



Supplication for last Night of Sha'ban and First Night of Ramadhan

Shaykh al-Ṭūsiy has narrated on the authority of Ḥarīth ibn Muḡhīrah al-Naḍriy that Imam al-Ṣadiq (a.s) used to say the following supplication at the last night of Sha`ban and the first night of Ramaḍan:

O Allah: verily, this blessed month, in which the Qur'an was revealed

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هَذَا الشَّهْرَ الْمُبَارَكَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ

and was made guidance for people and clear proofs of the guidance, and the Criterion (of right and wrong),

وَجَعَلَ هُدًى لِلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ

has commenced

قَدْ حَضَرَ

So, (please) keep us out of blemish during it,

فَسَلِّمْنَا فِيهِ

and keep it sound for us,

وَسَلِّمَهُ لَنَا

and receive it from us with means of easiness and good health from
You

وَتَسَلِّمَهُ مِنَّا فِي يُسْرٍ مِنْكَ وَعَافِيَةٍ،

O He Who has accepted the little (deed) and thanked for the much;

يَا مَنْ أَخَذَ الْقَلِيلَ وَشَكَرَ الْكَثِيرَ

(please) accept from me the little (deed).

اقْبَلْ مِنِّي الْيَسِيرَ.

O Allah: I beseech You to

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ

make for me a path to every decency,

تَجْعَلَ لِي إِلَى كُلِّ خَيْرٍ سَبِيلًا،

and to make for me a barrier against everything that You do not like

وَمِنْ كُلِّ مَا لَا تُحِبُّ مَانِعًا

O the most Merciful of all those who show mercy.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ،

O He Who has pardoned me and overlooked the misdeeds that I have committed secretly;

يَا مَنْ عَفَا عَنِّي وَعَمَّا خَلَوْتُ بِهِ مِنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ،

O He Who has not punished me for my committing acts of disobedience to Him:

يَا مَنْ لَمْ يُؤَاخِذْنِي بِارْتِكَابِ الْمَعَاصِي،

I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon, O the All-generous.

عَفُوكَ عَفُوكَ عَفُوكَ، يَا كَرِيمٌ.

O my God: You advised me, but I have not followed Your advice,

إِلَهِي وَعَظَّتَنِي فَلَمْ أَتَّعِظْ،

and You rebuked me for violating that which You have deemed forbidden, but I have not stopped,

وَزَجَرْتَنِي عَنْ مَحَارِمِكَ فَلَمْ أَنْزَجِرْ،

Now, what is my excuse?

فَمَا عُذْرِي؟

So, (please) pardon me, O the All-generous; I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon!

فَاعْفُ عَنِّي يَا كَرِيمٌ، عَفْوِكَ عَفْوِكَ.

O Allah: I beseech You

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ

for rest at death,

الرَّاحَةَ عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ،

and for pardon at calling to account.

وَالْعَفْوَ عِنْدَ الْحِسَابِ،

Great is the sin of Your servant; so, let Your overlooking him be excellent.

عَظُمَ الذَّنْبُ مِنْ عَبْدِكَ فَلِيَحْسُنِ التَّجَاوُزُ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ،

O He Who is worthy of being feared and is worthy of forgiving; I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon.

يَا أَهْلَ التَّقْوَى وَيَا أَهْلَ الْمَغْفِرَةِ، عَفْوِكَ عَفْوِكَ.

I Allah: I am Your servant and the son of Your servant and Your she-servant,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي عَبْدُكَ بِنُ عَبْدِكَ بِنُ أُمَّتِكَ

and I am weak and in need for Your mercy;

ضَعِيفٌ فَقِيرٌ إِلَى رَحْمَتِكَ،

and You are the Pourer of wealth and bless on the servants (of You),

وَأَنْتَ مُنْزِلُ الْغِنَى وَالْبَرَكَاتِ عَلَى الْعِبَادِ،

and You are omnipotent and full of power;

قَاهِرٌ مُقْتَدِرٌ

as You have recorded all their (i.e. Your servants) deeds,

أَخْصَيْتَ أَعْمَالَهُمْ،

and You have decided the sustenance of each one them,

وَقَسَمْتَ أَرْزَاقَهُمْ،

and You have made them of different languages and colors; in
different stages of creation;

وَجَعَلْتَهُمْ مُخْتَلِفَةً أَلْسِنَتُهُمْ وَأَلْوَانُهُمْ خَلْقًا مِنْ بَعْدِ خَلْقِي،

Your servants can never attain Your knowledge,

وَلَا يَعْلَمُ الْعِبَادُ عِلْمَكَ،

and Your servants can never recognize the real estimate that is due to
You

وَلَا يَقْدِرُ الْعِبَادُ قَدْرَكَ،

and all of us are needy for Your mercy;

وَكُلُّنَا فَقِيرٌ إِلَى رَحْمَتِكَ،

So, (please) do not turn Your Face away from me,

فَلَا تَصْرِفْ عَنِّي وَجْهَكَ،

and include me with the virtuous creatures of You in deeds, hopes,
and Your decisions (for me).

وَأَجْعَلْنِي مِنْ صَالِحِي خَلْقِكَ فِي الْعَمَلِ وَالْأَمَلِ وَالْقَضَاءِ
وَالْقَدْرِ.

O Allah: (please) keep me alive in the best manner of living,

اللَّهُمَّ أَبْقِنِي خَيْرَ الْبَقَاءِ،

and decide for me to die in the best manner of death keeping loyal to
Your representatives,

وَأَفْنِنِي خَيْرَ الْفَنَاءِ عَلَى مُوَالَاةِ أَوْلِيَائِكَ،

and incurring the enmity of Your enemies,

وَمُعَادَاةِ أَعْدَائِكَ

and keeping desiring for You and fearing from You,

وَالرَّغْبَةَ إِلَيْكَ، وَالرَّهْبَةَ مِنْكَ،

and submission, faithfulness, and compliance with You,

وَالْخُشُوعِ وَالْوَفَاءِ وَالتَّسْلِيمِ لَكَ،

and keeping belief in Your Book

والتَّصَدِيقِ بِكِتَابِكَ،

and following Your Prophet's instructions.

وَاتِّبَاعِ سُنَّةِ رَسُولِكَ.

O Allah: as for whatever I bear in my heart,

اللَّهُمَّ مَا كَانَ فِي قَلْبِي

including suspicion or doubt

مِنْ شَكٍّ أَوْ رَيْبَةٍ

or denial or despair

أَوْ جُحُودٍ أَوْ قُنُوطٍ

or (excessive) joy or lavish expenditure or recklessness

أَوْ فَرَحٍ أَوْ بَدَخٍ أَوْ بَطْرِ

or pride or arrogance or ostentation

أَوْ خِيَلَاءٍ أَوْ رِيَاءٍ أَوْ سُمْعَةٍ

or discord or hypocrisy

أَوْ شِقَاقٍ أَوْ نِفَاقٍ

or unbelief or licentiousness or disobedience

أَوْ كُفْرٍ أَوْ فُسُوقٍ أَوْ عِصْيَانٍ

or conceit or anything else that You do not like;

أَوْ عَظْمَةٍ أَوْ شَيْءٍ لَا تُحِبُّ،

I thus beseech You, O my Lord, to substitute all that with belief in
Your promise

فَأَسْأَلُكَ يَا رَبِّ أَنْ تُبَدِّلَنِي مَكَانَهُ إِيمَانًا بِوَعْدِكَ،

and fulfilling of my covenant to You

وَوَفَاءً بِعَهْدِكَ،

and satisfaction with what You decide for me

وَرِضًا بِقَضَائِكَ،

and indifference to the worldly pleasures

وَزُهْدًا فِي الدُّنْيَا،

and desire for that which You have

وَرَغْبَةً فِي مَا عِنْدَكَ،

and altruism and tranquility and sincere repentance;

وَأَثَرَةً وَطُمَأْنِينَةً وَتَوْبَةً نَّصُوحًا،

I beseech You for all that, O the Lord of the worlds.

أَسْأَلُكَ ذَلِكَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ.

O my God: because You are so forbearing, You are disobeyed as if
You are not present,

إِلَهِي أَنْتَ مِنْ حِلْمِكَ تُعْصَى فَكَأَنَّكَ لَمْ تُرَ،

and because You are so generous and magnanimous, You are obeyed
as if You have not been disobeyed at all

وَمِنْ كَرَمِكَ وَجُودِكَ تُطَاعُ فَكَأَنَّكَ لَمْ تُعْصَ،

Both those who have not disobeyed You and I are the inhabitants of
Your lands;

وَأَنَا وَمَنْ لَمْ يَعْصِكَ سَكَّانُ أَرْضِكَ

So, (please) confer magnanimously upon us with Your favors

فَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا بِالْفَضْلِ جَوَادًا،

and always refer to us with Your goodness

وَبِالْخَيْرِ عَوَادًا،

O the most Merciful of all those who show mercy.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ،

May Allah bless Muḥammad and his Household with endless blessings

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً

that are innumerable, uncountable, and none can do it save You,

لَا تُحْصَى وَلَا تُعَدُّ وَلَا يَقْدِرُ قَدْرَهَا غَيْرُكَ

O the most Merciful of all those who show mercy.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ