhū `alayka	صَلَوَاتُ ٱللَّهِ وَسَلاَمُهُ عَلَيْكَ
and may He make the hearts of some people yearn toward you.	wa ja`ala af'idatan min alnnāsi tahwī ilayka	وَجَعَلَ اَفْئِدَةً مِنَ ٱلنَّاسِ تَهْوِي

إِلَيْكَ

مَا خَابَ مَنْ تَمَسَّكَ بِكَ وَلَجَاَ إِلَيْكَ

Disappointment shall never chase him who adheres to you and resorts to you.

mā khāba man tamassaka bika wa laja'a ilayka

You may then move to the side of the feet and say the following words:

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ اَبِي اَلاَئِمَّةِ

Peace be upon the father of the Imams,

alssalāmu `alā abī al-a'immati

وَخَلِيلِ اَلنُّبُوَّةِ

the intimate friend of Prophethood,

wa khalīli alnnubuwwati

وَاَلْمَخْصُوصِ بِاَلاُخُوَّةِ

and the marked, exclusively, by fraternity (with the Holy Prophet).

walmakhṣūṣi bil'ukhuwwati

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ يَعْسُوبِ اَلدِّينِ وَاَلإِيــمَانِ

Peace be upon the head of the religion and faith,

alssalāmu `alā ya`sūbi alddīni wal'īmāni

وَكَلِمَةِ اَلرَّحْمٰنِ

and the word of the All-beneficent Lord.

wa kalimati alrraḥmāni

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مِيزَانِ اَلاَعْمَالِ

Peace be upon the Scale of the deeds

alssalāmu `alā mīzāni al-a`māli

وَمُقَلِّبِ اَلاَحْوَالِ

the turner over of manners,

wa muqallibi al-aḥwāli

وَسَيْفِ ذِي اَلْجَلاَلِ

the sword of the Lord of Majesty,

wa sayfi dhī aljalāli

وَسَاقِي اَلسَّلْسَبِيلِ اَلزُّلاَلِ

and who supplies with the fresh water of Salsabīl.

wa sāqī alssalsabīli alzzulāli

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ صَالِحِ اَلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Peace be upon the most righteous of the believers,

alssalāmu `alā ṣāliḥi almu'minīna

وَوَارِثِ عِلْمِ اَلنَّبِيِّينَ

the inheritor of the Prophet's knowledge,

wa wārithi `ilmi alnnabiyyīna

وَاَلْحَاكِمِ يَوْمَ اَلدِّينِ

and the judge on the Judgment Day.

walḥākimi yawma alddīni

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ شَجَرَةِ اَلتَّقْوَىٰ

Peace be upon the tree of piety

alssalāmu `alā shajarati alttaqwā

وَسَامِعِ اَلسِّرِّ وَاَلنَّجْوَىٰ

and the hearer of hidden and confidential speeches.

wa sāmi`i alssirri walnnajwā

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ حُجَّةِ اَللَّهِ اَلْبَالِغَةِ

Peace be upon Allah's conclusive argument,

alssalāmu `alā ḥujjati allāhi albālighati

وَنِعْمَتِهِ اَلسَّابِغَةِ

His flowing boon,

wa ni`matihī alssābighati

وَنِقْمَتِهِ اَلدَّامِغَةِ

and His forceful punishment.

wa niqmatihī alddāmighati

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ اَلصِّرَاطِ اَلْوَاضِحِ

Peace be upon the clear-cut path,

alssalāmu `alā alṣṣirāṭi alwāḍiḥi

وَاَلنَّجْمِ اَللاَئِحِ

the patent star,

walnnajmi allā'iḥi

وَاَلإِمَامِ اَلنَّاصِحِ

the advising leader,

wal-imāmi alnnāṣiḥi

وَاَلزِّنَادِ اَلْقَادِحِ

and the igniting firelock.

walzzinādi alqādiḥi

May Allah's mercy and blessings be

upon him.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

You may then say the following:

O Allah, (please do) send blessings upon the Commander of the Faithful,	allāhumma ṣalli `alā amīri almu'minīna	اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ اَمِيرِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
`Alī the son of Abū-Ṭālib:	`aliyyi bni abī ṭālibin	عَلِيِّ بْنِ اَبِي طَالِبٍ
the brother, ally,	akhī nabiyyika wa waliyyihī	اَخِي نَبِيِّكَ وَوَلِيِّهِ
supporter, successor, and patron of Your Prophet,	wa nāṣirihī wa waṣiyyihī wa wazīrihī	وَنَاصِرِهِ وَوَصِيِّهِ وَوَزِيرِهِ
the store of his knowledge,	wa mustawda`i `ilmihī	وَمُسْتَوْدَعِ عِلْمِهِ
the depot of his secrets,	wa mawḍi`i sirrihī	وَمَوْضِعِ سِرِّهِ
the door to his wisdom,	wa bābi ḥikmatihī	وَبَابِ حِكْمَتِهِ
the spokesman with his arguments,	walnnāṭiqi biḥujjatihī	وَٱلنَّاطِقِ بِحُجَّتِهِ
the caller to his code of law,	walddā`ī ilā sharī`atihī	وَٱلدَّاعِي إِلَىٰ شَرِيعَتِهِ
his viceroy in his community,	wa khalīfatihī fī ummatihī	وَخَلِيفَتِهِ فِي اُمَّتِهِ
the reliever of agony from his face,	wa mufarriji alkarbi `an wajhihī	وَمُفَرِّجِ ٱلْكَرْبِ عَنْ وَجْهِهِ
the terminator of the infidels,	wa qāṣimi alkafarati	قَاصِمِ ٱلْكَفَرَةِ
the conqueror on the wicked ones,	wa murghimi alfajarati	وَمُرْغِمِ ٱلْفَجَرَةِ
whom You have made, with regard to his position to Your Prophet,	alladhī ja`altahū min nabiyyika	ٱلَّذِي جَعَلْتَهُ مِنْ نَبِيِّكَ
to occupy the same position that (Prophet) Aaron enjoyed with (Prophet) Moses.	bimanzilati hārūna min mūsā	بِمَنْزِلَةِ هَارُونَ مِنْ مُوسَىٰ
O Allah, (please do) give support to any one who supports him,	allāhumma wāli man wālāhu	اَللَّهُمَّ وَالِ مَنْ وَالاَهُ
be the enemy of every one who antagonizes him,	wa `ādi man `ādāhu	وَعَادِ مَنْ عَادَاهُ
give victory to any one who gives him his victory,	wanṣur man naṣarahū	وَٱنْصُرْ مَنْ نَصَرَهُ
disappoint every one who disappoints him,	wakhdhul man khadhalahū	وَٱخْذُلْ مَنْ خَذَلَهُ
and lay curse on any one who incurs the hostility of him	wal`an man naṣaba lahū	وَٱلْعَنْ مَنْ نَصَبَ لَهُ
from the past and the coming generations.	min al-awwalīna wal-ākhirīna	مِنَ ٱلاَوَّلِينَ وَٱلآخِرِينَ
And (please do) bless him with the best blessings	wa ṣalli `alayhi afḍala mā ṣallayta	وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ اَفْضَلَ مَا صَلَّيْتَ
that You have ever poured on any of Your Prophet's successors.	`alā aḥadin min awṣiyā'i anbiyā'ika	عَلَىٰ اَحَدٍ مِنْ اَوْصِيَاءِ اَنْبِيَائِكَ
O Lord of the worlds!	yā rabba al`ālamīna	يَا رَبَّ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ

You may then return to your place at the side of the head for visiting Prophet Adam and Prophet Noah, peace be upon them. Visiting Prophet Adam, you may say the following:

Peace be upon you, O choice of Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā ṣafiyya allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا صَفِيَّ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O beloved by Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā ḥabība allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا حَبِيبَ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O Prophet of Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā nabiyya allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O trustee of Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā amīna allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا اَمِينَ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O representative of Allah in His lands.	alssalāmu `alayka yā khalīfata allāhi fī ar ḍihī	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا خَلِيفَةَ ٱللَّهِ فِي اَرْضِهِ
Peace be upon you, O father of all mankind.	alssalāmu `alayka yā abā albashari	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا اَبَا ٱلْبَشَرِ
Peace be upon you and upon your soul and body,	alssalāmu `alayka wa `alā rūḥika wa badanika	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَىٰ رُوحِكَ وَبَدَنِكَ
and upon the pure ones from your sons and descendants.	wa `alā alṭṭāhirīna min wuldika wa dhurriyyatika	وَعَلَىٰ ٱلطَّاهِرِينَ مِنْ وُلْدِكَ وَذُرِّيَّتِكَ
May Allah pour upon you such innumerable blessings that none can count save Him.	wa ṣallā allāhu `alayka ṣalatan lā yuḥṣ īhā illā huwa	وَصَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ صَلاَةً لاَ يُحْصِيهَا إِلاَّ هُوَ
May Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Visiting Prophet Noah, you may say the following words:

Peace be upon you, O Prophet of Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā nabiyya allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O choice of Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā ṣafiyya allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا صَفِيَّ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O intimate servant of Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā waliyya allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَلِيَّ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O beloved by Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā ḥabība allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا حَبِيبَ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O chief of the Messengers.	alssalāmu `alayka yā shaykha almursal īna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا شَيْخَ ٱلْمُرْسَلِينَ
Peace be upon you, O trustee of Allah in His lands.	alssalāmu `alayka yā amīna allāhi fī ar ḍihī	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا اَمِينَ ٱللَّهِ فِي اَرْضِهِ
May Allah's peace and blessings be upon you, upon your soul and body,	ṣalawātu allāhi wa salāmuhū `alayka wa `alā rūḥika wa badanika	صَلَوَاتُ ٱللَّهِ وَسَلاَمُهُ عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَىٰ رُوحِكَ وَبَدَنِكَ
and upon the pure ones from among your sons.	wa `alā alṭṭāhirīna min wuldika	وَعَلَىٰ ٱلطَّاهِرِينَ مِنْ وُلْدِكَ
May Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

You may then offer a six unit prayer. In the first two units, which are intended for visiting the tomb of Imam `Alī Amīr al-Mu'minīn (ʿa), you may recite Sūrah al-Fātiḥah and Sūrah al-Raḥmān (No. 55) at the first unit, and recite Sūrah al-Fātiḥah and Sūrah Yāsīn (No. 36) in the second. When you say the tashahhud and taslīm statements, you may then say the famous Tasbīḥ al-Zahrā' litany, implore for Almighty Allah's forgiveness (i.e. istighfār), pray Him to grant you your personal needs, and then say the following words:

اَللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي صَلَّيْتُ هَاتَيْنِ ٱلرَّكْعَتَيْنِ	allāhumma innī ṣallattu hātayni alrrak`atayni	O Allah, I have offered these two units of prayer,
هَدِيَّةً مِنِّي إِلَىٰ سَيِّدِي وَمَوْلاَيَ	hadiyyatan minnī ilā sayyidī wa mawlāya	as present from me to my master and chief:
وَلِيِّكَ وَأَخِي رَسُولِكَ	waliyyika wa akhī rasūlika	Your intimate servant, the brother of Your Messenger,
أَمِيرِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ	amīri almu'minīna	the Commander of the Faithful
وَسَيِّدِ ٱلْوَصِيِّينَ	wa sayyidi alwaṣiyyīna	and the chief of the Prophets' successors;
عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ	`aliyyi bni abī ṭālibin	namely, `Alī the son of Abū-Ṭālib,
صَلَوَاتُ ٱللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ	ṣalawātu allāhi `alayhi wa `alā ālihī	may Allah's blessings be upon him and his household.
اَللَّهُمَّ فَصَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ	allāhumma faṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin	So, O Allah, (please do) send blessings upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad,
وَتَقَبَّلَهَا مِنِّي	wa taqabbalhā minnī	accept that prayer from me,
وَٱجْزِنِي عَلَىٰ ذٰلِكَ جَزَاءَ ٱلْمُحْسِنِينَ	wajzinī `alā dhālika jazā'a almuḥsinīna	and confer upon me with the reward that You give to the good-doers.
اَللَّهُمَّ لَكَ صَلَّيْتُ	allāhumma laka ṣallaytu	O Allah, to You have I offered prayer,
وَلَكَ رَكَعْتُ	wa laka raka`tu	genuflected,
وَلَكَ سَجَدْتُ	wa laka sajadtu	and prostrated myself;
وَحْدَكَ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَكَ	waḥdaka lā sharīka laka	to You alone without associating anyone with You,
لِأَنَّهُ لاَ تَكُونُ ٱلصَّلاَةُ	li'annahū lā takūnu alṣṣalatu	because prayers,
وَٱلرُّكُوعُ وَٱلسُّجُودُ إِلاَّ لَكَ	walrrukū`u walssujūdu illā laka	genuflections, and prostrations are submitted to none save You,
لِأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ ٱللَّهُ لاَ إِلٰهَ إِلاَّ أَنْتَ	li'annaka anta allāhu lā ilāha illā anta	because You are Allah; there is no god save You.
اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ	allāhumma ṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin	O Allah, (please do) bless Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad,
وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي زِيَارَتِي	wa taqabbal minnī ziyāratī	admit my visit,
	wa a`ṭinī su'lī	and respond to my requests

وَأَعْطِنِي سُؤْلِي

بِمُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ ٱلطَّاهِرِينَ — bimuḥammadin wa ālihī alṭṭāhirīna — in the name of Muḥammad and his Household—the immaculate ones.

You may then provide the other four units as present to Prophet Adam and Prophet Noah.

You may then prostrate yourself for thanksgiving (sajdat al-shukr) and say the following words:

اَللَّهُمَّ إِلَيْكَ تَوَجَّهْتُ — allāhumma ilayka tawajjahtu — O Allah, to You do I direct my face,

وَبِكَ ٱعْتَصَمْتُ — wa bika i`taṣamtu — to You do I resort,

وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ — wa `alayka tawakkaltu — and on You do I rely.

اَللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ ثِقَتِي وَرَجَائِي — allāhumma anta thiqatī wa rajā'ī — O Allah, You are my trust and my hope;

فَٱكْفِنِي مَا أَهَمَّنِي وَمَا لاَ يُهِمُّنِي — fakfinī mā ahammanī wa mā lā yuhimmunī — so, (please do) save me from whatever concerns me, whatever does not concern me,

وَمَا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنِّي — wa mā anta a`lamu bihī minnī — and whatever You know more than I do.

عَزَّ جَارُكَ — `azza jāruka — Certainly, protected is he who lies under Your protection,

وَجَلَّ ثَنَاؤُكَ — wa jalla thanā'uka — glory be to Your praise,

وَلاَ إِلٰهَ غَيْرُكَ — wa lā ilāha ghayruka — and there is no deity save You.

صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّد — ṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin — (Please do) send blessings upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad,

وَقَرِّبْ فَرَجَهُمْ — wa qarrib farajahum — and hasten their Relief.

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

إِرْحَمْ ذُلِّي بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ — irḥam dhullī bayna yadayka — (Please do) have mercy on my humiliation before You,

وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَيْكَ — wa taḍarru`ī ilayka — on my earnest imploring to You,

وَوَحْشَتِي مِنَ ٱلنَّاسِ — wa waḥshatī min alnnāsi — on my loneliness among people,

وَأُنْسِي بِكَ — wa unsī bika — and on my amiability with You.

يَا كَرِيمُ يَا كَرِيمُ يَا كَرِيمُ — yā karīmu yā karīmu yā karīmu — O All-generous! O All-generous! O All-generous!

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

لاَ إِلٰهَ إِلاَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي حَقّاً حَقّاً — lā ilāha illā anta rabbī ḥaqqan ḥaqqan — There is no god save You, my Lord; truly, truly.

سَجَدْتُ لَكَ يَا رَبِّ تَعَبُّداً وَرِقّاً — sajadtu laka yā rabbi ta`abbudan wa riqqan — O Lord, I prostrate myself before You as sign of my worshipfulness and servitude to You.

اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ عَمَلِي ضَعِيفٌ فَضَاعِفْهُ لِي — allāhumma inna `amalī ḍa`īfun faḍ ā`ifhu lī — O Allah, my deed is certainly feeble; so, (please do) grant it strength by increasing it many times,

يَا كَرِيمُ يَا كَرِيمُ يَا كَرِيمُ — yā karīmu yā karīmu yā karīmu — O All-generous! O All-generous! O All-generous!

You may then return to the state of ordinary prostration and repeat the following word one hundred times:

Thanks.	shukran	شُكْراً

You are recommended to pray Almighty Allah as earnestly as possible, because the place you are in is the zone of granting requests. You are also recommended to implore Almighty Allah for forgiveness as sincerely as possible, because the place you are in is the zone of forgiveness. You are recommended to beseech Almighty Allah for settling your needs as seriously as possible, because the place you are in is the zone of responding to the needs.

In his book of al-Mazār, Sayyid ibn Ṭāwūs says: Whenever you offer an obligatory or a supererogatory prayer during your residence in the holy shrine of Imam `Alī Amīr al-Mu'minīn (ʿa), you are recommended to say the following supplication:

O Allah, Your determination is surely unavoidable,	allāhumma lā budda min amrika	اَللَّهُمَّ لاَ بُدَّ مِنْ اَمْرِكَ
Your destiny is unavoidable,	wa lā budda min qadarika	وَلاَ بُدَّ مِنْ قَدَرِكَ
Your act is unavoidable,	wa lā budda min qaḍā'ika	وَلاَ بُدَّ مِنْ قَضَائِكَ
and there is no power and no might except with You.	wa lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bika	وَلاَ حَوْلَ وَلاَ قُوَّةَ إِلاَّ بِكَ
So, O Allah, whatever act You decide on us	allāhumma famā qaḍayta `alaynā min qaḍā'in	اَللَّهُمَّ فَمَا قَضَيْتَ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ قَضَاءٍ
and whatever decree You make on us,	aw qaddarta `alaynā min qadarin	اَوْ قَدَّرْتَ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ قَدَرٍ
(please do) grant us along with it patience that repels and fends it off	fa'a`ṭinā ma`ahū ṣabran yaqharuhū wa yadmaghuhū	فَاَعْطِنَا مَعَهُ صَبْراً يَقْهَرُهُ وَيَدْمَغُهُ
and make it ascend for our good toward Your Pleasure	waj`alhu lanā ṣā`idan fī riḍwānika	وَاجْعَلْهُ لَنَا صَاعِداً فِي رِضْوَانِكَ
so that it shall grow up our rewards, favors,	yunmī fī ḥasanātinā wa tafḍīlinā	يُنْمي فِي حَسَنَاتِنَا وَتَفْضيلِنَا
tributes, honor,	wa su'dadinā wa sharafinā	وَسُؤْدَدِنَا وَشَرَفِنَا
glory, boon,	wa majdinā wa na`mā'inā	وَمَجْدِنَا وَنَعْمَائِنَا
and dignity in this world as well as the world to come.	wa karāmatinā fī alddunyā wal-ākhirati	وَكَرَامَتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالآخِرَةِ
And (please) do not lessen our rewards.	wa lā tanquṣ min ḥasanātinā	وَلاَ تَنْقُصْ مِنْ حَسَنَاتِنَا
O Allah, whatever donation You give us,	allāhumma wa mā a`ṭaytanā min `aṭā'in	اَللَّهُمَّ وَمَا اَعْطَيْتَنَا مِنْ عَطَاءٍ
whatever virtue You confer on us,	aw faḍḍaltanā bihī min faḍīlatin	اَوْ فَضَّلْتَنَا بِهِ مِنْ فَضِيلَةٍ
whatever endowment You bestow on us,	aw akramtanā bihī min karāmatin	اَوْ اَكْرَمْتَنَا بِهِ مِنْ كَرَامَةٍ
(please) grant us with it thanksgiving that repels and fends it off.	fa'a`ṭinā ma`ahū shukran yaqharuhū wa yadmaghuhū	فَاَعْطِنَا مَعَهُ شُكْراً يَقْهَرُهُ وَيَدْمَغُهُ
And make it ascend for our good toward Your Pleasure,	waj`alhu lanā ṣā`idan fī riḍwānika	وَاجْعَلْهُ لَنَا صَاعِداً فِي رِضْوَانِكَ

وَفِي حَسَنَاتِنَا وَسُؤْدَدِنَا	wa fī ḥasanātinā wa su'dadinā	and ascend in our rewards, tribute,
وَشَرَفِنَا وَنَعْمَائِكَ	wa sharafinā wa na`mā'ika	honor, Your boon,
وَكَرَامَتِكَ فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا وَٱلآخِرَةِ	wa karāmatika fī alddunyā wal-ākhirati	and Your honoring (us) in this world as well as the world to come.
وَلاَ تَجْعَلْهُ لَنَا أَشَراً وَلاَ بَطَراً	wa lā taj`alhu lanā asharan wa lā baṭaran	And (please) do not make it to be for us a source of evil, ungratefulness,
وَلاَ فِتْنَةً وَلاَ مَقْتاً	wa lā fitnatan wa lā maqtan	seditious matter, hatred,
وَلاَ عَذَاباً وَلاَ خِزْياً فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا وَٱلآخِرَةِ	wa lā `adhāban wa lā khizyan fī alddunyā wal-ākhirati	torture, or disgrace in this world as well as the world to come.
اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَثْرَةِ ٱللِّسَانِ	allāhumma innā na`ūdhu bika min `athrati allisāni	O Allah, we do seek Your protection against slips of tongues,
وَسُوءِ ٱلْمَقَامِ	wa sū'i almaqāmi	evil situations,
وَخِفَّةِ ٱلْمِيزَانِ	wa khiffati almīzāni	and lightness of the Scale.
اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ	allāhumma ṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin	O Allah, (please do) send blessings upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad,
وَلَقِّنَا حَسَنَاتِنَا فِي ٱلْمَمَاتِ	wa laqqinā ḥasanātinā fī almamāti	make us meet our the rewards of good deeds at the hours of our death,
وَلاَ تُرِنَا أَعْمَالَنَا حَسَرَاتٍ	wa lā turinā a`mālanā ḥasarātin	do not show us the fruits of our deeds as nothing but regrets,
وَلاَ تُخْزِنَا عِنْدَ قَضَائِكَ	wa lā tukhzinā `inda qaḍā'ika	do not disgrace us when You judge us,
وَلاَ تَفْضَحْنَا بِسَيِّئَاتِنَا يَوْمَ نَلْقَاكَ	wa lā tafḍaḥnā bisayyi'ātinā yawma nalqāka	do not expose us because of our evildoings on the Day when we shall meet You,
وَٱجْعَلْ قُلُوبَنَا تَذْكُرُكَ وَلاَ تَنْسَاكَ	waj`al qulūbanā tadhkuruka wa lā tansāka	make our hearts remember You always and never forget You,
وَتَخْشَاكَ كَأَنَّهَا تَرَاكَ حَتَّىٰ نَلْقَاكَ	wa takhshāka ka'annahā tarāka ḥattā talqāka	make our hears fear You as if they can see You until we meet You,
وَصَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ	wa ṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin	send blessings upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad,
وَبَدِّلْ سَيِّئَاتِنَا حَسَنَاتٍ	wa baddil sayyi'ātinā ḥasanātin	change our evildoings into good deeds,
وَٱجْعَلْ حَسَنَاتِنَا دَرَجَاتٍ	waj`al ḥasanātinā darajātin	make our good deeds to be grades,
وَٱجْعَلْ دَرَجَاتِنَا غُرُفَاتٍ	waj`al darajātinā ghurufātin	change our grades into chambers (in Paradise),
وَٱجْعَلْ غُرُفَاتِنَا عَالِيَاتٍ	waj`al ghurufātinā `āliyātin	and make our chambers high.

O Allah, (please do) expand the source of sustenance for our poor people	allāhumma wa awsi` lifaqīrinā	اَللَّهُمَّ وَاَوْسِعْ لِفَقِيرِنَا
from the expansion that You have taken upon Yourself to make.	min sa`ati mā qaḍayta `alā nafsika	مِنْ سَعَةِ مَا قَضَيْتَ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِكَ
O Allah, (please do) send blessings upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad	allāhumma ṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin	اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
and endue us with true guidance as long as You grant us life,	wa munna `alaynā bilhudā mā abqaytanā	وَمُنَّ عَلَيْنَا بِالْهُدَىٰ مَا اَبْقَيْتَنَا
with honor as long as You keep us alive,	walkarāmati mā aḥyaytanā	وَالْكَرَامَةِ مَا اَحْيَيْتَنَا
with forgiveness when You decide to cease our lifetime,	walkarāmati idhā tawaffaytanā	وَالْمَغْفِرَةِ إِذَا تَوَفَّيْتَنَا
with protection in the rest of our lifetime,	walḥifẓi fī mā baqiya min `umrinā	وَالْحِفْظِ فِي مَا بَقِيَ مِنْ عُمْرِنَا
with blessings in the sustenance that You give us,	walbarakati fī mā razaqtanā	وَالْبَرَكَةِ فِي مَا رَزَقْتَنَا
with help to carry out what You have burdened us with,	wal`awni `alā mā ḥammaltanā	وَالْعَوْنِ عَلَىٰ مَا حَمَّلْتَنَا
and with steadfastness against what You have imposed on us.	walththabāti `alā mā ṭawwaqtanā	وَالثَّبَاتِ عَلَىٰ مَا طَوَّقْتَنَا
And do not punish us for our wrongdoings,	wa lā tu'ākhidhnā biẓulminā	وَلاَ تُؤَاخِذْنَا بِظُلْمِنَا
do not treat us on basis of our lack of knowledge,	wa lā tuqāyisnā bijahlinā	وَلاَ تُقَايِسْنَا بِجَهْلِنَا
do not draw us near to destruction gradually on account of our sins,	wa lā tastadrijnā bikhaṭāyānā	وَلاَ تَسْتَدْرِجْنَا بِخَطَايَانَا
make the best of our words to be firm in our hearts,	waj`al aḥsana mā naqūlu thābitan fī qulūbinā	وَاجْعَلْ اَحْسَنَ مَا نَقُولُ ثَابِتاً فِي قُلُوبِنَا
make us to be great persons in Your view	waj`alnā `uẓamā'a `indaka	وَاجْعَلْنَا عُظَمَاءَ عِنْدَكَ
but humble ones in our own views,	wa adhillatan fī anfusinā	وَاَذِلَّةً فِي اَنْفُسِنَا
make that which You have taught us to benefit us,	wanfa`nā bimā `allamtanā	وَانْفَعْنَا بِمَا عَلَّمْتَنَا
and increase us with useful knowledge.	wa zidnā `ilman nāfi`an	وَزِدْنَا عِلْماً نَافِعاً
And I seek Your protection against a heart that does not submit (to You),	wa a`ūdhu bika min qalbin lā yakhsha`u	وَاَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ قَلْبٍ لاَ يَخْشَعُ
an eye that does not shed tears (for fear of You),	wa min `aynin lā tadma`u	وَمِنْ عَيْنٍ لاَ تَدْمَعُ
and a prayer that is not admitted (by You).	wa min ṣalatin lā tuqbalu	وَمِنْ صَلاَةٍ لاَ تُقْبَلُ
(Please do) rescue us from the evil seditious matters,	ajirnā min sū'i alfitani	اَجِرْنَا مِنْ سُوءِ الْفِتَنِ
O Manager of this world and the world to come.	yā waliyya alddunyā wal-ākhirati	يَا وَلِيَّ الدُّنْيَا وَالآخِرَةِ

In Miṣbāḥ al-Zā'ir, Sayyid Ibn Ṭāwūs has mentioned another supplication that is advisably said after Ziyārah of Imam `Alī ('a). As a matter of fact, this supplication is the same as the supplicatory prayer known as Du`ā' `Alqamah (also known as Du`ā' Ṣafwān), which will be cited in this book immediately after the famous Ziyārah of `Āshūrā'. This supplicatory prayer begins with

this statement:

O Allah! O Allah! O Allah!	yā allāhu yā allāhu yā allāhu	يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ
O He who gives answer to the cries of the persecuted...	yā mujība da`wati almuḍṭarrīna...	يَا مُجِيبَ دَعْوَةِ ٱلْمُضْطَرِّينَ...

It is also recommended to visit the head of Imam al-Ḥusayn (ʿa) from the tomb of Imam `Alī (ʿa). In the two books of al-Wasā'il and al-Mustadrak, an entire chapter has been dedicated to mentioning the forms of such Ziyārah.

The author of al-Mustadrak has reported from the book of al-Mazār by Muḥammad ibn al-Mashhadī that Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) visited the head of Imam al-Ḥusayn (ʿa) while he was at the head's side of the tomb of Imam `Alī (ʿa) where he offered four units of prayer and said the following form of Ziyārah:

Peace be upon you, O son of Allah's Messenger.	alssalāmu `alayka yabna rasūli allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O son of the Commander of the Faithful.	alssalāmu `alayka yabna amīri almu'minīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ اَمِيرِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
Peace be upon you, O son of the veracious and pure	alssalāmu `alayka yabna alṣṣiddīqati alṭṭāhirati	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ ٱلصِّدِيقَةِ ٱلطَّاهِرَةِ
doyenne of all women of the world.	sayyidati nisā'i al`ālamīna	سَيِّدَةِ نِسَاءِ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ
Peace be upon you, O my master, Abū-`Abdullāh.	alssalāmu `alayka yā mawlāya yā abā `abdillāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلاَيَ يَا اَبَا عَبْدِ ٱللَّهِ
So be upon you Allah's mercy and blessings.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
I bear witness that you offered the prayers,	ashhadu annaka qad aqamta alṣṣalāta	اَشْهَدُ اَنَّكَ قَدْ اَقَمْتَ ٱلصَّلاَةَ
gave alms (zakāt),	wa ātayta alzzakāta	وَآتَيْتَ ٱلزَّكَاةَ
you enjoined the right,	wa amarta bilma`rūfi	وَاَمَرْتَ بِٱلْمَعْرُوفِ
forbade the wrong,	wa nahayta `an almunkari	وَنَهَيْتَ عَنِ ٱلْمُنْكَرِ
recited the Book as it ought to be read,	wa talawta alkitāba ḥaqqa tilāwatihī	وَتَلَوْتَ ٱلْكِتَابَ حَقَّ تِلاَوَتِهِ
strove for the sake of Allah as it ought to be striven,	wa jāhadta fī allāhi ḥaqqa jihādihī	وَجَاهَدْتَ فِي ٱللَّهِ حَقَّ جِهَادِهِ
and stood harm for His sake,	wa ṣabarta `alā aladhā fī janbihī	وَصَبَرْتَ عَلَىٰ ٱلاَذَىٰ فِي جَنْبِهِ
seeking His reward, until death came upon you.	muḥtasiban ḥattā atāka alyaqīnu	مُحْتَسِباً حَتَّىٰ اَتَاكَ ٱلْيَقِينُ
And I witness that those who dissented with you, those who fought against you,	wa ashhadu anna alladhīna khālafūka wa ḥārabūka	وَاَشْهَدُ اَنَّ ٱلَّذِينَ خَالَفُوكَ وَحَارَبُوكَ
those who disappointed you, and those who slew you—	wa anna alladhīna khadhalūka walladhīna qatalūka	وَاَنَّ ٱلَّذِينَ خَذَلُوكَ وَٱلَّذِينَ قَتَلُوكَ

all those are accused in the words of the Ummi (i.e. inhabitant of Umm al-Qurā, Makkah) Prophet.	mal` ūnūna `alā lisāni alnnabiyyi al-ummiyyi	مَلْعُونُونَ عَلَىٰ لِسَانِ ٱلنَّبِيِّ ٱلاُمِّيِّ
And the forger must suffer frustration!	wa qad khāba man iftarā	وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنِ ٱفْتَرَىٰ
May Allah curse those who prosecuted you	la`ana allāhu alẓẓālimīna lakum	لَعَنَ ٱللَّهُ ٱلظَّالِمِينَ لَكُمْ
from the past and the coming generations	min al-awwalīna wal-ākhirīna	مِنَ ٱلاَوَّلِينَ وَٱلآخِرِينَ
and may He double for them the painful chastisement.	wa ḍā`afa `alayhim al`adhāba al-alīma	وَضَاعَفَ عَلَيْهِمُ ٱلْعَذَابَ ٱلاَلِيمَ
O my master and son of Allah's Messenger,	ataytuka yā mawlāya yabna rasūli allāhi	اَتَيْتُكَ يَا مَوْلاَيَ يَا بْنَ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ
I have come visiting you and recognizing your status,	zā'iran `ārifan biḥaqqika	زَائِراً عَارِفاً بِحَقِّكَ
showing loyalty to your adherents,	muwāliyan li-awliyā'ika	مُوَالِياً لاَوْلِيَائِكَ
incurring the hostility of your enemies,	mu`ādiyan li-a`dā'ika	مُعَادِياً لاَعْدَائِكَ
acknowledging the true guidance that you follow,	mustabṣiran bilhudā alladhī anta `alayhi	مُسْتَبْصِراً بِٱلْهُدَىٰ ٱلَّذِي اَنْتَ عَلَيْهِ
and understanding the deviation (from the right path) of any one who disagrees with you.	`ārifan biḍalālati man khālafaka	عَارِفاً بِضَلاَلَةِ مَنْ خَالَفَكَ
So, (please) intercede for me with your Lord.	fashfa` lī `inda rabbika	فَٱشْفَعْ لِي عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ

It is appropriate to say this form of Ziyārah of Imam al-Ḥusayn's tomb from the the mosque known as Masjid al-Ḥannānah, for Shaykh Muḥammad ibn al-Mashhadī has reported that Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) said this form of Ziyārah at this mosque and then offered a four unit prayer there.

It goes without saying that Masjid al-Ḥannānah is one of the honorable mosques of the holy city of Najaf. It has been also narrated that the head of Imam al-Ḥusayn (ʿa) is buried at that mosque.

It has been also narrated that after Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) has accomplished a two unit prayer at this mosque, he was asked about the prayer. "This is the place where they put the head of my grandfather, al-Ḥusayn ibn `Alī, when they brought it from Karbalā'," answered the Imam (ʿa). "From here, they took the head to `Ubaydullāh ibn Ziyād," he added.

It has been further narrated that Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) advised that the following supplicatory prayer would be said at this mosque:

O Allah, You can see my place,	allāhumma innaka tarā makānī	اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ تَرَىٰ مَكَانِي
hear my speech,	wa tasma`u kalāmī	وَتَسْمَعُ كَلاَمِي
and nothing of my affairs can ever conceal itself from You.	wa lā yakhfā `alayka shay'un min amrī	وَلاَ يَخْفَىٰ عَلَيْكَ شَيْءٌ مِنْ اَمْرِي
How come a thing that You have created and made conceal itself from You?	wa kayfa yakhfā `alayka mā anta mukawwinuhū wa bāri'uhū	وَكَيْفَ يَخْفَىٰ عَلَيْكَ مَا اَنْتَ مُكَوِّنُهُ وَبَارِئُهُ

I have come to you seeking the intercession of Your Prophet—the Prophet of Mercy,	wa qad ji'tuka mustashfi`an binabiyyika nabiyyi alrraḥmati	وَقَدْ جِئْتُكَ مُسْتَشْفِعاً بِنَبِيِّكَ نَبِيِّ ٱلرَّحْمَةِ
and seeking the mediation of Your Prophet's successor.	wa mutawassilan biwaṣiyyi rasūlika	وَمُتَوَسِّلاً بِوَصِيِّ رَسُولِكَ
So, I beseech You in the name of both of them to grant me firmness, true guidance,	fa-as'aluka bihimā thabāta alqadami walhudā	فَأَسْأَلُكَ بِهِمَا ثَبَاتَ ٱلْقَدَمِ وَٱلْهُدَىٰ
and forgiveness in this world as well as the world to come.	walmaghfirata fī alddunyā wal-ākhirati	وَٱلْمَغْفِرَةَ فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا وَٱلآخِرَةِ

SECOND FORM OF ZIYĀRAH; ZIYĀRAH OF AMĪNULLĀH (THE TRUSTEE OF ALLAH)

The Ziyārah of Amīnullāh is highly esteemed as is cited in all books of Ziyārah. In the word of `Allāmah al-Majlisī, this form is the best in text and chain of authority. It is recommended to say it at all of the holy shrines.

Through considerable chain of authority, it is narrated on the authority of Jābir (ibn `Abdullāh al-Anṣārī) on the authority of Imam al-Bāqir (ʿa) that Imam Zayn al-`Ābidīn (ʿa), once, visited the holy tomb of Imam `Alī (ʿa). He stood at the tomb, wept, and pronounced the following words:

Peace be upon you, O trustee of Allah on His lands	alssalāmu `alayka yā amīna allāhi fī ar ḍihī	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَمِينَ ٱللَّهِ فِي أَرْضِهِ
and argument of Allah against His servants.	wa ḥujjatahū `alā `ibādihī	وَحُجَّتَهُ عَلَىٰ عِبَادِهِ
Peace be upon you, O Commander of the Faithful.	alssalāmu `alayka yā amīra almu'minīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَمِيرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
I bear witness that you strove for the sake of Allah as it ought to be striven,	ashhadu annaka jāhadta fī allāhi ḥaqqa jihādihī	أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ جَاهَدْتَ فِي ٱللَّهِ حَقَّ جِهَادِهِ
acted upon His Book,	wa `amilta bikitābihī	وَعَمِلْتَ بِكِتَابِهِ
and followed the instructions of His Prophet,	wattba`ta sunana nabiyyihī	وَٱتَّبَعْتَ سُنَنَ نَبِيِّهِ
peace of Allah be upon him and his Household,	ṣallā allāhu `alayhi wa ālihī	صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
until Allah called you to be in His vicinity.	ḥattā da`āka allāhu ilā jiwārihī	حَتّىٰ دَعَاكَ ٱللَّهُ إِلَىٰ جِوَارِهِ
So, He grasped you to Him by His will	faqabaḍaka ilayhi bikhtiyārihī	فَقَبَضَكَ إِلَيْهِ بِٱخْتِيَارِهِ
and put your enemies under the claim	wa alzama a`dā'aka alḥujjata	وَأَلْزَمَ أَعْدَائَكَ ٱلْحُجَّةَ
although you have inclusive claims against all of His creatures.	ma`a mā laka min alḥujaji albālighati `alā jamī`i khalqihī	مَعَ مَا لَكَ مِنَ ٱلْحُجَجِ ٱلْبَالِغَةِ عَلَىٰ جَمِيعِ خَلْقِهِ
O Allah, (please do) cause my soul to be fully tranquil with Your decrees,	allāhumma faj`al nafsī muṭma'innatan biqadarika	اَللَّهُمَّ فَٱجْعَلْ نَفْسِي مُطْمَئِنَّةً بِقَدَرِكَ

رَاضِيَةً بِقَضَائِكَ	rāḍiyatan biqaḍā'ika	satisfied with Your acts,
مُولَعَةً بِذِكْرِكَ وَدُعَائِكَ	mūla`atan bidhikrika wa du`ā'ika	fond of mentioning and praying to You,
مُحِبَّةً لِصَفْوَةِ اَوْلِيَائِكَ	muḥibbatan liṣafwati awliyā'ika	bearing love for the choicest of Your intimate servants,
مَحْبُوبَةً فِي اَرْضِكَ وَسَمَائِكَ	maḥbūbatan fī arḍika wa samā'ika	beloved in Your lands and heavens,
صَابِرَةً عَلَىٰ نُزُولِ بَلاَئِكَ	ṣābiratan `alā nuzūli balā'ika	steadfast against the affliction of Your tribulations,
شَاكِرَةً لِفَوَاضِلِ نَعْمَائِكَ	shākiratan lifawāḍili na`mā'ika	thankful for Your graceful bounties,
ذَاكِرَةً لِسَوَابِغِ آلاَئِكَ	dhākiratan lisawābighi ālā'ika	always bearing in mind Your incessant gifts,
مُشْتَاقَةً إِلَىٰ فَرْحَةِ لِقَائِكَ	mushtāqatan ilā farḥati liqā'ika	longing for the gladness of meeting You,
مُتَزَوِّدَةً اَلتَّقْوَىٰ لِيَوْمِ جَزَائِكَ	mutazawwidatan alttaqwā liyawmi jazā'ika	supplied with piety for the day of Your rewarding,
مُسْتَنَّةً بِسُنَنِ اَوْلِيَائِكَ	mustannatan bisunani awliyā'ika	pursuing the morals of Your intimate servants,
مُفَارِقَةً لاَخْلاَقِ اَعْدَائِكَ	mufāriqatan li'akhlāqi a`dā'ika	quitting the conducts of Your enemies,
مَشْغُولَةً عَنِ اَلدُّنْيَا بِحَمْدِكَ وَثَنَائِكَ	mashghūlatan `an alddunyā biḥamdika wa thanā'ika	and distracted from this world by praising and thanking You.

The Imam (ʿa) then put his cheek on the tomb and said:

اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ قُلُوبَ اَلْمُخْبِتِينَ إِلَيْكَ وَالِهَةٌ	allāhumma inna qulūba almukhbitīna ilayka wālihatun	O Allah, the hearts of those humbling themselves to You are fascinated,
وَسُبُلَ اَلرَّاغِبِينَ إِلَيْكَ شَارِعَةٌ	wa subula alrrāghibīna ilayka shāri`atun	the paths of those desiring for You are open,
وَأَعْلاَمَ اَلْقَاصِدِينَ إِلَيْكَ وَاضِحَةٌ	wa a`lāma alqāṣidīna ilayka wāḍiḥatun	the sings of those directing to You are evident,
وَأَفْئِدَةَ اَلْعَارِفِينَ مِنْكَ فَازِعَةٌ	wa af'idata al`ārifīna minka fāzi`atun	the hearts of those having recognition of You are resorting to You,
وَأَصْوَاتَ اَلدَّاعِينَ إِلَيْكَ صَاعِدَةٌ	wa aṣwāta alddā`īna ilayka ṣā`idatun	the voices of those beseeching You are mounting up to You,
وَأَبْوَابَ اَلإِجَابَةِ لَهُمْ مُفَتَّحَةٌ	wa abwāba al-ijābati lahum mufattaḥatun	the doors of responding to them are wide open,
وَدَعْوَةَ مَنْ نَاجَاكَ مُسْتَجَابَةٌ	wa da`wata man nājāka mustajābatun	the prayer of him who speaks to You confidentially is responded,
وَتَوْبَةَ مَنْ اَنَابَ إِلَيْكَ مَقْبُولَةٌ	wa tawbata man anāba ilayka maqbūlatun	the repentance of him who turns to You modestly is admitted,
وَعَبْرَةَ مَنْ بَكَىٰ مِنْ خَوْفِكَ مَرْحُومَةٌ	wa `abrata man bakā min khawfika marḥūmatun	the tear of him who weeps on account of fear from You is compassionated,
وَاَلإِغَاثَةَ لِمَنِ اَسْتَغَاثَ بِكَ	wal-ighāthata liman istaghātha bika mawjūdatun	the aid of him who seeks Your aid is available,

مَوْجُودةٌ

وَٱلإِعَانَةَ لِمَنِ ٱسْتَعَانَ بِكَ مَبْذُولَةٌ	wal-i`ānata liman ista`āna bika mabdhūlatun	the help of him who seeks Your help is obtainable,
وَعِدَاتِكَ لِعِبَادِكَ مُنْجَزَةٌ	wa `idātika li`ibādika munjazatun	Your promises to Your servants are fulfilled,
وَزَلَلَ مَنِ ٱسْتَقَالَكَ مُقَالَةٌ	wa zalala man istaqālaka muqālatun	the slips of him who implore You to excuse him are forgivable,
وَأَعْمَالَ ٱلْعَامِلِينَ لَدَيْكَ مَحْفُوظَةٌ	wa a`māla al`āmilīna ladayka maḥfūẓatun	the deeds of those who act for You are preserved,
وَأَرْزَاقَكَ إِلَىٰ ٱلْخَلاَئِقِ مِنْ لَدُنْكَ نَازِلَةٌ	wa arzāqaka ilā alkhalā'iqi min ladunka nāzilatun	Your sustenance to the creatures are descending from You,
وَعَوَائِدَ ٱلْمَزِيدِ إِلَيْهِمْ وَاصِلَةٌ	wa `awā'ida almazīdi ilayhim wāṣilatun	Your gifts for further conferrals are reaching them,
وَذُنُوبَ ٱلْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ مَغْفُورَةٌ	wa dhunūba almustaghfirīna maghfūratun	the sins of those imploring Your forgiveness are forgiven,
وَحَوَائِجَ خَلْقِكَ عِنْدَكَ مَقْضِيَّةٌ	wa ḥawā'ija khalqika `indaka maqḍiyyatun	the requests of Your creatures are granted by You,
وَجَوَائِزَ ٱلسَّائِلِينَ عِنْدَكَ مُوَفَّرَةٌ	wa jawā'iza alssā'ilīna `indaka muwaffaratun	the prizes of those begging You are offered,
وَعَوَائِدَ ٱلْمَزِيدِ مُتَوَاتِرَةٌ	wa `awā'ida almazīdi mutawātiratun	Your gifts for further conferrals are uninterrupted,
وَمَوَائِدَ ٱلْمُسْتَطْعِمِينَ مُعَدَّةٌ	wa mawā'ida almustaṭ`imīna mu`addatun	the dining tables for those seeking Your feeding are prepared,
وَمَنَاهِلَ ٱلظِّمَاءِ مُتْرَعَةٌ	wa manāhila alẓẓamā'i mutra`atun	and the springs of quenching their thirst are brimful.
اَللَّهُمَّ فَٱسْتَجِبْ دُعَائِي	allāhumma fastajib du`ā'ī	O Allah, (so) respond to my prayer,
وَٱقْبَلْ ثَنَائِي	waqbal thanā'ī	accept my thanksgiving for You,
وَٱجْمَعْ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ أَوْلِيَائِي	wajma` baynī wa bayna awliyā'ī	and join me to my masters,
بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلِيٍّ	biḥaqqi muḥammadin wa `aliyyin	[I beseech You] in the name of Muḥammad, `Alī,
وَفَاطِمَةَ وَٱلْحَسَنِ وَٱلْحُسَيْنِ	wa fāṭimata walḥasani walḥusayni	Fāṭimah, al-Ḥasan, and al-Ḥusayn.
إِنَّكَ وَلِيُّ نَعْمَائِي	innaka waliyyu na`mā'ī	You are verily the only source of my boons,
وَمُنْتَهَىٰ مُنَايَ	wa muntahā munāya	the ultimate goal of my wishes,
وَغَايَةُ رَجَائِي فِي مُنْقَلَبِي وَمَثْوَايَ	wa ghāyatu rajā'ī fī munqalabī wa mathwāya	and the target of my hope in my recourses and settlement.

In the book of Kāmil al-Ziyārāt, the following statements are added to this form of Ziyārah:

You are verily my God, Master, and

Lord.	anta ilāhī wa sayyidī wa mawlāya	أَنْتَ إِلٰهِي وَسَيِّدِي وَمَوْلاَيَ
(Please) forgive our friend,	ighfir li-awliyā'inā	اَغْفِرْ لاِ أَوْلِيَائِنَا
prevent our enemies against us,	wa kuffa `annā a`dā'anā	وَكُفَّ عَنَّا اَعْدَائَنَا
distract them from harming us,	wa ashghilhum `an adhānā	وَاَشْغِلْهُمْ عَنْ اَذَانَا
give prevalence to the Word of Truth	wa aẓhir kalimata alḥaqqi	وَاَظْهِرْ كَلِمَةَ اَلْحَقِّ
and make it the supreme,	waj`alhā al`ulyā	وَاَجْعَلْهَا اَلْعُلْيَا
and frustrate the word of falsehood	wa adḥiḍ kalimata albāṭili	وَاَدْحِضْ كَلِمَةَ اَلْبَاطِلِ
and make it the lowliest.	waj`alhā alssuflā	وَاَجْعَلْهَا اَلسُّفْلَىٰ
Verily, You have power over all things.	innaka `alā kulli shay'in qadīrun	إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Imam al-Bāqir (ʿa) then added, "Indeed, any one of our adherents (Shī`ah) who pronounces these words at the tomb of Amīr al-Mu'minīn (ʿa) or the tomb of one of the Imams (ʿa) shall certainly have his prayer lifted up on a ladder of light, carrying the seal of the Holy Prophet's ring, and it shall be kept so until it will be delivered to the Riser from Muḥammad's Household (namely, Imam al-Mahdī) who will receive the sayer of that prayer with good tidings, greetings, and honor."

It is worth mentioning that the Ziyārah of Amīnullāh is considered one of the general forms of Ziyārah of Imam `Alī (ʿa), one of the private forms of Ziyārah on the `Īd al-Ghadīr Day, and one of the comprehensive forms of Ziyārah that can be said at all the shrines of the Holy Imams.

THIRD FORM OF ZIYĀRAH

Sayyid `Abd al-Karīm ibn Ṭāwūs has reported the following from Ṣafwān al-Jammāl:

During my journey with him to al-Kūfah for meeting Abū-Ja`far al-Manṣūr the `Abbāsid ruler, Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) asked me to make our camels kneel down at a certain place, saying, "This is the tomb of my grandfather, the Commander of the Faithful."

As I made the camels kneel down there, he rode off, bathed himself, changed his clothes, took off his shoes, and ordered me to imitate him in everything. He then directed towards the hillock of Najaf (al-dhakwah), saying, "If you walk in short steps and nod your head to the ground, you shall be given one hundred thousand rewards for each step, one hundred thousand sins shall be erased from your sins, you shall be elevated one hundred thousand ranks, one hundred thousand of your requests shall be granted, and you shall be granted the rewards of all veracious individuals who died and all martyrs whom were slain."

Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) then walked with tranquility and gravity, and I followed him, pronouncing statements of glorification and sanctification of Almighty Allah and confession of His Oneness until we reached the hillocks there. He stopped there, looked to the right and the left, sketched something on the ground with his stick, and asked me to look for the signs of the tomb. As I did, I could notice the traces of the tomb of Imam `Alī (ʿa). Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) immediately shed tears down his face and said these words:

To Allah we belong and to Him is our return.	innā lillāhi wa innā ilayhi raji`ūna	إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ
Peace be upon you, O successor (of the Prophet), righteous, and pious.	alssalāmu `alayka ayyuhā alwaṣiyyu albarru alttaqiyyu	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ اَيُّهَا اَلْوَصِيُّ اَلْبَرُّ اَلتَّقِيُّ
Peace be upon you, O Great News.	alssalāmu `alayka ayyuhā alnnaba'u al`aẓīmu	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ اَيُّهَا اَلنَّبَاُ اَلْعَظِيمُ
Peace be upon you, O veracious and	alssalāmu `alayka ayyuhā alṣṣiddīqu	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ اَيُّهَا اَلصِّدِّيقُ

right-directing one.	alrrashīdu	ٱلرَّشِيدُ
Peace be upon you, O righteous and pure.	alssalāmu `alayka ayyuhā albarru alzzakiyyu	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ اَيُّهَا ٱلْبَرُّ ٱلزَّكِيُّ
Peace be upon you, O Successor of the Messenger of the Lord of the worlds.	alssalāmu `alayka yā waṣiyya rasūli rabbi al`ālamīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَصِيَّ رَسُولِ رَبِّ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ
Peace be upon you, O choice of Allah over all creatures.	alssalāmu `alayka yā khiyarata allāhi `alā alkhalqi ajma`īna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا خِيَرَةَ ٱللَّهِ عَلَىٰ ٱلْخَلْقِ اَجْمَعِينَ
I bear witness that you are verily Allah's beloved, elite, and select.	ashhadu annaka ḥabību allāhi wa khāṣṣatu allāhi wa khāliṣatuhū	اَشْهَدُ اَنَّكَ حَبِيبُ ٱللَّهِ وَخَاصَّةُ ٱللَّهِ وَخَالِصَتُهُ
Peace be upon you, O intimate servant of Allah, center of His secrets,	alssalāmu `alayka yā waliyya allāhi wa mawḍi`a sirrihī	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَلِيَّ ٱللَّهِ وَمَوْضِعَ سِرِّهِ
store of His knowledge, and keeper of His Revelation.	wa `aybata `ilmihī wa khāzina waḥyihī	وَعَيْبَةَ عِلْمِهِ وَخَازِنَ وَحْيِهِ

Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) then threw himself on the tomb and said these words:

May Allah accept my father and mother as ransoms for you, O Commander of the Faithful!	bi'abī anta wa ummī yā amīr almu'minīna	بِاَبِي اَنْتَ وَاُمِّي يَا اَمِيرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
May Allah accept my father and mother as ransoms for you, O argument in controversies!	bi'abī anta wa ummī yā ḥujjata alkhiṣāmi	بِاَبِي اَنْتَ وَاُمِّي يَا حُجَّةَ ٱلْخِصَامِ
May Allah accept my father and mother as ransoms for you, O door to the (elevated) position!	bi'abī anta wa ummī yā bāba almaqāmi	بِاَبِي اَنْتَ وَاُمِّي يَا بَابَ ٱلْمَقَامِ
May Allah accept my father and mother as ransoms for you, O utter light of Allah!	bi'abī anta wa ummī yā nūra allāhi alttāmma	بِاَبِي اَنْتَ وَاُمِّي يَا نُورَ ٱللَّهِ ٱلتَّامَّ
I bear witness that you have conveyed all that which you were ordered to convey from Allah	ashhadu annaka qad ballaghta `an allāhi	اَشْهَدُ اَنَّكَ قَدْ بَلَّغْتَ عَنِ ٱللَّهِ
and from Allah's Messenger,	wa `an rasūli allāhi	وَعَنْ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ
may Allah's peace be upon him and his Household,	ṣallā allāhu `alayhi wa ālihī mā ḥummilta	صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ مَا حُمِّلْتَ
attended to that which was kept with you,	wa ra`ayta mā istuḥfiẓta	وَرَعَيْتَ مَا ٱسْتُحْفِظْتَ
kept that which was stored with you,	wa ḥafiẓta mā istūdi`ta	وَحَفِظْتَ مَا ٱسْتُوْدِعْتَ
decided as lawful all that which Allah has deemed lawful,	wa ḥallalata ḥalāla allāhi	وَحَلَّلْتَ حَلاَلَ ٱللَّهِ

decided as unlawful all that which Allah has deemed unlawful,	wa ḥarramta ḥarāma allāhi	وَحَرَّمْتَ حَرَامَ ٱللَّهِ
carried out the decrees of Allah,	wa aqamta aḥkāma allāhi	وَاَقَمْتَ اَحْكَامَ ٱللَّهِ
never exceeded the limits of Allah,	wa lam tata`adda ḥudūda allāhi	وَلَمْ تَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَ ٱللَّهِ
and worshipped Allah sincerely	wa `abadta allāha mukhliṣan	وَعَبَدْتَ ٱللَّهَ مُخْلِصاً
until death came upon you.	ḥattā atāka alyaqīnu	حَتَّىٰ اَتَاكَ ٱلْيَقينُ
May Allah send blessings upon you	ṣallā allāhu `alayka	صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ
and upon the Imams who came after you!	wa `alā al-a'immati min ba`dika	وَعَلَىٰ ٱلاَئِمَّةِ مِنْ بَعْدِكَ

Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) then stood up and offered a number of units of prayer at the side of the Imam's head. He then said to me (i.e. Ṣafwān), "Whoever visits Amīr al-Mu'minīn with this form of Ziyārah and then offers the like of this prayer shall return home while all his sins are forgiven, all his efforts are accepted, and will have the rewards of all the angels who visit this tomb recorded for him."

I asked, "Do you mean the reward of all the angels who visit this tomb?"

The Imam (ʿa) answered, "Yes, I do. Each night, this tomb is visited by seventy thousand tribes of angels."

"How many is a tribe of angels?" asked I.

"Each tribe consists of one hundred thousand angels," answered the Imam (ʿa).

The Imam (ʿa) then left the place waling back but his face was still to the grave direction, uttering the following words:

O grandfather! O master!	yā jaddāhu yā sayyidāhu	يَا جَدَّاهُ يَا سَيِّدَاهُ
O pure! O infallible!	yā ṭayyibāhu yā ṭāhirāhu	يَا طَيِّبَاهُ يَا طَاهِرَاهُ
May Allah not cause this (visit of mine) to be the last of my compliments to you.	lā ja`alahū allāhu ākhira al`ahdi minka	لاَ جَعَلَهُ ٱللَّهُ آخِرَ ٱلْعَهْدِ مِنْكَ
May He grant me the opportunity to visit you again,	wa razaqanī al`awda ilayka	وَرَزَقَنِي ٱلْعَوْدَ إِلَيْكَ
to reside at your holy shrine,	walmaqāma fī ḥaramika	وَٱلْمَقَامَ فِي حَرَمِكَ
and to be included with you	walkawna ma`aka	وَٱلْكَوْنَ مَعَكَ
and with the righteous ones among your sons!	wa ma`a al-abrāri min wuldika	وَمَعَ ٱلاَبْرَارِ مِنْ وُلْدِكَ
May Allah send blessings upon you	ṣallā allāhu `alayka	صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ
and upon the angels surrounding you!	wa `alā almalā'ikati almuḥdiqīna bika	وَعلَىٰ ٱلْمَلاَئِكَةِ ٱلْمُحْدِقِينَ بِكَ

I then said to him, "O master! May I inform our acquaintances in al-Kūfah about this and lead them to this tomb?"

The Imam (ʿa) answered in the affirmative and gave me a sum of money to construct the tomb.

FOURTH FORM OF ZIYĀRAH

In Mustadrak al-Wasā'il, the following narration has been quoted from the book of al-Mazār al-Qadīm on the authority of our master, Imam Muḥammad al-Bāqir (ʿa):

Accompanying my father, I went for visiting the tomb of my grandfather, Amīr al-Mu'minīn `Alī ibn Abī-Ṭālib (ʿa), in al-Najaf. My father stopped at the holy tomb, wept, and said the following:

Peace be upon the father of the Imams,	alssalāmu `alā abī al-a'immati wa khalīli	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ اَبِي ٱلاَئِمَّةِ وَخَلِيلِ

the friend of the Prophethood,	alnnubuwwati	ٱلنُّبُوَّةِ
and the one exclusively granted the fraternity (of the Holy Prophet).	walmakhṣūṣi bil'ukhuwwati	وَٱلْمَخْصُوصِ بِٱلأُخُوَّةِ
Peace be upon the chief of true faith,	alssalāmu `alā ya`sūbi al'īmāni	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ يَعْسُوبِ ٱلإِيـمَانِ
the Scale of the deeds	wa mīzāni al-a`māli	وَمِيزَانِ ٱلأَعْمَالِ
and the sword of the Lord of Majesty.	wa sayfi dhī aljalāli	وَسَيْفِ ذِي ٱلْجَلاَلِ
Peace be upon the most righteous of the believers,	alssalāmu `alā ṣāliḥi almu'minīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ صَالِحِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
the inheritor of the knowledge of the Prophets,	wa wārithi `ilmi alnnabiyyīna	وَوَارِثِ عِلْمِ ٱلنَّبِيِّينَ
and the judge on the Judgment Day.	alḥākimi fī yawmi alddīni	ٱلْحَاكِمِ فِي يَوْمِ ٱلدِّينِ
Peace be upon the Tree of Piety.	alssalāmu `alā shajarati alttaqwā	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ شَجَرَةِ ٱلتَّقْوَىٰ
Peace be upon Allah's conclusive argument,	alssalāmu `alā ḥujjati allāhi albālighati	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ حُجَّةِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلْبَالِغَةِ
His flowing boon,	wa ni`matihī alssābighati	وَنِعْمَتِهِ ٱلسَّابِغَةِ
and His forceful punishment.	wa niqmatihī alddāmighati	وَنِقْمَتِهِ ٱلدَّامِغَةِ
Peace be upon the clear-cut path,	alssalāmu `alā alṣṣirāṭi alwāḍiḥi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلصِّرَاطِ ٱلوَاضِحِ
the patent star,	walnnajmi allā'iḥi	وَٱلنَّجْمِ ٱللاَّئِحِ
and the advising leader.	wal-imāmi alnnāṣiḥi	وَٱلإِمَامِ ٱلنَّاصِحِ
May Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
My father (ʿa) then added the following:		
You are verily my means and my course to Allah.	anta wasīlatī ilā allāhi wa dharī`atī	اَنْتَ وَسِيلَتِي إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ وَذَرِيعَتِي
And I enjoy the right of my loyalty to you and my hoping for you.	wa lī ḥaqqu muwālātī wa ta'mīlī	وَلِي حَقُّ مُوَالاَتِي وَتَأْمِيلِي
So, (please) be my intercessor before Allah—the Almighty and All-majestic—	fakun shafī`ī ilā allāhi `azza wa jalla	فَكُنْ لِي شَفِيعِي إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ
as regards the settlement of my request,	fī alwuqūfi `alā qaḍā'I ḥājatī	فِي ٱلْوُقُوفِ عَلَىٰ قَضَاءِ حَاجَتِي
which is the release of my neck from Hellfire.	wa hiya fakāku raqabatī min alnnāri	وَهِيَ فَكَاكُ رَقَبَتِي مِنَ ٱلنَّارِ
And (please) seal my current situation with success	waṣrifnī fī mawqifī hādhā bilnnujḥi	وَٱصْرِفْنِي فِي مَوْقِفِي هٰذَا بِٱلنُّجْحِ
and with response to all that which I have asked for, out of His mercy and power.	wa bimā sa'altuhū kullahī biraḥmatihī wa qudratihī	وَبِمَا سَأَلْتُهُ كُلَّهُ بِرَحْمَتِهِ وَقُدْرَتِهِ
O Allah, (please do) grant me an utter intellect,	allāhumma irzuqnī `aqlan kāmilan	

		اَللَّهُمَّ اَرْزُقْنِي عَقْلاً كَامِلاً
sharp aptitude,	wa lubban rājiḥan	وَلُبًّا رَاجِحاً
pure heart,	wa qalban zakiyyan	وَقَلْباً زَكِيّاً
much deed,	wa `amalan kathīran	وَعَمَلاً كَثِيراً
and fabulous courtesy,	wa adaban bāri`an	وَاَدَباً بَارِعاً
and make all that for my good	waj`al dhālika kullahū lī	وَاجْعَلْ ذٰلِكَ كُلَّهُ لِي
and do not make it against me,	wa lā taj`alhu `alayya	وَلاَ تَجْعَلْهُ عَلَيَّ
[I beseech You] in the name of Your mercy, O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!	biraḥmatika yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna	بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا اَرْحَمَ اَلرَّاحِمِينَ

FIFTH FORM OF ZIYĀRAH

Shaykh al-Kulaynī has reported that Imam `Alī ibn Muḥammad al-Naqī (al-Hādī) instructed the following:

At the tomb of Amīr al-Mu'minīn ('a), you may say the following:

Peace be upon you, O intimate servant of Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā waliyya allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَلِيَّ اَللَّهِ
You are the first to have been oppressed	anta awwalu maẓlūmin	اَنْتَ اَوَّلُ مَظْلُومٍ
and the first to have had his right usurped.	wa awwalu man ghuṣiba ḥaqquhū	وَاَوَّلُ مَنْ غُصِبَ حَقُّهُ
You, nevertheless, acted patiently, seeking the reward of Allah,	ṣabarta waḥtasabta	صَبَرْتَ وَاحْتَسَبْتَ
until death came upon you.	ḥattā atāka alyaqīnu	حَتّٰى اَتَاكَ اَلْيَقِينُ
I thus bear witness that you met Allah as martyr.	fa'ashhadu annaka laqīta allāha wa anta shahīdun	فَاَشْهَدُ اَنَّكَ لَقِيتَ اَللَّهَ وَاَنْتَ شَهِيدٌ
May Allah torture him who killed you with the various kinds of torture	`adhdhaba allāhu qātilaka bi-anwā`i al`adhābi	عَذَّبَ اَللَّهُ قَاتِلَكَ بِاَنْوَاعِ اَلْعَذَابِ
and may He renew torture for him ceaselessly.	wa jaddada `alayhi al`adhāba	وَجَدَّدَ عَلَيْهِ اَلْعَذَابَ
I have come to you, recognizing your right,	ji'tuka `ārifan biḥaqqika	جِئْتُكَ عَارِفاً بِحَقِّكَ
acknowledging your position,	mustabṣiran bisha'nika	مُسْتَبْصِراً بِشَاْنِكَ
and bearing enmity against your enemies and against those who wronged you.	mu`ādiyan li-a`dā'ika wa man ẓalamaka	مُعَادِياً لِاَعْدَائِكَ وَمَنْ ظَلَمَكَ
I, by Allah's willing, will meet my Lord carrying these principles.	alqā `alā dhālika rabbī in shā'a allāhu	اَلْقَىٰ عَلَىٰ ذٰلِكَ رَبِّي إِنْ شَاءَ اَللَّهُ

O intimate servant of Allah,	yā waliyya allāhi	يَا وَلِيَّ ٱللَّهِ
I have (committed) numerous sins;	inna lī dhunūban kathīratan	إِنَّ لِي ذُنُوباً كَثِيرَةً
so, (please) intercede for me before your Lord,	fashfa` lī ilā rabbika	فَٱشْفَعْ لِي إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ
for you verily enjoy a famous rank with Allah	fa'inna laka `inda allāhi maqāman ma`lūman	فَإِنَّ لَكَ عِنْدَ ٱللَّهِ مَقَاماً مَعْلُوماً
and you have verily enjoyed a high status and intercession with Allah.	wa inna laka `inda allāhi jāhan wa shafā`atan	وَإِنَّ لَكَ عِنْدَ ٱللَّهِ جَاهاً وَشَفَاعَةً
Allah, the All-exalted, has said (in this respect), “And they do not intercede except for him whom He accepts.”	wa qad qāla allāhu ta`ālā wa lā yashfa`ūna illā liman irtaḍā	وَقَدْ قَالَ ٱللَّهُ تَعَالَىٰ: ”وَلاَ يَشْفَعُونَ إِلاَّ لِمَنِ ٱرْتَضَىٰ.“

SIXTH FORM OF ZIYĀRAH

The following form of Ziyārah has been mentioned by a number of our scholars among whom is Shaykh Muḥammad ibn al-Mashhadī who quotes that Muḥammad ibn Khālid al-Ṭayālisī has reported Sayf ibn `Umayrah to have related the following:

A group of our acquaintances and I accompanied Ṣafwān al-Jammāl to al-Gharī for the purpose of visiting the tomb of Amīr al-Mu'minīn (ʿa). When we accomplished ziyārah, Ṣafwān turned his face toward the tomb of Imam al-Ḥusayn (ʿa) and instructed that we should visit Imam al-Ḥusayn ibn `Alī (ʿa) from this place at the head’s side of Imam `Alī’s tomb. He then told us that he, once, accompanied Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) to this very place where the Imam (ʿa) did the same thing that Ṣafwān had just done and said the same supplication. Ṣafwān added, “The Imam (ʿa) then advised me to persist in this method and form of Ziyārah and to visit Imam `Alī and Imam al-Ḥusayn (ʿa) with this form, for he would guarantee, on behalf of Almighty Allah, that any one who visits them with this form of ziyārah and says this supplication, be it from close or far distance, will have his ziyārah accepted, his efforts rewarded, his greetings conveyed (to the Imams) without any barrier, and his requests granted by Almighty Allah whatever they are.”

The entire text of this narration about the merits of saying this form of ziyārah, along with all of its etiquettes, and saying this supplication will be cited after the famous form known as Ziyārah of `Āshūrā' and the famous supplicatory prayer known as Du`ā' `Alqamah (also called Du`ā' Ṣafwān).

Hereinafter, the form of this ziyārah is cited:

You may face the tomb of Imam `Alī (ʿa) and say the following words:

Peace be upon you, O Allah’s Messenger.	alssalāmu `alayka yā rasūla allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O Allah’s select.	alssalāmu `alayka yā ṣafwata allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا صَفْوَةَ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O Allah’s trustee.	alssalāmu `alayka yā amīna allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَمِينَ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon him whom Allah chose,	alssalāmu `alā man iṣṭafāhu allāhu	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مَنِ ٱصْطَفَاهُ ٱللَّهُ
selected, and preferred from amongst His creatures.	wakhtaṣṣahū wakhtārahū min bariyyatihī	وَٱخْتَصَّهُ وَٱخْتَارَهُ مِنْ بَرِيَّتِهِ
Peace be upon you, O Allah’s friend	alssalāmu `alayka yā khalīla allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا خَلِيلَ ٱللَّهِ
whenever night darkens and becomes dusk	mā dajā allaylu wa ghasaqa	مَا دَجَىٰ ٱللَّيْلُ وَغَسَقَ
and whenever daylight shines and gleams.	wa aḍā'a alnnahāru wa ashraqa	وَأَضَاءَ ٱلنَّهَارُ وَأَشْرَقَ
Peace be upon you whenever one keeps silent,	alssalāmu `alayka mā ṣamata ṣāmitun	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ مَا صَمَتَ صَامِتٌ
whenever one utters something, and whenever a new day begins.	wa naṭaqa nāṭiqun wa dharra shāriqun	

		وَنَطَقَ نَاطِقٌ وَذَرَّ شَارِقٌ
So also be Allah's mercy and blessings upon you.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
Peace be upon our master: the Commander of the Faithful,	alssalāmu `alā mawlānā amīri almu'minīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مَوْلاَنَا اَمِيرِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
`Alī the son of Abū-Ṭālib,	`aliyyi bni abī ṭālibin	عَلِيِّ بْنِ اَبِي طَالِبٍ
the owner of unprecedented virtues, merits, and relief,	ṣāḥibi alssawābiqi walmanāqibi walnnajdati	صَاحِبِ ٱلسَّوَابِقِ وَٱلْمَنَاقِبِ وَٱلنَّجْدَةِ
the terminator of the phalanxes of the infidels,	wa mubīdi alkatā'ibi	وَمُبِيدِ ٱلْكَتَائِبِ
the all-courageous,	alshshadīdi alba'si	ٱلشَّدِيدِ ٱلْبَأْسِ
the all-powerful,	al`aẓīmi almirāsi	ٱلْعَظِيمِ ٱلْمِرَاسِ
the deep-rooted,	almakīni al-asāsi	ٱلْمَكِينِ ٱلاَسَاسِ
who will serve the believers with water in a cup	sāqī almu'mīnīna bilka'si	سَاقِي ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِٱلْكَأْسِ
from the Pond of the Messenger—the honorable, the honest.	min ḥawḍi alrrasūli almakīni al-amīni	مِنْ حَوْضِ ٱلرَّسُولِ ٱلْمَكِينِ ٱلاَمِينِ
Peace be upon the owner of perspicacity, favors,	alssalāmu `alā ṣāḥibi alnnuhā walfaḍli	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ صَاحِبِ ٱلنُّهَىٰ وَٱلْفَضْلِ
bestowals, honors, and incentives.	walṭṭawā'ili walmakrumāti walnnawā'ili	وَٱلطَّوَائِلِ وَٱلْمَكْرُمَاتِ وَٱلنَّوَائِلِ
Peace be upon the knight of the believers,	alssalāmu `alā fārisi almu'mīnīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ فَارِسِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
the lion of the monotheists,	wa laythi almuwaḥḥidīna	وَلَيْثِ ٱلْمُوَحِّدِينَ
the slayer of the polytheists,	wa qātili almushrikīna	وَقَاتِلِ ٱلْمُشْرِكِينَ
and the successor of the Messenger of the Lord of the words.	wa waṣiyyi rasūli rabbi al`ālamīna	وَوَصِيِّ رَسُولِ رَبِّ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ
May Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him, too.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
Peace be upon him whom Allah supported with (Archangel) Gabriel,	alssalāmu `alā man ayyadahū allāhu bijabra'īla	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مَنْ اَيَّدَهُ ٱللَّهُ بِجَبْرَئِيلَ
backed with (Archangel) Michael,	wa a`ānahū bimīkā'īla	وَاَعَانَهُ بِمِيكَائِيلَ
whom Allah has bestowed a close degree in both this abode and the abode to come,	wa azlafahū fī alddārayni	وَاَزْلَفَهُ فِي ٱلدَّارَيْنِ

and whom Allah has granted all things that act as delight for an eye.	wa ḥabāhu bikulli mā taqarru bihī al`aynu	وَحَبَاهُ بِكُلِّ مَا تَقَرُّ بِهِ ٱلْعَيْنُ
May Allah send blessings upon him	wa ṣallā allāhu `alayhi	وَصَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ
upon his Household the immaculate,	wa `alā ālihī alṭṭāhirīna	وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ ٱلطَّاهِرِينَ
upon his descendants the choicest ones,	wa `alā awlādihī almuntajabīna	وَعَلَىٰ أَوْلاَدِهِ ٱلْمُنْتَجَبِينَ
and upon the right-directing Imams,	wa `alā al-a'immati alrrāshidīna	وَعَلَىٰ ٱلأَئِمَّةَ ٱلرَّاشِدِينَ
who enjoined the right,	alladhīna amarū bilma`rūfi	ٱلَّذِينَ أَمَرُواْ بِٱلْمَعْرُوفِ
forbade the wrong,	wa nahaw `an almunkari	وَنَهَوْاْ عَنِ ٱلْمُنْكَرِ
explained to us the duty of prayers,	wa faraḍū `alaynā alṣṣalawāti	وَفَرَضُواْ عَلَيْنَا ٱلصَّلَوَاتِ
ordered us to give alms,	wa amarū bi'ītā'i alzzakāti	وَأَمَرُواْ بِإِيتَاءِ ٱلزَّكَاةِ
made clear for us the observance of fasting during the month of Ramaḍān,	wa `arrafūnā ṣiyāma shahri ramaḍāna	وَعَرَّفُونَا صِيَامَ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ
and taught us the true recitation of the Qur'ān.	wa qirā'ata alqur'āni	وَقِرَاءَةَ ٱلْقُرْآنِ
Peace be upon you, O Commander of the Faithful,	alssalāmu `alayka yā amīra almu'minīna	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَمِيرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
chief of the religion,	wa ya`sūba alddīni	وَيَعْسُوبَ ٱلدِّينِ
and leader of the white-forehead, marked believers.	wa qā'ida alghurri almuḥajjalīna	وَقَائِدَ ٱلْغُرِّ ٱلْمُحَجَّلِينَ
Peace be upon you, O door to Allah.	alssalāmu `alayka yā bāba allāhi	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَابَ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O sighting Eye of Allah,	alssalāmu `alayka yā `ayna allāhi alnnāẓirata	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا عَيْنَ ٱللَّهِ ٱلنَّاظِرَةَ
extending Hand of Him,	wa yadahū albāsiṭata	وَيَدَهُ ٱلْبَاسِطَةَ
listening Ear of Him,	wa udhunahū alwā`iyata	وَأُذُنَهُ ٱلْوَاعِيَةَ
Allah's conclusive argument,	wa ḥikmatahū albālighata	وَحِكْمَتَهُ ٱلْبَالِغَةَ
His flowing boon,	wa ni`matahū alssābighata	وَنِعْمَتَهُ ٱلسَّابِغَةَ
and His forceful punishment.	wa niqmatahū alddāmighata	وَنِقْمَتَهُ ٱلدَّامِغَةَ
Peace be upon the decider between people of Paradise and people of Hellfire.	alssalāmu `alā qasīmi aljannati walnnāri	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ قَسِيمِ ٱلْجَنَّةَ وَٱلنَّارِ
Peace be upon Allah's benefaction for the righteous ones	alssalāmu `alā ni`mati allāhi `alā al-abrāri	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمَةِ ٱللَّهِ عَلَىٰ ٱلأَبْرَارِ
and Allah's wrath on the wicked ones.	wa niqmatihī `alā alfujjāri	وَنِقْمَتِهِ عَلَىٰ ٱلْفُجَّارِ

Peace be upon the leader of the pious good-doers.	alssalāmu `alā sayyidi almuttaqīna al-akhyāri	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِ ٱلْمُتَّقِينَ ٱلأَخْيَارِ
Peace be upon the brother of Allah's Messenger,	alssalāmu `alā akhī rasūli allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ أَخِي رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ
the cousin of him, the husband of his daughter,	wabni `ammihī wa zawji ibnatihī	وَٱبْنِ عَمِّهِ وَزَوْجِ ٱبْنَتِهِ
and the one created from the same clay of him.	walmakhlūqi min ṭīnatihī	وَٱلْمَخْلُوقِ مِنْ طِينَتِهِ
Peace be upon the eternal origin	alssalāmu `alā al-aṣli alqadīmi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلأَصْلِ ٱلْقَدِيمِ
and the noble branch.	walfar`i alkarīmi	وَٱلْفَرْعِ ٱلْكَرِيمِ
Peace be upon the prolific fruit.	alssalāmu `alā alththamari aljaniyyi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلثَّمَرِ ٱلْجَنِيِّ
Peace be upon Abu'l-Ḥasan, `Alī.	alssalāmu `alā abī alḥasani `aliyyin	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ أَبِي ٱلْحَسَنِ عَلِيٍّ
Peace be upon the Tree of Ṭūbā (bliss) and the lote-tree of the utmost boundary.	alssalāmu `alā shajarati ṭūbā wa sidrati almuntahā	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ شَجَرَةِ طُوبَىٰ وَسِدْرَةِ ٱلْمُنْتَهَىٰ
Peace be upon Adam the choice of Allah,	alssalāmu `alā ādama ṣafwati allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ آدَمَ صَفْوَةِ ٱللَّهِ
upon Noah the Prophet of Allah,	wa nūḥin nabiyyi allāhi	وَنُوحٍ نَبِيِّ ٱللَّهِ
upon Abraham the friend of Allah,	wa ibrāhīma khalīli allāhi	وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلِ ٱللَّهِ
upon Moses the spoken by Allah,	wa mūsā kalīmi allāhi	وَمُوسَىٰ كَلِيمِ ٱللَّهِ
upon Jesus the Spirit of Allah,	wa `īsā rūḥi allāhi	وَعِيسَىٰ رُوحِ ٱللَّهِ
upon Muḥammad the most beloved by Allah,	wa muḥammadin ḥabībi allāhi	وَمُحَمَّدٍ حَبِيبِ ٱللَّهِ
and upon the Prophets, the veracious ones,	wa man baynahum min alnnabiyyīna walṣṣiddīqīna	وَمَنْ بَيْنَهُمْ مِنَ ٱلنَّبِيِّينَ وَٱلصِّدِّيقِينَ
the martyrs, and the upright ones who came among them.	walshshuhadā'i walṣṣāliḥīna	وَٱلشُّهَدَاءِ وَٱلصَّالِحِينَ
How excellent is the company of these!	wa ḥasuna ulā'ika rafīqan	وَحَسُنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقاً
Peace be upon the light of lights,	alssalāmu `alā nūri al-anwāri	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ نُورِ ٱلأَنْوَارِ
the descendant of the pure ones,	wa salīli al-aṭhāri	وَسَلِيلِ ٱلأَطْهَارِ
and the originally righteous ones.	wa `anāṣiri al-akhyāri	وَعَنَاصِرِ ٱلأَخْيَارِ
Peace be upon the father of the virtuous Imams.	alssalāmu `alā wālidi al-a'immati al-abrāri	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ وَالِدِ ٱلأَئِمَّةِ ٱلأَبْرَارِ
Peace be upon the firm cord of Allah	alssalāmu `alā ḥabli allāhi almatīni	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ حَبْلِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلْمَتِينِ

and the strong side of Him.	wa janbihī almakīni	وَجَنْبِهِ ٱلْمَكِينِ
May Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him, too.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
Peace be upon Allah's trustee on His land,	alssalāmu `alā amīni allāhi fī arḍihī	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱ أَمِينِ ٱللَّهِ فِي ٱ أَرْضِهِ
Allah's viceroy and the judge with His laws,	wa khalīfatihī walḥākimi bi-amrihī	وَخَلِيفَتِهِ وَٱلْحَاكِمِ بِا أَمْرِهِ
the custodian over His religion,	walqayyimi bidīnihī	وَٱلْقَيِّمِ بِدِينِهِ
the spokesman of His wisdom,	walnnāṭiqi biḥikmatihī	وَٱلنَّاطِقِ بِحِكْمَتِهِ
the actor upon His Book,	wal`āmili bikitābihī	وَٱلْعَامِلِ بِكِتَابِهِ
the brother of the Messenger,	akhī alrrasūli	ٱ أَخِي ٱلرَّسُولِ
the husband of the Chaste Lady,	wa zawji albatūli	وَزَوْجِ ٱلْبَتُولِ
and the unsheathed sword of Allah.	wa sayfi allāhi almaslūli	وَسَيْفِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلْمَسْلُولِ
Peace be upon the owner of the indications,	alssalāmu `alā ṣāḥibi alddalālāti	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ صَاحِبِ ٱلدَّلاَلاَتِ
the magnificent signs,	wal-āyāti albāhirāti	وَٱلآيَاتِ ٱلْبَاهِرَاتِ
and the overcoming miracles,	walmu`jizāti alqāhirāti	وَٱلْمُعْجِزَاتِ ٱلْقَاهِرَاتِ
the redeemer from perdition,	walmunjī min alhalakāti	وَٱلْمُنْجِي مِنَ ٱلْهَلَكَاتِ
and whom Allah has mentioned in the decisive verses,	alladhī dhakarahū allāhu fī muḥkami al-āyāti	ٱلَّذِي ذَكَرَهُ ٱللَّهُ فِي مُحْكَمِ ٱلآيَاتِ
saying, "And surely, in the original of the Book with Us, it is written that `Alī is wise."	faqāla ta`ālā wa innahū fī ummi alkitābi ladaynā la`aliyyun ḥakīmun	فَقَالَ تَعَالَىٰ "وَإِنَّهُ فِي ا أُمِّ ٱلْكِتَابِ لَدَيْنَا لَعَلِيٌّ حَكِيمٌ."
Peace be upon Allah's pleased Name,	alssalāmu `alā ismi allāhi alrraḍiyyi	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّضِيِّ
His Brilliant Face,	wa wajhihī almuḍī'i	وَوَجْهِهِ ٱلْمُضِيءِ
and His most elevated side.	wa janbihī al`aliyyi	وَجَنْبِهِ ٱلْعَلِيِّ
May Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him, too.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
Peace be upon Allah's Arguments, successors,	alssalāmu `alā ḥujaji allāhi wa awṣiyā'ihī	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ حُجَجِ ٱللَّهِ وَا أَوْصِيَائِهِ
prominent people, and choices,	wa khāṣṣati allāhi wa aṣfiyā'ihī	وَخَاصَّةِ ٱللَّهِ وَا أَصْفِيَائِهِ

selects, and trustees.	wa khāliṣatihī wa umanā'ihī	وَخَالِصَتِهِ وَأُمَنَائِهِ
May Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him, too.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
I have come to you, O master,	qaṣadtuka yā mawlāya	قَصَدْتُكَ يَا مَوْلاَيَ
O Allah's trustee and argument,	yā amīna allāhi wa ḥujjatahū	يَا أَمِينَ ٱللَّهِ وَحُجَّتَهُ
visiting (your tomb), acknowledging your right,	zā'iran `ārifan biḥaqqika	زَائِراً عَارِفاً بِحَقِّكَ
acceding to your adherents,	muwāliyan li'awliyā'ika	مُوَالِياً لأَوْلِيَائِكَ
incurring the hostility of your enemies,	mu`ādiyan li'a`dā'ika	مُعَادِياً لأَعْدَائِكَ
and seeking Allah's nearness through my visit to you.	mutaqarriban ilā allāhi biziyāratika	مُتَقَرِّباً إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ بِزِيَارَتِكَ
So, (please) intercede for me before Allah—your and my Lord—	fashfa` lī `inda allāhi rabbī wa rabbika	فَٱشْفَعْ لِي عِنْدَ ٱللَّهِ رَبِّي وَرَبِّكَ
so that He may save me from Hellfire	fī khalāṣi raqabatī min alnnāri	فِي خَلاَصِ رَقَبَتِي مِنَ ٱلنَّارِ
and respond to my requests of this world and the Next World.	wa qaḍā'i ḥawā'ijī ḥawā'iji alddunyā wal-ākhirati	وَقَضَاءِ حَوَائِجِي حَوَائِجِ ٱلدُّنْيَا وَٱلآخِرَةِ

You may then throw yourself on the tomb, kiss it, and say the following:

Salutations of Allah and salutations of His Archangels,	salāmu allāhi wa salāmu malā'ikatihī almuqarrabīna	سَلاَمُ ٱللَّهِ وَسَلاَمُ مَلاَئِكَتِهِ ٱلْمُقَرَّبِينَ
and those who heartily yield to you,	walmusallimīna laka biqulūbihim	وَٱلْمُسَلِّمِينَ لَكَ بِقُلُوبِهِمْ
O Commander of the Faithful,	yā amīra almu'minīna	يَا أَمِيرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
and those who speak of your virtue	walnnāṭiqīna bifaḍlika	وَٱلنَّاطِقِينَ بِفَضْلِكَ
and those who bear witness that you are surely honest, faithful, and veracious;	walshshāhidīna `alā annaka ṣādiqun amīnun ṣiddīqun	وَٱلشَّاهِدِينَ عَلَىٰ أَنَّكَ صَادِقٌ أَمِينٌ صِدِّيقٌ
salutations as well as Allah's mercy and blessings of all those be upon you.	`alayka wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
I bear witness that you are verily pure, immaculate, and purified	ashhadu annaka ṭuhrun ṭāhirun muṭahharun	أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ طُهْرٌ طَاهِرٌ مُطَهَّرٌ
and you are the descendant of the pure, immaculate, and purified ones.	min ṭuhrin ṭāhirin muṭahharin	مِنْ طُهْرٍ طَاهِرٍ مُطَهَّرٍ
I bear witness for you, O Intimate servant of Allah and loyal to Allah's Messenger,	ashhadu laka yā waliyya allāhi wa waliyya rasūlihī	أَشْهَدُ لَكَ يَا وَلِيَّ ٱللَّهِ وَوَلِيَّ رَسُولِهِ
that you did convey and carry out (your mission).	bilbalāghi wal-adā'i	بِٱلْبَلاَغِ وَٱلأَدَاءِ
I also bear witness that you are the duty		

that Allah has imposed (upon us) and the door to Him,	wa ashhadu annaka janbu allāhi wa bābuhū	وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ جَنْبُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَابُهُ
you are the beloved of Allah	wa annaka ḥabību allāhi	وَأَنَّكَ حَبِيبُ ٱللَّهِ
and the direction from which Allah is reached,	wa wajhuhū alladhī yu'tā minhu	وَوَجْهُهُ ٱلَّذِي يُؤْتَىٰ مِنْهُ
you are the path to Allah,	wa annaka sabīlu allāhi	وَأَنَّكَ سَبِيلُ ٱللَّهِ
and you are the servant of Allah	wa annaka `abdu allāhi	وَأَنَّكَ عَبْدُ ٱللَّهِ
and the brother of His Messenger—may Allah's blessings be upon him and his Household.	wa akhū rasūlihī ṣallā allāhu `alayhi wa ālihī	وَأَخُو رَسُولِهِ صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
I have come to you seeking nearness to Allah, to Whom belong all might and majesty, through my visit to you,	ataytuka mutaqarriban ilā allāhi `azza wa jalla biziyāratika	أَتَيْتُكَ مُتَقَرِّباً إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بِزِيَارَتِكَ
seeking your intercession for me,	rāghiban ilayka fī alshshafā`ati	رَاغِباً إِلَيْكَ فِي ٱلشِّفَاعَةِ
through which I hope for saving of myself from Hellfire,	abtaghī bishafā`atika khalāṣa raqabatī min alnnāri	أَبْتَغِي بِشَفَاعَتِكَ خَلَاصَ رَقَبَتِي مِنَ ٱلنَّارِ
seeking your protecting of myself from the Fire,	muta`awwidhan bika min alnnāri	مُتَعَوِّذاً بِكَ مِنَ ٱلنَّارِ
escaping my sins with which I have burdened my back,	hāriban min dhunūbiya allatī iḥtaṭabtuhā `alā ẓahrī	هَارِباً مِنْ ذُنُوبِيَ ٱلَّتِي ٱحْتَطَبْتُهَا عَلَىٰ ظَهْرِي
and having recourse to you in the hope for my Lord's mercy.	fazi`an ilayka rajā'a raḥmati rabbī	فَزِعاً إِلَيْكَ رَجَاءَ رَحْمَةِ رَبِّي
O my master, I have come to you seeking your intercession for me	ataytuka astashfi`u bika yā mawlāya	أَتَيْتُكَ أَسْتَشْفِعُ بِكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ
and I seek nearness to Allah through you	wa ataqarrabu bika ilā allāhi	وَأَتَقَرَّبُ بِكَ إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ
so that He may grant me all of my requests.	liyaqḍiya bika ḥawā'ijī	لِيَقْضِيَ بِكَ حَوَائِجِي
So, O Commander of the Faithful, (please) intercede for me before Allah,	fashfa` lī yā amīra almu'minīna ilā allāhi	فَٱشْفَعْ لِي يَا أَمِيرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ
for I am the servant of Allah, and I am your associate and visitor,	fa'innī `abdu allāhi wa mawlāka wa zā'iruka	فَإِنِّي عَبْدُ ٱللَّهِ وَمَوْلَاكَ وَزَائِرُكَ
and you enjoy with Allah a praiseworthy standing,	wa laka `inda allāhi almaqāmu almaḥmūdu	وَلَكَ عِنْدَ ٱللَّهِ ٱلْمَقَامُ ٱلْمَحْمُودُ
as well as a great esteem,	waljāhu al`aẓīmu	وَٱلْجَاهُ ٱلْعَظِيمُ
a high superiority,	walshsha'nu alkabīru	وَٱلشَّأْنُ ٱلْكَبِيرُ
and an acceptable right of intercession.	walshshafā`atu almaqbūlatu	وَٱلشَّفَاعَةُ ٱلْمَقْبُولَةُ
O Allah, (please do) send blessings		

upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad,	allāhumma ṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin	اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
and send blessings upon the Commander of the Faithful—	wa ṣalli `alā amīri almu'minīna	وَصَلِّ عَلَىٰ اَمِيرِ اَلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
your well-pleased servant,	`abdika almurtaḍā	عَبْدِكَ اَلْمُرْتَضَىٰ
your most faithful trustee,	wa amīnika al-awfā	وَاَمِينِكَ اَلاَوْفَىٰ
your firmest handle,	wa `urwatika alwuthqā	وَعُرْوَتِكَ اَلْوُثْقَىٰ
your highest hand,	wa yadika al`ulyā	وَيَدِكَ اَلْعُلْيَا
your uppermost side,	wa janbika al-a`lā	وَجَنْبِكَ اَلاَعْلَىٰ
your most excellent word,	wa kalimatika alḥusnā	وَكَلِمَتِكَ اَلْحُسْنَىٰ
your claim on the creatures,	wa ḥujjatika `alā alwarā	وَحُجَّتِكَ عَلَىٰ اَلْوَرَىٰ
your prime all-veracious,	wa ṣiddīqika al-akbari	وَصِدِّيقِكَ اَلاَكْبَرِ
the master of the Prophets' successors,	wa sayyidi al-awṣiyā'i	وَسَيِّدِ اَلاَوْصِيَاءِ
the pillar of the saints,	wa rukni al-awliyā'i	وَرُكْنِ اَلاَوْلِيَاءِ
the support of the elite ones,	wa `imādi al-aṣfiyā'i	وَعِمَادِ اَلاَصْفِيَاءِ
the commander of the faithful,	amīri almu'minīna	اَمِيرِ اَلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
the leader of the religion,	wa ya`sūbi alddīni	وَيَعْسُوبِ اَلدِّينِ
the example of the righteous ones,	wa qudwati alṣṣāliḥīna	وَقُدْوَةِ اَلصَّالِحِينَ
the chief of the choice ones,	wa imāmi almukhliṣīna	وَإِمَامِ اَلْمُخْلِصِينَ
the protected against defects,	alma`ṣūmi min alkhalali	اَلْمَعْصُومِ مِنَ اَلْخَلَلِ
the precluded against flaws,	almuhadhdhabi min alzzalali	اَلْمُهَذَّبِ مِنَ اَلزَّلَلِ
the purified from fault,	almuṭahhari min al`aybi	اَلْمُطَهَّرِ مِنَ اَلْعَيْبِ
the saved from doubt,	almunazzi min alrraybi	اَلْمُنَزَّهِ مِنَ اَلرَّيْبِ
the brother of Your Prophet,	akhī nabiyyika	اَخِي نَبِيِّكَ
the successor of Your Messenger,	wa waṣiyyi rasūlika	وَوَصِيِّ رَسُولِكَ
the one who sacrificed himself for Your Prophet [when he took his place on his bed],	albā'iti `alā firāshihī	اَلْبَائِتِ عَلَىٰ فِرَاشِهِ
the one who gave up his soul for Your Prophet,	walmuwāsī lahū binafsihī	وَاَلْمُوَاسِي لَهُ بِنَفْسِهِ

the one who removed agonies from Your Prophet,	wa kāshifi alkarbi `an wajhihī	وَكَاشِفِ ٱلْكَرْبِ عَنْ وَجْهِهِ
the one whom You chose to be the sword of Your Prophet's prophethood,	alladhī ja`altahū sayfan linubuwwatihī	ٱلَّذِي جَعَلْتَهُ سَيْفاً لِنُبُوَّتِهِ
the sign of his Messengership,	wa āyatan lirisālatihī	وَآيَةً لِرِسَالَتِهِ
the witness over his people,	wa shāhidan `alā ummatihī	وَشَاهِداً عَلَىٰ أُمَّتِهِ
the indication of his evidences,	wa dilālatan `alā ḥujjatihī	وَدَلاَلَةً عَلَىٰ حُجَّتِهِ
the bearer of his pennon,	wa ḥāmilan lirāyatihī	وَحَامِلاً لِرَايَتِهِ
the shield against his heart,	wa wiqāyatan limuhjatihī	وَوِقَايَةً لِمُهْجَتِهِ
the guide of his people,	wa hādiyan li'ummatihī	وَهَادِياً لأُمَّتِهِ
the powerful hand of his might,	wa yadan liba'sihī	وَيَداً لِبَأْسِهِ
the crown of his head,	wa tājan lira'sihī	وَتَاجاً لِرَأْسِهِ
the door to his secrets,	wa bāban lisirrihī	وَبَاباً لِسِرِّهِ
and the key to his victory,	wa miftāḥan liẓafarihī	وَمِفْتَاحاً لِظَفَرِهِ
until he defeated the armies of polytheism by Your permission,	ḥattā hazama juyūsha alshshirki bi'idhnika	حَتَّىٰ هَزَمَ جُيُوشَ ٱلشِّرْكِ بِإِذْنِكَ
annihilated the forces of infidelity by Your order,	wa abāda `asākira alkufri bi'amrika	وَأَبَادَ عَسَاكِرَ ٱلْكُفْرِ بِأَمْرِكَ
devoted himself to the pleasure of Your Messenger,	wa badhala nafsahū fī marḍati rasūlika	وَبَذَلَ نَفْسَهَ فِي مَرْضَاتِ رَسُولِكَ
and dedicated it to the obedience to him.	wa ja`alahā waqfan `alā ṭā`atihī	وَجَعَلَهَا وَقْفاً عَلَىٰ طَاعَتِهِ
So, O Allah, (please do) send upon him with endless, nonstop blessings.	faṣalli allāhumma `alayhi ṣalatan dā'imatan bāqiyatan	فَصَلِّ ٱللَّهُمَّ عَلَيْهِ صَلاَةً دَائِمَةً بَاقِيَةً

You may then add the following:

Peace be upon you, O intimate servant of Allah,	alssalāmu `alayka yā waliyya allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَلِيَّ ٱللَّهِ
the shining brightness,	walshshahābu alththāqibu	وَٱلشَّهَابُ ٱلثَّاقِبُ
and the endless light.	walnnūru al`āqibu	وَٱلنُّورُ ٱلْعَاقِبُ
O descendant of the pure ones!	yā salīla al-aṭā'ibi	يَا سَلِيلَ ٱلأَطَائِبِ
O secret of Allah!	yā sirra allāhi	يَا سِرَّ ٱللَّهِ
Verily, there are between Allah and me sins	inna baynī wa bayna allāhi ta`ālā dhnūban	إِنَّ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ ٱللَّهِ تَعَالَىٰ ذُنُوباً
that have burdened my back	qad athqalat ẓahrī	قَدْ أَثْقَلَتْ ظَهْرِي

and nothing can ease them except His pleasure;	wa lā ya'tī `alayhā illā riḍāhu	وَلاَ يَأْتِي عَلَيْهَا إِلاَّ رِضَاهُ
so, (I beg you) in the Name of Him Who has entrusted you with His secret	fabiḥaqqi man i'tamanaka `alā sirrihī	فَبِحَقِّ مَنِ ٱئْتَمَنَكَ عَلَىٰ سِرِّهِ
and assigned you to manage the affairs of His creatures	wastar`āka amra khalqihī	وَٱسْتَرْعَاكَ أَمْرَ خَلْقِهِ
to (please) be the interceder for me before Allah,	kun lī ilā allāhi shafī`an	كُنْ لِي إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ شَفِيعاً
to be my savoir from the Fire,	wa min alnnāri mujīran	وَمِنَ ٱلنَّارِ مُجِيراً
and to be my supporter against the vicissitudes of my time,	wa `alā alddahri ẓahīran	وَعَلَىٰ ٱلدَّهْرِ ظَهِيراً
for I am the servant of Allah and I am your loyalist and visitor.	fa'innī `abdu allāhi wa waliyyuka wa zā'iruka	فَإِنِّي عَبْدُ ٱللَّهِ وَوَلِيُّكَ وَزَائِرُكَ
May Allah send blessings upon you.	ṣallā allāhu `alayka	صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ

You may then offer a six-unit prayer, which is the Ziyārah Prayer, and supplicate for whatever you want. Then, you may say the following:

Peace be upon you, O Commander of the Faithful!	alssalāmu `alayka yā amīra almu'minīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَمِيرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
Peace of Allah be upon you forever	`alayka minnī salāmu allāhi abadan	عَلَيْكَ مِنِّي سَلاَمُ ٱللَّهِ أَبَداً
as long as I am alive and as long as days and nights come after each other.	mā baqītu wa baqiya allaylu walnnahāru	مَا بَقِيتُ وَبَقِيَ ٱللَّيْلُ وَٱلنَّهَارُ

You may then turn your face towards the tomb of Imam al-Ḥusayn (ʿa), point to it, and say the following:

Peace be upon you, O Abū-`Abdullāh.	alssalāmu `alayka yā abā `abdillāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon you, O son of Allah's Messenger.	alssalāmu `alayka yabna rasūli allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ
I have come to both of you visiting and begging you to be mediators	ataytukumā zā'iran wa mutawassilan	أَتَيْتُكُمَا زَائِراً وَمُتَوَسِّلاً
between me and Allah, the All-exalted, your and my Lord,	ilā allāhi ta`ālā rabbī wa rabbikumā	إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ تَعَالَىٰ رَبِّي وَرَبِّكُمَا
and I am turning my face to Allah in your names,	wa mutawajjihan ilā allāhi bikumā	وَمُتَوَجِّهاً إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ بِكُمَا
and seeking your intercession for me before Allah to grant me this request of mine, which is...	wa mustashfi`an bikumā ilā allāhi fī ḥājatī hādhihī...	وَمُسْتَشْفِعاً بِكُمَا إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ فِي حَاجَتِي هٰذِهِ...

You may then say the famous supplicatory prayer known as Du`ā' Ṣafwān (or Du`ā' `Alqamah), which will be cited after the famous Ziyārah of `Āshūrā', up to its end; i.e. up to this paragraph:

He is verily All-nigh, All-responding.	innahū qarībun mujībun	إِنَّهُ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبٌ

You may then face the kiblah direction and say the same Du`ā' Ṣafwān from its beginning:

O Allah! O Allah! O Allah!	yā allāhu yā allāhu yā allāhu	يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ
O He who gives answer to the cries of the persecuted!	yā mujība da`wati almuḍṭarrīna	يَا مُجِيبَ دَعْوَةِ ٱلْمُضْطَرِّينَ
O He who pulls out the grief-stricken from agony and anguish...	wa yā kāshifa karbi almakrūbīna...	يَا كَاشِفَ كُرَبِ ٱلْمَكْرُوبِينَ...

up to the following statements:

...and make me leave having my requests granted	waṣrifnī biqaḍā'i ḥājatī	وَٱصْرِفْنِي بِقَضَاءِ حَوَائِجِي
and having all my agonies relieved,	wa kifāyati mā ahammanī hammuhū	وَكِفَايَةِ مَا أَهَمَّنِي هَمُّهُ
including those of this world and those of the world to come.	min amri dunyāya wa ākhiratī	مِنْ أَمْرِ آخِرَتِي وَدُنْيَايَ
O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!	yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna	يَا أَرْحَمَ ٱلرَّاحِمِينَ

You may then turn your face toward the tomb of Amīr al-Mu'minīn (ʿa) and say the following words:

Peace be upon you, O Commander of the Faithful!	alssalāmu `alayka yā amīra almu'minīna	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَمِيرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
And peace be upon Abū-`Abdullāh al-Ḥusayn,	wa alssalāmu `alā abī `abdillāhi alḥusayni	وَٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ أَبِي عَبْدِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلْحُسَيْنِ
as long as I am alive and as long as day and night endure.	mā baqītu wa baqiya allaylu walnnahāru	مَا بَقِيتُ وَبَقِيَ ٱللَّيْلُ وَٱلنَّهَارُ
May Allah not make this visit of mine to be the last of my visit to both of you!	lā ja`alahū allāhu ākhira al`ahdi minnī liziyāratikumā	لاَ جَعَلَهُ ٱللَّهُ آخِرَ ٱلْعَهْدِ مِنِّي لِزِيَارَتِكُمَا
And may Allah never separate me from you!	wa lā farraqa allāhu baynī wa baynakumā	وَلاَ فَرَّقَ ٱللَّهُ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكُمَا

SEVENTH FORM OF ZIYĀRAH

This form of Ziyārah has been reported by Sayyid Ibn Ṭāwūs, in his book entitled Miṣbāḥ al-Zā'ir, who, instructing the method of this ziyārah, says:

When you stop at the Door of Peace (bāb al-salām: the gate of Imam `Alī's holy shrine) where you can see the holy tomb, you may repeat the following phrase forty-three times:

Allah is the Most Great.	allāhu akbar	ٱللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

You may then say the following words:

Peace of Allah and peace of His Archangels,	salāmu allāhi wa salāmu malā'ikatihī almuqarrabīna	سَلاَمُ ٱللَّهِ وَسَلاَمُ مَلاَئِكَتِهِ ٱلْمُقَرَّبِينَ
His missioned Prophets, and His righteous saints,	wa anbiyā'ihī almursalīna wa `ibādihī alṣṣāliḥīna	وَأَنْبِيَائِهِ ٱلْمُرْسَلِينَ وَعِبَادِهِ ٱلصَّالِحِينَ
and [peace of] all the martyrs and the veracious	wa jamī`i alshshuhadā'i walṣṣiddīqīna	وَجَمِيعِ ٱلشُّهَدَاءِ وَٱلصِّدِّيقِينَ
be upon you, O Commander of the Faithful.	`alayka yā amīra almu'minīna	عَلَيْكَ يَا أَمِيرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
Peace be upon Adam the choice of Allah.	alssalāmu `alā ādama ṣafwati allāhi	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ آدَمَ صَفْوَةِ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon Noah the prophet of Allah.	alssalāmu `alā nūḥin nabiyyi allāhi	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ نُوحٍ نَبِيِّ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon Abraham the intimate friend of Allah.	alssalāmu `alā ibrāhīma khalīli allāhi	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلِ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon Moses the spoken to by Allah.	alssalāmu `alā mūsā kalīmi allāhi	ٱلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ كَلِيمِ ٱللَّهِ

Peace be upon Jesus the Spirit of Allah.	alssalāmu `alā `īsā rūḥi allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ عِيسَىٰ رُوحِ ٱللَّهِ
Peace be upon Muḥammad the beloved by Allah.	alssalāmu `alā muḥammadin ḥabībi allāhi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ حَبِيبِ ٱللَّهِ
Allah's mercy and blessings be upon them, too.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
Peace be upon the pleased name of Allah,	alssalāmu `alā ismi allāhi alrraḍiyyi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّضِيِّ
His most elevated Face,	wa wajhihī al`aliyyi	وَوَجْهِهِ ٱلْعَلِيِّ
and His straight path.	wa ṣirāṭihī alssawiyyi	وَصِرَاطِهِ ٱلسَّوِيِّ
Peace be upon the refined, purified one.	alssalāmu `alā almuhadhdhabi alṣṣafiyyi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلْمُهَذَّبِ ٱلصَّفِيِّ
Peace be upon Abu'l-Ḥasan, `Alī the son of Abū-Ṭālib.	alssalāmu `alā abī alḥasani `aliyyi bni ab ī ṭālibin	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ أَبِي ٱلْحَسَنِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ
Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him, too.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
Peace be upon the choicest friend.	alssalāmu `alā khāliṣi al-akhillā'i	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ خَالِصِ ٱلأَخِلاَّءِ
Peace be upon the one particularly married to the doyenne of the women [of the world].	alssalāmu `alā almakhṣūṣi bisayyidati alnnisā'i	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلْمَخْصُوصِ بِسَيِّدَةِ ٱلنِّسَاءِ
Peace be upon the one born in the Ka`bah	alssalāmu `alā almawlūdi fī alka`bati	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلْمَوْلُودِ فِي ٱلْكَعْبَةِ
and married in the heavens.	almuzawwaji fī alssamā'i	ٱلْمُزَوَّجِ فِي ٱلسَّمَاءِ
Peace be upon the lion of Allah in battlefields.	alssalāmu `alā asadi allāhi fī alwaghā	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ أَسَدِ ٱللَّهِ فِي ٱلْوَغَىٰ
Peace be upon the one by whom Makkah and Minā have been honored.	alssalāmu `alā man shurrifat bihī makkatu wa minā	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مَنْ شُرِّفَتْ بِهِ مَكَّةُ وَمِنَىٰ
Peace be upon the one in charge of the Divine Pond and the bearer of the pennon [on the Resurrection Day].	alssalāmu `alā ṣāḥibi alḥawḍi wa ḥāmili alliwā'i	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ صَاحِبِ ٱلْحَوْضِ وَحَامِلِ ٱللِّوَاءِ
Peace be upon the fifth of the Cloak Members.	alssalāmu `alā khāmisi ahli al`abā'i	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ خَامِسِ أَهْلِ ٱلْعَبَاءِ
Peace be upon the one who replaced the Prophet in his bed	alssalāmu `alā albā'iti `alā firāshi alnnabiyyi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلْبَائِتِ عَلَىٰ فِرَاشِ ٱلنَّبِيِّ
and thus sacrificed himself for the Prophet against the enemies.	wa mufdīhi binafsihī min al-a`dā'i	وَمُفْدِيهِ بِنَفْسِهِ مِنَ ٱلأَعْدَاءِ
Peace be upon the one who plucked up the gate of Khaybar city and threw it far away in the air.	alssalāmu `alā qāli`i bābi khaybara walddāḥī bihī fī alfaḍā'i	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ قَالِعِ بَابِ خَيْبَرَ

وَٱلدَّاحِي بِهِ فِي ٱلْفَضَاءِ		
اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مُكَلِّمِ ٱلْفِتْيَةِ فِي كَهْفِهِمْ بِلِسَانِ ٱلأَنْبِيَاءِ	alssalāmu `alā mukallimi alfityati fī kahfihim bilisāni al-anbiyā'i	Peace be upon the one who spoke to the Seven Sleepers of Ephesus in their cave with the language of the Prophets.
اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مُنْبِعِ ٱلْقَلِيبِ فِي ٱلْفَلاَ	alssalāmu `alā munbi`i alqalībi fī alfalā	Peace be upon the one who caused a ruined well in the desert to spring forth with water.
اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ قَالِعِ ٱلصَّخْرَةِ	alssalāmu `alā qāli`i alṣṣakhrati	Peace be upon the one who moved a rock
وَقَدْ عَجَزَ عَنْهَا ٱلرِّجَالُ ٱلأَشِدَّاءُ	wa qad `ajaza `anhā alrrijālu al-ashiddā'u	after strong men could not even move it.
اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مُخَاطِبِ ٱلثُّعْبَانِ	alssalāmu `alā mukhāṭibi alththu`bāni	Peace be upon the one who spoke to a serpent
عَلَىٰ مِنْبَرِ ٱلْكُوْفَةِ بِلِسَانِ ٱلْفُصَحَاءِ	`alā minbari alkūfati bilisāni alfuṣaḥā'i	from the minbar (pulpit) of al-Kūfah Mosque with an eloquent language.
اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مُخَاطِبِ ٱلذِّئْبِ	alssalāmu `alā mukhāṭibi aldhdhi'bi	Peace be upon the one who spoke to a wolf
وَمُكَلِّمِ ٱلْجُمْجُمَةِ بِٱلنَّهْرَوَانِ	wa mukallimi aljumjumati bilnnahrawāni	and spoke to a skull
وَقَدْ نَخِرَتِ ٱلْعِظَامُ بِٱلْبِلَىٰ	wa qad nakhirat al`iẓāmu bilbilā	whose bones were decayed in al-Nahrawān.
اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ صَاحِبِ ٱلشَّفَاعَةِ فِي يَوْمِ ٱلْوَرَىٰ	alssalāmu `alā ṣāḥibi alshshafā`ati fī yawmi alwarā	Peace be upon the one granted the right of intercession on the Assembly Day.
وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him, too.
اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلإِمَامِ ٱلزَّكِيِّ حَلِيفِ ٱلْمِحْرَابِ	alssalāmu `alā al-imāmi alzzakiyyi ḥalīfi almiḥrābi	Peace be upon the pure leader who stuck to the miḥrāb (prayer niche).
اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ صَاحِبِ ٱلْمُعْجِزِ ٱلْبَاهِرِ	alssalāmu `alā ṣāḥibi almu`jizi albāhiri	Peace be upon the owner of astounding miracles
وَٱلنَّاطِقِ بِٱلْحِكْمَةِ وَٱلصَّوَابِ	walnnāṭiqi bilḥikmati walṣṣawābi	and who speaks with wisdom and sagacity.
اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مَنْ عِنْدَهُ تَأْوِيلُ ٱلْمُحْكَمِ وَٱلْمُتَشَابِهِ	alssalāmu `alā man `indahū ta'wīlu almuḥkami walmutashābihī	Peace be upon the one who holds the interpretation of the decisive and the allegorical [verses of the Holy Qur'ān]
وَعِنْدَهُ أُمُّ ٱلْكِتَابِ	wa `indahū ummu alkitābi	and holds the Basis of the [Holy] Book.
اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مَنْ رُدَّتْ عَلَيْهِ ٱلشَّمْسُ	alssalāmu `alā man ruddat `alayhi alshshamsu	Peace be upon the one to whom the sun was returned

after it had disappeared beyond the veils of night.	ḥīna tawārat bilḥijābi	حِينَ تَوَارَتْ بِٱلْحِجَابِ
Peace be upon the one who spent the dark nights with acts of worship and ponderation.	alssalāmu `alā muḥyī allayli albahīmi bilttahajjudi wal'ikti'ābi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مُحْيِي ٱللَّيْلِ ٱلْبَهِيمِ بِٱلتَّهَجُّدِ وَٱلِٱكْتِئَابِ
Peace be upon the one who was addressed by Archangel Gabriel as the Commander of the Faithful, without any doubt.	alssalāmu `alā man khāṭabahū jabra'īlu bi'imrati almu'minīna bighayri irtiyābin	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مَنْ خَاطَبَهُ جَبْرَئِيلُ بِإِمْرَةِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِغَيْرِ ٱرْتِيَابٍ
Allah’s mercy and blessings be upon him, too.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
Peace be upon the master of masters.	alssalāmu `alā sayyidi alssādāti	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِ ٱلسَّادَاتِ
Peace be upon the owner of miracles.	alssalāmu `alā ṣāḥibi almu`jizāti	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ صَاحِبِ ٱلْمُعْجِزَاتِ
Peace be upon the one whose campaigns in the battles were a source of astonishment for the angels of seven heavens.	alssalāmu `alā man `ajiba min ḥamalātihī fī alḥurūbi malā'ikatu sab`i samāwātin	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مَنْ عَجِبَ مِنْ حَمَلاَتِهِ فِي ٱلْحُرُوبِ مَلاَئِكَةُ سَبْعِ سَمَاوَاتٍ
Peace be upon the one who, when he consulted the Holy Messenger,	alssalāmu `alā man nājā alrrasūla	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مَنْ نَاجَىٰ ٱلرَّسُولَ
offered something in charity before his consultation.	faqaddama bayna yaday najwāhu ṣadaqātin	فَقَدَّمَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْ نَجْوَاهُ صَدَقَاتٍ
Peace be upon the commander of the armies and the leader of the battles.	alssalāmu `alā amīri aljuyūshi wa ṣāḥibi alghazawāti	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ أَمِيرِ ٱلْجُيُوشِ وَصَاحِبِ ٱلْغَزَوَاتِ
Peace be upon the one who spoke to a wolf in the desert.	alssalāmu `alā mukhāṭibi dhi'bi alfalawāti	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مُخَاطِبِ ذِئْبِ ٱلْفَلَوَاتِ
Peace be upon the light of Allah in murk.	alssalāmu `alā nūri allāhi fī alzzulumāti	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ نُورِ ٱللَّهِ فِي ٱلظُّلُمَاتِ
Peace be upon the one to whom the sun was returned	alssalāmu `alā man ruddat lahū alshshamsu	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مَنْ رُدَّتْ لَهُ ٱلشَّمْسُ
so that he could made up the prayer that he had missed.	faqaḍā mā fātahū min alṣṣalāti	فَقَضَىٰ مَا فَاتَهُ مِنَ ٱلصَّلاَةِ
Allah’s mercy and blessings be upon him, too.	wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuh	وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُه
Peace be upon the Commander of the Faithful.	alssalāmu `alā amīri almu'minīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ أَمِيرِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
Peace be upon the chief of the Prophets’ successors.	alssalāmu `alā sayyidi alwaṣiyyīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِ ٱلْوَصِيِّينَ
Peace be upon the example of the pious ones.	alssalāmu `alā imāmi almuttaqīna	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ إِمَامِ ٱلْمُتَّقِينَ
Peace be upon the inheritor of the Prophets’ knowledge.	alssalāmu `alā wārithi `ilmi alnnabiyyīna	

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ وَارِثِ عِلْمِ ٱلنَّبِيِّينَ

Peace be upon the head of the religion. — alssalāmu `alā ya`sūbi alddīni — اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ يَعْسُوبِ ٱلدِّينِ

Peace be upon the shelter of the believers. — alssalāmu `alā `iṣmati almu'minīna — اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ عِصْمَةِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Peace be upon the pattern of the veracious ones. — alssalāmu `alā qudwati alṣṣādiqīna — اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ قُدْوَةِ ٱلصَّادِقِينَ

Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him, too. — wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū — وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Peace be upon the argument of the upright ones. — alssalāmu `alā ḥujjati al-abrāri — اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ حُجَّةِ ٱلأَبْرَارِ

Peace be upon the father of the Immaculate Imams. — alssalāmu `alā abī al-a'immati al-aṭhāri — اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ أَبِي ٱلأَئِمَّةِ ٱلأَطْهَارِ

Peace be upon the one whom was given [the sword of] Dhu'l-Faqār exclusively. — alssalāmu `alā almakhṣūṣi bidhī alfaqāri — اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلْمَخْصُوصِ بِذِي ٱلْفَقَارِ

Peace be upon the one who shall water his adherents from the Pond of the Chosen Prophet, — alssalāmu `alā sāqī awliyā'ihī min ḥawḍi alnnabiyyi almukhtāri — اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ سَاقِي أَوْلِيَائِهِ مِنْ حَوْضِ ٱلنَّبِيِّ ٱلْمُخْتَارِ

may Allah's blessings be upon him and his Household as long as there is night and day coming after one another. — ṣallā allāhu `alayhi wa ālihī mā iṭṭarada allaylu walnnahāru — صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ مَا ٱطَّرَدَ ٱللَّيْلُ وَٱلنَّهَارُ

Peace be upon the Great News. — alssalāmu `alā alnnaba'i al`aẓīmi — اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلنَّبَإِ ٱلْعَظِيمِ

Peace be upon the one about whom the following verse was revealed by Almighty Allah: — alssalāmu `alā man anzala allāhu fīhi — اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ مَنْ أَنْزَلَ ٱللَّهُ فِيهِ:

"And, indeed, in the origin of the Book with Us, it is decided that `Alī is wise." — wa innahū fī ummi alkitābi ladaynā la`aliyyun ḥakīmun — "وَإِنَّهُ فِي أُمِّ ٱلْكِتَابِ لَدَيْنَا لَعَلِيٌّ حَكِيمٌ."

Peace be upon the straight path of Allah. — alssalāmu `alā ṣirāṭi allāhi almustaqīmi — اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ صِرَاطِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلْمُسْتَقِيمِ

Peace be upon the one whose characteristics are mentioned in the Torah, the Bible, and the Wise Qur'ān. — alssalāmu `alā alman`ūti fī alttawrāti wal-injīli walqur'āni alḥakīmi — اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ ٱلْمَنْعُوتِ فِي ٱلتَّوْرَاةِ وَٱلإِنْجِيلِ وَٱلْقُرْآنِ ٱلْحَكِيمِ

Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him, too. — wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū — وَرَحْمَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

You may then throw yourself on the tomb, kiss it, and say the following:

O trustee of Allah! — yā amīna allāhi — يَا أَمِينَ ٱللَّهِ

O argument of Allah!	yā ḥujjata allāhi	يَا حُجَّةَ ٱللَّهِ
O saint of Allah!	yā waliyya allāhi	يَا وَلِيَّ ٱللَّهِ
O path to Allah!	yā ṣirāṭa allāhi	يَا صِرَاطَ ٱللَّهِ
I, your servant and adherent, have visited you,	zāraka `abduka wa waliyyuka	زَارَكَ عَبْدُكَ وَوَلِيُّكَ
resorted to you tomb,	allā'idhu biqabrika	ٱللاَّئِذُ بِقَبْرِكَ
resided in your courtyard,	walmunīkhu raḥlahū bifinā'ika	وَٱلْمُنِيخُ رَحْلَهُ بِفِنَائِكَ
sought nearness to Allah the Almighty and All-majestic in the name of you,	almutaqarribu ilā allāhi `azza wa jalla	ٱلْمُتَقَرِّبُ إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ
and sought your intercession for me before Allah,	walmustashfi`u bika ilā allāhi	وَٱلْمُسْتَشْفِعُ بِكَ إِلَىٰ ٱللَّهِ
I am visiting you so sincerely that I have deserted my friends for so	ziyārata man hajara fīka ṣaḥbahū	زِيَارَةَ مَنْ هَجَرَ فِيكَ صَحْبَهُ
and I have relied upon you after Almighty Allah.	wa ja`alaka ba`da allāhi ḥasbahū	وَجَعَلَكَ بَعْدَ ٱللَّهِ حَسْبَهُ
I bear witness that you are the Mountain Ṭūr (mount of revelation),	ashhadu annaka alṭṭūru	أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ ٱلطُّورُ
the Written Book,	walkitābu almasṭūru	وَٱلْكِتَابُ ٱلْمَسْطُورُ
the outstretched fine parchment,	walrriqqu almanshūru	وَٱلرِّقُّ ٱلْمَنْشُورُ
and the swollen ocean of knowledge.	wa baḥru al`ilmi almasjūru	وَبَحْرُ ٱلْعِلْمِ ٱلْمَسْجُورُ
O saint of Allah!	yā waliyya allāhi	يَا وَلِيَّ ٱللَّهِ
Indeed, each visited person is expected to pay special attention to the one who visits and comes to him.	inna likulli mazūrin `ināyatan fī man zārahū wa qaṣadahū wa atāhu	إِنَّ لِكُلِّ مَزُورٍ عِنَايَةً فِي مَنْ زَارَهُ وَقَصَدَهُ وَأَتَاهُ
I, your adherent, have resided in your courtyard,	wa anā waliyyuka wa qad ḥaṭaṭtu raḥlī bifinā'ika	وَأَنَا وَلِيُّكَ وَقَدْ حَطَطْتُ رَحْلِي بِفِنَائِكَ
resorted to your holy precinct,	wa laja'tu ilā ḥaramika	وَلَجَأْتُ إِلَىٰ حَرَمِكَ
and had recourse to your tomb,	wa ludhtu biḍarīḥika	وَلُذْتُ بِضَرِيحِكَ
because I have full acquaintance with the great standing that you enjoy and the gear honor that you hold.	li`ilmī bi`aẓīmi manzilatika wa sharafi ḥaḍratika	لِعِلْمِي بِعَظِيمِ مَنْزِلَتِكَ وَشَرَفِ حَضْرَتِكَ
My sins have overburdened my back	wa qad athqalat aldhdhunūbu ẓahrī	وَقَدْ أَثْقَلَتِ ٱلذُّنُوبُ ظَهْرِي
and deprived me of sleep.	wa mana`atnī ruqādī	وَمَنَعَتْنِي رُقَادِي
Therefore, I can find no shelter, no haven,	famā ajidu ḥirzan wa lā ma`qilan	فَمَا أَجِدُ حِرْزاً وَلاَ مَعْقِلاً

and no refuge to which I resort save Almighty Allah,	wa lā malja'an alja'u ilayhi illā allāhu ta`ālā	وَلاَ مَلْجَاً اَلْجَاُ إِلَيْهِ إِلاَّ اَللَّهُ تَعَالَىٰ
my begging you to be my mediator to Him,	wa tawassulī bika ilayhi	وَتَوَسُّلِي بِكَ إِلَيْهِ
and my seeking your intercession for me before Him.	wastishfā`ī bika ladayhi	وَاَسْتِشْفَاعِي بِكَ لَدَيْهِ
I am thus residing in your courtyard	fahā ana nāzilun bifinā'ika	فَهَا اَنَا نَازِلٌ بِفِنَائِكَ
and you enjoy a great standing with Almighty Allah	wa laka `inda allāhi jāhun `aẓīmun	وَلَكَ عِنْدَ اَللَّهِ جَاهٌ عَظِيمٌ
as well as an honorable position;	wa maqāmun karīmun	وَمَقَامٌ كَرِيمٌ
therefore, (please) intercede for me before your Lord, O master!	fashfa` lī `inda allāhi rabbika yā mawlāya	فَاَشْفَعْ لِي عِنْدَ اَللَّهِ رَبِّكَ يَا مَوْلاَيَ

You may then kiss the tomb, turn your face towards the kiblah direction, and say the following supplicatory words:

O Allah, I do seek nearness to You,	allāhumma innī ataqarrabu ilayka	اَللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي اَتَقَرَّبُ إِلَيْكَ
O most Hearing of all those who can hear!	yā asma`a alssāmi`īna	يَا اَسْمَعَ اَلسَّامِعِينَ
O most Seeing of all those who can see!	wa yā abṣara alnnāẓirīna	وَيَا اَبْصَرَ اَلنَّاظِرِينَ
O quickest in reckon!	wa yā asra`a alḥāsibīna	وَيَا اَسْرَعَ اَلْحَاسِبِينَ
O most Generous of all those who are generous,	wa yā ajwada al-ajwadīna	وَيَا اَجْوَدَ اَلاَجْوَدِينَ
(I seek nearness to You) in the name of Muḥammad, the seal of the Prophets	bimuḥammadin khātami alnnabiyyīna	بِمُحَمَّدٍ خَاتَمِ اَلنَّبِيِّينَ
and Your Messengers to all created beings,	rasūlika ilā al`ālamīna	رَسُولِكَ إِلَىٰ اَلْعَالَمِينَ
and in the name of his brother and cousin,	wa bi-akhīhi wabni `ammihī	وَبِاَخِيهِ وَاَبْنِ عَمِّهِ
the hero and erudite,	al-anza`i albaṭīni	اَلاَنْزَعِ اَلْبَطِينِ
the manifestly knowledgeable,	al`ālimi almubīni	اَلْعَالِمِ اَلْمُبِينِ
`Alī, the Commander of the Faithful,	`aliyyin amīri almu'minīna	عَلِيٍّ اَمِيرِ اَلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
and (in the names of) al-Ḥasan and al-Ḥusayn, the two martyred Imams,	walḥasani walḥusayni al'imāmayni alshshahīdayni	وَاَلْحَسَنِ وَاَلْحُسَيْنِ اَلإِمَامَيْنِ اَلشَّهِيدَيْنِ
and (in the name of) `Alī ibn al-Ḥusayn, the adornment of the worshippers,	wa bi`aliyyi bni alḥusayni zayni al`ābid īna	وَبِعَلِيِّ بْنِ اَلْحُسَيْنِ زَيْنِ اَلْعَابِدِينَ
and (in the name of) Muḥammad ibn `Alī, the one who split the knowledge of the old ages,	wa bimuḥammadi bni `aliyyin bāqiri `ilmi al-awwalīna	وَبِمُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ بَاقِرِ عِلْمِ اَلاَوَّلِينَ

and (in the name of) Ja`far ibn Muḥammad, the purest among the veracious ones,	wa bija`fari bni muḥammadin zakiyyi alṣ ṣiddīqīna	وَبِجَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ زَكِيِّ ٱلصِّدِّيقِينَ
and (in the name of) Mūsā ibn Ja`far, the manifestly suppressor (of rage) and the imprisoned by the oppressors,	wa bimūsā ibni ja`farin alkāẓimi almub īni wa ḥabīsi alẓẓālimīna	وَبِمُوسَىٰ بْنِ جَعْفَرٍ ٱلْكَاظِمِ ٱلْمُبِينِ وَحَبِيسِ ٱلظَّالِمِينَ
and (in the name of) `Alī ibn Mūsā, the pleased and trusted,	wa bi`aliyyi bni mūsā alrriḍā al-amīni	وَبِعَلِيِّ بْنِ مُوسَىٰ ٱلرِّضَا ٱلأَمِينِ
and (in the name of) Muḥammad ibn `Alī, the magnanimous and the epitome of the guided ones (to the true path),	wa bimuḥammadi bni `aliyyin aljawādi `alami almuhtadīna	وَبِمُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ ٱلْجَوَادِ عَلَمِ ٱلْمُهْتَدِينَ
and (in the name of) `Alī ibn Muḥammad, the upright, the veracious, and the master of worshippers,	wa bi`aliyyi bni muḥammadin albarri alṣ ṣādiqi sayyidi al`ābidīna	وَبِعَلِيِّ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ ٱلْبَرِّ ٱلصَّادِقِ سَيِّدِ ٱلْعَابِدِينَ
and (in the name of) al-Ḥasan ibn `Alī al-`Askarī, the chief of the believers,	wa bilḥasani bni `aliyyin al`askariyyi waliyyi almu'minīna	وَبِٱلْحَسَنِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ ٱلْعَسْكَرِيِّ وَلِيِّ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
and (in the name of) the Successor, the Argument, the Patron of the Affair, and the Demonstrator of Proofs,	wa bilkhalafi alḥujjati ṣāḥibi al-amri muẓhiri albarāhīni	وَبِٱلْخَلَفِ ٱلْحُجَّةِ صَاحِبِ ٱلأَمْرِ مُظْهِرِ ٱلْبَرَاهِينِ
(I beseech You in the name of all these) to relieve the grievances that I experience,	an takshifa mā bī min alhumūmi	أَنْ تَكْشِفَ مَا بِي مِنَ ٱلْهُمُومِ
to save me from the evils of predetermined ordeals,	wa takfiyanī sharra albalā'i almaḥtūmi	وَتَكْفِيَنِي شَرَّ ٱلْبَلاَءِ ٱلْمَحْتُومِ
and to release me from the hot-winded fire,	wa tujīranī min alnnāri dhāti alssamūmi	وَتُجِيرَنِي مِنَ ٱلنَّارِ ذَاتِ ٱلسَّمُومِ
(I beseech You) in the name of Your mercy, O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!	biraḥmatika yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna	بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ ٱلرَّاحِمِينَ

Then, you may pray Almighty Allah to grant you your personal requests, bid farewell to the Imam (ʿa), and leave.

In his book of Farḥat al-Gharī, Sayyid `Abd al-Karīm ibn Ṭāwūs has reported that when Imam Zayn al-`Ābidīn (ʿa) visited al-Kūfah city and entered the famous mosque therein, he offered a two-unit prayer and then uttered a supplicatory prayer. Abū-Ḥamzah al-Thumālī, one of the chiefs and ascetic people of al-Kūfah, narrated that he heard an excellent accent from the Imam (ʿa); he therefore approached him to listen to what he was saying. The Imam (ʿa) thus was saying the famous supplicatory prayer that begins with the following statement:

O my God, If I have disobeyed You,	ilāhī in kuntu qad `aṣaytuka	إِلٰهِي إِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ عَصَيْتُكَ
I have indeed obeyed You in the nearest thing to You...	fa'innī qad aṭa`tuka fī aḥabbi al-ashyā'i ilayka...	فَإِنِّي قَدْ أَطَعْتُكَ فِي أَحَبِّ ٱلأَشْيَاءِ إِلَيْكَ...

This famous supplicatory prayer will be mentioned in the coming chapter of the Recommended Acts in al-Kūfah Mosque.[16]

Back to the narration, Abū-Ḥamzah al-Thumālī continued: The Imam (ʿa) then left and I followed him. At the public stall of the city, I found a black servant holding the reins of a camel and a she-camel. When I asked him about the man, the servant answered, "Do you really not know him? Have you not realized him from his noble characters? He is `Alī the son of al-Ḥusayn, peace be upon both of them."

Immediately, I threw myself on the Imam's feet kissing them. The Imam (ʿa) raised my head with his hand and said, "No, Ab

ū-Ḥamzah! Prostration must be done to none except Almighty Allah."

I said, "Son of Allah's Messenger, what has caused you to come to us?"

The Imam (ʿa) answered, "As you have seen (I came here to offer prayers at the al-Kūfah Mosque). If people realize the great favor that is obtained due to visiting this mosque, they shall visit it even crawling."

The Imam (ʿa) then offered me to accompany him for visiting the tomb of his grandfather, Imam `Alī ibn Abī-Ṭālib (ʿa).

I, of course, responded. Hence, I walked in the shadow of his riding camel while listening to his words until we arrived in al-Ghariyyayn (i.e. Najaf), which was a white area that shone with light. The Imam (ʿa) then rode off the camel, rolled his cheeks with the soil of that area, and said, "Abū-Ḥamzah, this is the tomb of my grandfather, `Alī ibn Abī-Ṭālib."

The Imam (ʿa) then visited Imam `Alī (ʿa) with a form of ziyārah that begins with the following statement:

Peace be upon the pleased name of Allah	alssalāmu `alā ismi allāhi alrraḍiyyi	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَىٰ اَسْمِ اللَّهِ اَلرَّضِيِّ
and the light of His Brilliant Face...	wa nūri wajhihī almuḍī'i...	وَنُورِ وَجْهِهِ اَلْمُضِيءِ...

The Imam (ʿa) then bid farewell and returned to al-Madīnah, while I also returned to al-Kūfah.

Unfortunately, the author of Farḥat al-Ghariyy has not mentioned this form of ziyārah; therefore, I, the author of this book, have searched for it in all forms of ziyārah that are decided for Imam `Alī's holy shrine, but I could not find any one beginning with the aforementioned statement except this one, which begins with the same statement but differs from it in the second statement. However, it is probable that this form of ziyārah is the same as the one Imam Zayn al-`Ābidīn (ʿa) said, because such insignificant difference between the two is usually disregarded.

Some people may object that there is another difference between the two forms of ziyārah, since the earlier begins with salāmullāhi wa salāmu malā'ikatihī... etc. while the latter begins with al-salāmu `alasmil-lāhir-raḍiyyi... etc.

To answer, the statement that precedes the one involved is regarded as form of asking for permission to enter (isti'dhān), while the form of the ziyārah begins with the statement involved. Our evidence on this claim proves itself when a comparison between this form of ziyārah and the other form, which is dedicated to the birthday of Imam `Alī (ʿa) is made, since these two forms are similar to great extent. Hence, please refer to the form involved so that you will discover the difference yourself.

Besides, the same opening statement of this form of ziyārah is mentioned in the beginning of the sixth form and the form that is dedicated to the birthday of the Imam (ʿa), with little difference in the second sentence.

To sum it up, I will mention no more general forms of ziyārah of Imam `Alī's holy shrine, since these seven forms are enough. However, one who desires for more may refer to the all-comprehensive forms of ziyārah (i.e. al-ziyārah al-Jāmi`ah) as well as the following form, which is dedicated to the Ghadīr Day.

A zā'ir must seize the opportunity of his/her presence in the holy shrine of Imam `Alī (ʿa) to offer as many prayers as possible, for one prayer in that place is equal (in reward) to two hundred thousand prayers that are offered at other places. Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) is reported to have said, "One who offers a four-unit prayer at the tomb of an obligatorily obeyed Imam shall have the reward of one time of ḥajj and one time of `umrah."

Furthermore, in my book of Hadiyyat al-Zā'ir, I have alluded to the reward of being in the vicinity of Imam `Alī's tomb. I have also concentrated on the point that it is obligatory to observe one's neighborhood, which is a difficult duty that can be hardly carried out. However, to elaborate on this matter leads us to lengthiness; therefore, one who desires to read about this matter is advised to see the book of Kelimeh Teyyibeh that is published in Persian.

BIDDING FAREWELL TO IMAM `ALĪ (ʿA)

One who intends to leave the holy shrine of Imam `Alī (ʿa) may say the following form of bidding farewell, which has been mentioned by the scholars after the previously cited fifth form of ziyārah:

Peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you.	alssalāmu `alayka wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhū	اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَةُ اَللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ
I entrust you with Allah and ask Him to keep you under His custody and to send blessings upon you.	astawdi`uka allāha wa astar`īka wa aqra'u `alayka alssalāma	اَسْتَوْدِعُكَ اَللَّهَ وَاَسْتَرْعِيكَ وَاَقْرَاُ عَلَيْكَ اَلسَّلاَمَ
We believe in Allah, in the Messengers,	āmannā billāhi wa bilrrusuli wa bimā	آمَنَّا بِاَللَّهِ وَبِالرُّسُلِ وَبِمَا جَاءَتْ

and in what they have conveyed to us,	jā'at bihī	بِهِ
in that to which they have called, and in that to which they have guided.	wa da`at ilayhi wa dallat `alayhi	وَدَعَتْ إِلَيْهِ وَدَلَّتْ عَلَيْهِ
So, (please, our Lord,) include us with the witnesses.	faktubnā ma`a alshshāhidīna	فَاكْتُبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ
O Allah, (please) do not decide this visit of mine to him (i.e. the Imam) to be the last,	allāhumma lā taj`alhu ākhira al`ahdi min ziyāratī iyyāhu	اَللَّهُمَّ لاَ تَجْعَلْهُ آخِرَ الْعَهْدِ مِنْ زِيَارَتِي إِيَّاهُ
and if you cause me to die before that,	fa'in tawaffaytanī qabla dhālika	فَإِنْ تَوَفَّيْتَنِي قَبْلَ ذٰلِكَ
then I bear witness in my death	fa'innī ashhadu fī mamātī	فَإِنِّي اَشْهَدُ فِي مَمَاتِي
to the same things to which I have born witness in my lifetime:	`alā mā shahidtu `alayhi fī ḥayātī	عَلَىٰ مَا شَهِدْتُ عَلَيْهِ فِي حَيَاتِي
I bear witness that `Alī the Commander of the Faithful,	ashhadu anna amīra almu'minīna `aliyyan	اَشْهَدُ اَنَّ اَمِيرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلِيّاً
and al-Ḥasan, al-Ḥusayn,	walḥasana walḥusayna	وَٱلْحَسَنَ وَٱلْحُسَيْنَ
`Alī ibn al-Ḥusayn,	wa `aliyya bna alḥusayni	وَعَلِيَّ بْنَ ٱلْحُسَيْنِ
Muḥammad ibn `Alī,	wa muḥammada bna `aliyyin	وَمُحَمَّدَ بْنَ عَلِيٍّ
Ja`far ibn Muḥammad,	wa ja`fara bna muḥammadin	وَجَعْفَرَ بْنَ مُحَمَّدٍ
Mūsā ibn Ja`far,	wa mūsā bna ja`farin	وَمُوسَىٰ بْنَ جَعْفَرٍ
`Alī ibn Mūsā,	wa `aliyya bna mūsā	وَعَلِيَّ بْنَ مُوسَىٰ
Muḥammad ibn `Alī,	wa muḥammada bna `aliyyin	وَمُحَمَّدَ بْنَ عَلِيٍّ
`Alī ibn Muḥammad,	wa `aliyya bna muḥammadin	وَعَلِيَّ بْنَ مُحَمَّدٍ
al-Ḥasan ibn `Alī,	walḥasana bna `aliyyin	وَٱلْحَسَنَ بْنَ عَلِيٍّ
and al-Ḥujjah (the Argument of Allah) ibn al-Ḥasan—	walḥujjata bna alḥasani	وَٱلْحُجَّةَ بنَ الْحَسَنِ
may Your blessings be upon all of them —are my Imams.	ṣalawātuka `alayhim ajma`īna a'immatī	صَلَوَاتُكَ عَلَيْهِمْ اَجْمَعِينَ اَئِمَّتِي
I also bear witness that all of those who have slain and fought against them are polytheists	wa ashhadu anna man qatalahum wa ḥārabahum mushrikūna	وَاَشْهَدُ اَنَّ مَنْ قَتَلَهُمْ وَحَارَبَهُمْ مُشْرِكُونَ
and that all of those who reject them shall be in the lowest class of Hellfire.	wa man radda `alayhim fī asfali darakin min aljaḥīmi	وَمَنْ رَدَّ عَلَيْهِمْ فِي اَسْفَلِ دَرَكٍ مِنَ ٱلْجَحِيمِ

I also bear witness that those who have fought against the Imams are our enemies	wa ashhadu anna man ḥārabahum lanā a`dā'un	وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مَنْ حَارَبَهُمْ لَنَا أَعْدَاءٌ
and we disavow them,	wa naḥnu minhum burā'u	وَنَحْنُ مِنْهُمْ بُرَاءُ
because they are indeed the party of Satan.	wa annahum ḥizbu alshshayṭāni	وَأَنَّهُمْ حِزْبُ ٱلشَّيْطَانِ
The curse of Allah, His angels and all the peoples be upon those who killed the Imams,	wa `alā man qatalahum la`natu allāhi walmalā'ikati walnnāsi ajma`īna	وَعَلَىٰ مَنْ قَتَلَهُمْ لَعْنَةُ ٱللَّهِ وَٱلْمَلاَئِكَةِ وَٱلنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ
and upon those who had any role in killing them and those who were pleased for their having been killed.	wa man sharika fīhim wa man sarrahū qatluhum	وَمَنْ شَرِكَ فِيهِمْ وَمَنْ سَرَّهُ قَتْلُهُمْ
O Allah, as I begin with invoking Your peace and blessings upon them,	allāhumma innī as'aluka ba`da alṣṣalati walttaslīmi	اَللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بَعْدَ ٱلصَّلاَةِ وَٱلتَّسْلِيمِ
I pray you to bless Muḥammad, `Alī,	an tuṣalliya `alā muḥammadin wa `aliyyin	أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلِيٍّ
Fāṭimah, al-Ḥasan, al-Ḥusayn,	wa fāṭimata walḥasani walḥusayni	وَفَاطِمَةَ وَٱلْحَسَنِ وَٱلْحُسَيْنِ
`Alī, Muḥammad, Ja`far, Mūsā,	wa `aliyyin wa muḥammadin wa ja`farin wa mūsā	وَعَلِيٍّ وَمُحَمَّدٍ وَجَعْفَرٍ وَمُوسَىٰ
`Alī, Muḥammad, `Alī, al-Ḥasan, and al-Ḥujjah,	wa `aliyyin wa muḥammadin wa `aliyyin walḥasani walḥujjati	وَعَلِيٍّ وَمُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلِيٍّ وَٱلْحَسَنِ وَٱلْحُجَّةِ
and not to decide this visit of me to his tomb to be the last,	wa lā taj`alhu ākhira al`ahdi min ziyāratihī	وَلاَ تَجْعَلْهُ آخِرَ ٱلْعَهْدِ مِنْ زِيَارَتِهِ
and if you decide so, then (please) include me with these Imams to whom I have referred.	fa'in ja`altahū faḥshurnī ma`a hā'ulā'i almusammayna al-a'immati	فَإِنْ جَعَلْتَهُ فَٱحْشُرْنِي مَعَ هٰؤُلاَءِ ٱلْمُسَمَّيْنَ ٱلأَئِمَّةِ
O Allah, (please) cause our hearts to be subservient to them by showing obedience to them, well-wishing,	allāhumma wa dhallil qulūbanā lahum bilṭṭā`ati walmunāṣaḥati	اَللَّهُمَّ وَذَلِّلْ قُلُوبَنَا لَهُمْ بِٱلطَّاعَةِ وَٱلْمُنَاصَحَةِ
love for them, support, and submission.	walmaḥabbati walmu'āzarati walttaslīmi	وَٱلْمَحَبَّةِ وَٱلْمُؤَازَرَةِ وَٱلتَّسْلِيمِ

([1]) To recognize the right of Imam `Alī (`a) is to acknowledge his divinely commissioned leadership, to carry out the obligation of the obedience to him, and to accept him as being the actual successor of the Holy Prophet (`a).

([2]) Ḥaydar, meaning a strong lion, is one of the names of Imam `Alī ibn Abī-Ṭālib (`a).

([3]) Shubbar and Shubayr are the equivalents of Ḥasan and Ḥusayn. They are reported to have been the names of the two sons of Prophet Aaron. (al-Kāfī; 4:214).

([4]) Munkar and Nakīr are the names of the two angels interrogating in the grave.

([5]) Shaykh al-Kafʿamī has considered this short form of Ziyārah to be one of the forms of Ziyārah of the Holy Prophet's tomb that should be said at the holy shrine of Imam `Alī (`a).

([6]) In this chapter, we will mention that Abū-Ḥamzah al-Thumālī reported that Imam Zayn al-`Ābidīn (`a) approached the Seventh Column of the mosque, took off his shoes, stopped, raised his hands to the level of his ears, and uttered one takbīr statement due to which the entire body of the reporter shuddered. The Imam (`a) then offered a four-unit prayer with excellent genuflection and prostration. Upon accomplishment, he uttered the supplicatory prayer involved.