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Merits of Kufa City

Be it known to you that al-Kufa city is one of the four cities chosen by Almighty Allah exclusively. It is narrated that the word tur-sinin (Holy Qur'an, 95/2) mentioned in the Holy Qur'an is an indication of this city. According to another narration, this city is the sanctuary of Almighty Allah, the Holy Prophet (s), and Imam `Ali ('a), and to give one dirham as alms in this city is equal in rewarding to giving one hundred dirhams at other places, and to offer a two-unit prayer there is equal in rewarding to offering a hundred-unit prayer at other places.

Merits of Masjid al-Kufa

To mention all the merits of Masjid al-Kufa (the Kufa Mosque) cannot be covered in this book, because they are too many to be contained by one book. The least to mention in this respect is that this honorable mosque is one of the four mosques that are worthy of being visited so that the merits of such visit may be attained. It is also one of the four places where a traveler is free to perform the obligatory prayers either in the complete form (itmam) or in the shortened form (qasr). The reward of performing one obligatory prayer at Masjid al-Kufa is equal to the reward of going on one acceptable hajj and equal to the reward of performing one thousand prayers at other places.

In Masjid al-Kufa, according to narrations, all Prophets offered prayers, and the Awaited Imam - peace be upon him - will also offer prayer therein. In this connection, a hadith reads that one thousand Prophets and one thousand successors of Prophets offered prayers in Masjid al-Kufa. Moreover, some narrations may hint that this mosque is preferred in merits to the Holy Mosque in Jerusalem (al-masjid al-aqsa).

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Ibn Qawlawayh has reported Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (‘a) as saying, “If people were to realize the favors that they may attain when they visit Masjid al-Kufa, they should certainly travel to it from remote countries... One obligatory prayer in this mosque is equal in reward to (the reward of) one time of admitted hajj, and to offer a supererogatory prayer in this mosque is equal in reward to (the reward of) one admitted `umrah.”

However, according to another narration, the reward of one obligatory prayer and one supererogatory prayer that are performed in Masjid al-Kufa is equal to the reward of one hajj and one `umrah practiced with the Holy Prophet (s).

Shaykh al-Kulayni, as well as other scholars, has reported on the authority of our master reporters that Imam Ja`far al-Sadiq (‘a) asked Harun ibn Kharijah, “What is the distance between your house and Masjid al-Kufa? Is it one mile?”

“No,” answered Harun, “It is less than that.”

The Imam (‘a) asked, “Do you then perform all your prayers there?”

“No, in fact” answered Harun.

The Imam (‘a) commented, “Had I been present in the precinct of that mosque, I would have never missed any prayer that I can perform there. Do you know the merits of that place? All Prophets and virtuous saints offered prayers in Masjid al-Kufa, including the Holy Prophet Muhammad (s). When he was taken to the heavens, Archangel Gabriel said to him, ‘Muhammad, do you know where you are now? You are now opposite to the mosque of kufan.’ The Holy Prophet (s) thus asked permission from his Lord to visit the mosque and offer a two-unit prayer. He was thus permitted.

Verily, the right side of this mosque is a garden of Paradise, the middle of it is a garden of Paradise, and the back of it is also a

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garden of Paradise. To perform an obligatory prayer there is equal in reward to performing one thousand prayers (at other places). To offer a supererogatory prayer therein is equal in reward to offering five hundred prayers. To sit there without reciting or saying any devotional statement is considered worship. If people were to realize the merits of visiting this place, they would certainly come to it, even crawling.”

According to another narration, the reward of one obligatory prayer that is performed in Masjid al-Kufa is equal to the reward of going on hajj, and the reward of one supererogatory prayer that is offered there is equal to the reward of one `umrah.

At the end of the previously mentioned seventh untimed form of ziyarah of Imam `Ali (‘a), I have also referred to some merits of Masjid al-Kufa.

Finally, in the word of some narrations, the right side of this mosque is more favorable than its left side.

Devotional acts at Masjid al-Kufa

As is mentioned in the book of Misbah al-Za'ir and other books, the recommended devotional acts at Masjid al-Kufa are as follows:

You may begin with the following words when you enter the City of al-Kufa :

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَبِاللَّهِ

bismi allahi wa billahi

In the Name of Allah (I begin), in Allah (I trust),

وَفِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

wa fi sabili allahi

on the way of Allah (I proceed),

وَعَلَىٰ مِلَّةِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

wa `ala millati rasuli allahi

and the course of Allah's Messenger,

صَلَّىٰ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

salla allahu `alayhi wa alihi

peace be upon him and his Household, (I follow).

اللَّهُمَّ انزِلْنِي مُنْزَلًا مُّبَارَكًا

allahumma anzilni munzalan mubarakan

O Allah, (please do) enable me to reside blessedly

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وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْمُنْزِلِينَ

wa anta khayru almunzilina

and You are the best of those who enable to reside.

You may then walk toward the mosque, repeating the following statements :

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

allahu akbaru wa la ilaha illa allahu

Allah is the Most Great. There is no god but Allah.

وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ

walhamdu lillahi wa subhana allahi

All praise be to Allah. All glory be to Allah.

When you reach the gate of the mosque, you may stop there and say the following words :

السَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

alssalamu `ala sayyidina rasuli allahi

Peace be upon our master the Messenger of Allah,

مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ

muhammadi bni `abdillahi

Muhammad son of `Abdullah,

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وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

wa alihi alttahirina
and upon his immaculate progeny.

السَّلَامُ عَلَى أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

alssalamu `ala amiri almu'minina
Peace be upon the Commander of the Faithful,

عَلَى بَنِي أَبِي طَالِبٍ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

`aliyy bni abi talibin wa rahmatu allahi wa barakatuhu
`Ali the son of Abi-Talib. Allah's mercy and blessings be upon him,

وَعَلَى مَجَالِسِهِ وَمَشَاهِدِهِ

wa `ala majalisihi wa mashahidihi
upon his sessions, upon his meeting-places,

وَمَقَامِ حِكْمَتِهِ وَآثَارِ آبَائِهِ

wa maqami hikmatihi wa athari aba'ih
upon the places that witnessed his wisdom,
upon the traces of his forefathers:

آدَمَ وَنُوحَ وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ

adama wa nuhin wa ibrahima wa isma`ila
Adam, Noah, Abraham, and Ishmael,

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وَتَبْيَانِ بَيِّنَاتِهِ

wa tibyani bayyinatihi

and upon the places that witnessed the presentations
of his evidences.

السَّلَامُ عَلَى الْإِمَامِ الْحَكِيمِ الْعَدْلِ

alssalamu `ala al-imami alhakimi al`adli

Peace be upon the Imam: the wise, the just,

الصِّدِّيقِ الْاَكْبَرِ الْفَارُوقِ بِالْقِسْطِ

alssiddiqi al-akbari alfaruqi bilqisti

the grandest veracious, and the fair distinguisher

الَّذِي فَرَّقَ اللهُ بِهِ بَيْنَ الْحَقِّ وَالْبَاطِلِ

alladhi farraqa allahu bihi bayna alhaqqi walbatili

by whom Allah distinguished the right from the wrong,

وَالْكَفْرِ وَالْإِيْمَانِ

walkufri wal-imani

atheism from (true) belief,

وَالشِّرْكِ وَالتَّوْحِيدِ

walshshirki walttawhidi

and polytheism from monotheism,

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لِيَهْلِكَ مَنْ هَلَكَ عَنْ بَيِّنَةٍ

liyahlika man halaka `an bayyinat

so that he who would perish might perish by clear proof

وَيَحْيَا مَنْ حَيَّ عَنْ بَيِّنَةٍ

wa yahya man hayya `an bayyinat

and he who would live might live by clear proof.

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

ashhadu annaka amiru almu'minina

I bear witness that you are verily the commander of the faithful,

وَأَخَاصَّةُ نَفْسِ الْمُتَجَبِّينَ

wa khassatu nafsi almutajabina

the elite of the selves of the select ones,

وَزَيْنُ الصِّدِّيقِينَ

wa zaynu alsiddiqina

the adornment of the veracious ones,

وَصَابِرِ الْمُتَحَنِّينَ

wa sabiru almutahanina

and the most steadfast among the tried ones;

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وَأَنْتَ حَكَمَ اللَّهُ فِي أَرْضِهِ

wa annaka hakamu allahi fi arzih

and that you are verily the judge of Allah on His lands,

وَقَاضِي أَمْرِهِ وَبَابُ حِكْمَتِهِ

wa qazi amrihi wa babu hikmatih

the decider according to His orders, the door to His wisdom,

وَعَاقِدُ عَهْدِهِ وَالنَّاطِقُ بِوَعْدِهِ

wa `aqidu `ahdih walnnaṭiq biwa`dih

the maker of His pledge, the spokesman of His promise,

وَالْحَبْلُ الْبُوصُولُ بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ عِبَادِهِ

walhablu almawsulu baynahu wa bayna `ibadihi

the rope that is connected between His servants and Him,

وَكَهْفُ النِّجَاةِ وَمِنْهَاجُ التُّقَى

wa kahfu alnnajati wa minhaju alṭtuqa

the haven of redemption, the course of piety,

وَالدَّرَجَةُ الْعُلْيَا وَمُهَيِّنُ الْقَاضِيِ الْأَعْلَى

walddarajatu al`ulya wa muhayminu alqazi al-a`la

the most elevated rank, and the executor of the laws
of the Most Exalted Judge.

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يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

ya amira almu'minina

O Commander of the Faithful,

بِكَ اتَّقَرَّبُ إِلَى اللَّهِ زُلْفَى

bika ataqarrabu ila allahi zulfa

through you do I seek close nearness to Allah

أَنْتَ وَوَلِيِّي وَسَيِّدِي

anta waliyyi wa sayyidi

for you are my chief, master,

وَوَسِيلَتِي فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

wa wasilati fi alddunya wal-akhirati

and means (to Allah) in this world as well as the Hereafter.

You may then enter the mosque :

It is however more favorable to enter the mosque from the gate situated at the backside. This gate is known as bab al-fil (The Elephant Gate). You may then say the following words:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

allahu akbaru allahu akbaru allahu akbaru

Allah is the Most Great. Allah is the Most Great.

Allah is the Most Great.

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هَذَا مَقَامُ الْعَائِدِ بِاللَّهِ

hadha maqamu al`a'idhi billahi

This is the situation of him who seeks refuge with Allah,

وَبِحَبِّدِ حَبِيبِ اللَّهِ

wa bimuhammadin habibi allahi

with Muhammad the most beloved by Allah,

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

salla allahu `alayhi wa alihi

may Allah's peace be upon him and his Household,

وَبِوَلَايَةِ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

wa biwilayati amiri almu'minina

with the (Divinely commissioned) leadership of the
Commander of the Faithful,

وَالْإِئِمَّةِ الْبَهْدِيِّينَ الصَّادِقِينَ

wal-a'immati almahdiyyina alssadiqina

and with the Imams; the well-guided, the veracious,

النَّاطِقِينَ الرَّاشِدِينَ

alnnaatiqina alrrashidina

the spokesmen (of Allah), the orthodox,

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الَّذِينَ أَذْهَبَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ الرِّجْسَ

alladhina adhhaba allahu `anhumu alrrijsa
from whom Allah removed filth

وَطَهَّرَهُمْ تَطْهِيراً

wa tahharahum tathiran
and He purified them with thorough purification.

رَضِيتُ بِهِمُ ائِمَّةً وَهُدَاةً وَمَوْلَى

razitu bihim a'immatan wa hudatan wa mawaliyya
I accept them as leaders, guides, and masters.

سَلَّمْتُ لِأَمْرِ اللَّهِ لَا أُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئاً

sallamtu li'amri allahi la ushriku bihi shay'an
I succumb to the acts of Allah. I associate none with Him

وَلَا أَتَّخِذُ مَعَ اللَّهِ وَلِيّاً

wa la attakhidhu ma`a allahi waliyyan
and I do not betake any master other than Allah.

كَذَبَ الْعَادِلُونَ بِاللَّهِ

kadhaba al`adiluna billahi
Truly liars are those who set up equals with Allah

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وَضَلُّوا ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا

wa zallu zalalan ba`idan

as they have certainly strayed off in remote error.

حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ وَأَوْلِيَاءُ اللَّهِ

hasbiya allahu wa awliya'u allahi

Sufficient for me are Allah and the saints of Allah.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

ashhadu an la ilaha illa allahu

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah,

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

wahdahu la sharika lahu

alone without having any partner.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

wa ashadu anna muhammadan `abduhu wa rasuluhu

And I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant
and Messenger,

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

salla allahu `alayhi wa alihi

may Allah's blessings be upon him and his Household,

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وَأَنَّ عَلِيًّا وَالْإِئِمَّةَ الْبَهْدِيِّينَ مِنْ
ذُرِّيَّتِهِ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ

*wa anna `aliyyan wal-a'immata almahdiyyina min
dhurriyyatihi `alayhimu alssalamu*

and that `Ali and the well-guided Imams from his progeny,
peace be upon them all,

أَوْلِيَاءِي وَحُجَّةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى خَلْقِهِ

awliya'i wa hujjatu allahi `ala khalqihi
are my masters and the arguments of Allah
against His created beings.

Devotional acts at Maqam Ibrahim (a.s.)

You may then walk to the fourth column of the mosque, which is situated next to bab al-anmat and opposite to the fifth column.

This column is also called istiwanat ibrahim (the column of Prophet Abraham). You may then offer a four-unit prayer. In the first two units, you may recite Surah al-Fatihah and Surah al-Tawhid. In the other two units, you may recite Surah al-Fatihah and Surah al-Qadr (No. 97). When you finish, you may say tasbih al-zahra' litany and then say the following words :

السَّلَامُ عَلَىٰ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ الصَّالِحِينَ الرَّاشِدِينَ

alssalamu `ala `ibadi allahi alssalihina alrrashidina
Peace be upon the righteous, orthodox servants of Allah

الَّذِينَ أَذْهَبَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ الرِّجْسَ
وَطَهَّرَهُمْ تَطْهِيراً

alladhina adhhaba allahu `anhumu alrrijsa
wa tahharahum tathiran

from whom Allah has removed filth and purified them a thorough purification.

وَجَعَلَهُمْ أَنْبِيَاءَ مُرْسَلِينَ

wa ja`alahum anbiya'a mursalina
He also made them Prophets and Messengers

Devotional acts at Maqam Ibrahim (a.s.)

وَحُجَّةً عَلَى الْخَلْقِ أَجْمَعِينَ

wa hujjatan `ala alkhalqi ajma`ina

and set them as arguments against all the created beings.

وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ

wa salamun `ala almursalina

Peace be upon the Messengers

وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

walhamdu lillahi rabbi al`alamina

and all praise be to Allah the Lord of the worlds.

ذَلِكَ تَقْدِيرُ الْعَزِيزِ الْعَلِيمِ

dhalika taqdiru al`azizi al`alimi

This is the arrangement of the Mighty, Knowing Lord.

You may then repeat the following statement seven times :

سَلَامٌ عَلَى نُوحٍ فِي الْعَالَمِينَ

salamun `ala nuhin fi al`alamina

Peace and salutation to Noah among the nations.

Devotional acts at Maqam Ibrahim (a.s.)

You may then say the following words :

نَحْنُ عَلَى وَصِيَّتِكَ يَا وَلِيَّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

nahnu `ala wasiyyatika ya waliyya almu'minina

O master of the believers, we are abiding by your precept

الَّتِي أَوْصَيْتَ بِهَا ذُرِّيَّتَكَ

allati awsayta biha dhurriyyataka

that you provided to your offspring:

مِنَ الرُّسُلِينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ

min almursalina walssiddiqina

the Messengers and the veracious ones.

وَنَحْنُ مِنْ شِيعَتِكَ

wa nahnu min shi`atika

And we are among your adherents

وَشِيعَةِ نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

wa shi`ati nabiyyina muhammadin

and among the adherents of our Prophet Muhammad,

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

salla allahu `alayhi wa alihi

peace of Allah be upon him and his Household

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وَعَلَيْكَ وَعَلَىٰ جَمِيعِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

wa `alayka wa `ala jami`i almursalina
and upon you as well as all the Messengers,

وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالصَّادِقِينَ

wal-anbiya'i walssadiqina
Prophets, and veracious ones.

وَنَحْنُ عَلَىٰ مِلَّةِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

wa nahnu `ala millati ibrahima
And we are also following the doctrine of Abraham,

وَدِينِ مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ

wa dini muhammadin alnnabiyyi al-ummiyyi
the religion of Muhammad the Meccan Prophet,

وَالْإِئِمَّةِ الْبَهْدِيِّينَ

wal-a'immati almahdiyyina
and the religion of the well-guided Imams,

وَوِلَايَةِ مَوْلَانَا عَلِيِّ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

wa wilayati mawlana `aliyyin amiri almu'minina
and we are loyal to the (Divinely commissioned)
leadership of `Ali, the Commander of the Faithful.

Devotional acts at Maqam Ibrahim (a.s.)

السَّلَامُ عَلَى الْبَشِيرِ النَّذِيرِ

alssalamu `ala albashiri alnnadhiri

Peace be upon the bearer of glad tidings (for the believers)
and the warner (against Allah's chastisement).

صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

salawatu allahi `alayhi

May Allah's peace,

وَرَحْمَتُهُ وَرِضْوَانُهُ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

wa rahmatuhu wa rizwanuhu wa barakatuhu
mercy, pleasure, and blessings be upon him,

وَعَلَى وَصِيِّهِ وَخَلِيفَتِهِ

wa `ala wasiyyihi wa khalifatih

and upon his successor and vicegerent:

الشَّاهِدِ لِلَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ عَلَى خَلْقِهِ

alshshahidi lillahi min ba`dih`ala khalqih

the witness on Allah's creatures after him (the Prophet),

عَلَى أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

`aliyyin amiri almu'minina

`Ali, the Commander of the Faithful,

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الصِّدِّيقِ الْاَكْبَرِ وَالْفَارُوقِ الْمُبِينِ

alssiddiqi al-akbari walfaruqi almubini

the grandest veracious, and the clear distinguisher
(between the right and the wrong),

الَّذِي اخَذَتْ بِيَعْتَهُ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ

alladhi akhadhta bay`atahu `ala al`alamina

whom You have ordered the peoples to swear allegiance to him.

رَضِيْتُ بِهِمْ اَوْلِيَاءَ وَمَوَالِيٍّ وَحُكَّامًا

razitu bihim awliya'a wa mawaliyya wa hukkaman

I thus accept them as masters, leaders, and rulers,

فِي نَفْسِي وَوُلْدِي وَاهْلِي وَمَالِي وَقِسْمِي

fi nafsi wa wuldi wa ahli wa mali wa qismi

over myself, my progeny, my family members, my property,
whatever sustenance You decide for me,

وَحِلِّي وَإِحْرَامِي وَإِسْلَامِي وَدِينِي

wa hilli wa ihrami wa islami wa dini

whatever is legal or illegal for me to do,
my being Muslim, my religion,

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وَدُنْيَايَ وَآخِرَتِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي

wa dunyaya wa akhirati wa mahyaya wa mamati
my worldly life, my Next Life,
my being kept alive, and my death.

أَنْتُمْ الْإِمَّةُ فِي الْكِتَابِ

antum al-a'immatu fi alkitabi
You (the Infallible Imams) are indeed the Imams
whom are mentioned in the (Holy) Book

وَفَصْلُ الْبِقَامِ وَفَصْلُ الْخِطَابِ

wa faslu almaqami wa faslu alkhitabi
and you are the clear leaders in all situations,
the clear judges,

وَاعْيُنُ الْحَيِّ الَّذِي لَا يَنَامُ

wa a`yunu alhayyi alladhi la yanamu
the eyes of the Ever-living Lord Who never sleeps,

وَأَنْتُمْ حُكَمَاءُ اللَّهِ

wa antum hukama'u allahi
and the judging representatives of Allah.

Devotional acts at Maqam Ibrahim (a.s.)

وَبِكُمْ حَكَمَ اللَّهُ وَبِكُمْ عُرِفَ حَقُّ اللَّهِ

wa bikum hakama allahu wa bikum `urifa haqqu allahi

Through you has Allah judged
and though you was the right of Allah recognized.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

la ilaha illa allahu muhammadun rasulu allahi

There is no god but Allah.
Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.

أَنْتُمْ نُورُ اللَّهِ مِنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِينَا وَمِنْ خَلْفِنَا

antum nuru allahi min bayni aydina wa min khalfina

You are the Light of Allah that lies before and behind us.

أَنْتُمْ سُنَّةُ اللَّهِ الَّتِي بِهَا سَبَقَ الْقَضَاءُ

antum sunnatu allahi allati biha sabaqa alqaza'u

You are the instructions of Allah that He has decided before all things.

يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

ya amira almu'minina

O Commander of the Faithful,

أَنَا لَكُمْ مُسَلِّمٌ تَسْلِيماً

ana lakum musallimun tasliman

I submit to you with thorough submission,

Devotional acts at Maqam Ibrahim (a.s.)

لَا أُشْرِكُ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئاً

la ushriku billahi shay'an

I never associate with Allah anything [or anyone],

وَلَا أَتَّخِذُ مِنْ دُونِهِ وَلِيّاً

wa la attakhidhu min dunihi waliyyan

and I never betake a master other than Him.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانِي بِكُمْ

alhamdu lillahi alladhi hadani bikum

All praise be to Allah Who has guided me to this,

وَمَا كُنْتُ لِأَهْتَدِيَ لَوْلَا أَنْ هَدَانِي اللَّهُ

wa ma kuntu li'ahyadiya lawla an hadaniya allahu

and I should never have been guided if Allah had not guided me.

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

allahu akbaru allahu akbaru allahu akbaru

Allah is the Most Great. Allah is the Most Great.

Allah is the Most Great.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَى مَا هَدَانَا

alhamdu lillahi `ala ma hadana

All praise be to Allah for that to which He has guided us.

Devotional acts in the Seat of Judgment and the Place of the Washtub

The seat of judgment (dakkat al-qaza') was a shop-like structure inside Masjid al-Kufa in which there was a bench that was used by Imam `Ali ('a) for judging. Next to this place, there was a short column on which the following holy verse was written :

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي
الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْبُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ
يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.

*innallaha yamuru bil'adle wal ehsan wa etae dhil-qurba
wa yanha 'anil fahshae wal munkar wal baghy yaezukum
la allakum tazakkarun.*

“Surely, Allah enjoins the doing of justice and the doing of good to others and the giving to the kindred, and He forbids indecency and evil and rebellion; He admonishes you that you may be mindful.”

The place of the washtub (bayt al-tast) is the place where one of the miracles of Imam `Ali ('a) was shown:

While an unmarried girl was swimming in a pool, a leech could penetrate into her body to settle in her womb. This leech fed on the blood of that girl and thus grew up. Hence, the girl's belly began to grow bigger and bigger that her brothers thought that she was illegally pregnant. As they intended to kill their sister, they first provided the case before Imam `Ali ('a) to decide about her. The Imam ('a) ordered that a thick curtain should be erected in one

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of the sides of the mosque (Masjid al-Kufa) behind which the girl would sit. The Imam ('a) then asked a famous midwife in al-Kufa city to check the girl. The answer of the midwife came as follows: "O Amir al-Mu'minin, this girl is pregnant. She carries a fetus in her womb."

However, the Imam ('a) ordered them to bring a washtub made of clay and he asked them to make that girl sit there. When the leech felt the stench of the clay, it sneaked out from where it had entered and it fell in the washtub. Thus, the innocence of the girl was proved.

According to other narrations, Imam `Ali ('a) extended his hand and brought a piece of ice from the mountains of Syria and put it in the washtub, causing the leech to come out.

Order of devotional Acts in Masjid al-Kufa :

Be it known to you that the order of doing the recommended acts in Masjid al-Kufa according to the opinion of the majority of scholars is that the acts to be done in the center of the mosque come directly after the acts at the fourth column. Hence, the acts of the seat of judgment and the place of washtub should be the last of all, which means that they are done after the accomplishment of the acts at the seat of Imam al-Sadiq ('a) (dakkat al-sadiq).

In this book, I imitate the order followed by Sayyid Ibn Tawus, in his book of Misbah al-Za'ir, `Allamah al-Majlisi, in his book of Bihar al-Anwar, and Shaykh Khazir, in his book of al-Mazar.

In conclusion, one who desires to follow the opinion of the majority of scholars may do the acts at the seat of judgment (dakkat al-qaza') and the place of washtub (bayt al-tast) after accomplishing all the other acts of Masjid al-Kufa.

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Back to the acts of dakkat al-qaza' and bayt al-tast, after finishing from the fourth column, you may walk to dakkat al-qaza' and offer there a two-unit prayer, reciting in each unit Surah al-Fatihah and any other Surah you like to recite. After accomplishment, you may say the famous Tasbih al-Zahra' litany and then say the following supplicatory words:

يَا مَالِكِي وَمُتَمَلِّكِي

ya maliki wa mumalliki

O He Who possesses me, He Who endows me with possessions,

وَمُتَغَبِّدِي بِالنِّعَمِ الْجِسَامِ

wa mutaghammidi bilnna`ami aljisami

and He Who encompasses me with enormous bounties

مِنْ غَيْرِ اسْتِحْقَاقٍ

min ghayri istihqaqin

albeit that I do not deserve them.

وَجْهِي خَاضِعٌ لِبَاتِعْلُوهُ الْاِقْدَامُ

wajhi khazi`un lima ta`luhu al-aqdamu

My face is humble to what is overtopped by feet

لِجَلَالِ وَجْهِكَ الْكَرِيمِ

lijalali wajhika alkarimi

due to the majesty of Your Noble Face.

لَا تَجْعَلْ هَذِهِ الشِّدَّةَ وَلَا هَذِهِ الْبِحْنَةَ

la taj'al hadhihi alshshiddata wa la hadhihi almihnata
(Please) do not make this hardship and this ordeal

مُتَّصِلَةً بِاسْتِصَالِ الشَّافَةِ

muttasalatan bistisali alshsha'fati
to be continual until they lead to the extirpation of the root.

وَأْمُنْحِنِي مِنْ فَضْلِكَ

wamnahni min fazlika
And (please) grant me from Your favor

مَا لَمْ تَبْنَحْ بِهِ أَحَدًا مِنْ غَيْرِ مَسْأَلَةٍ

ma lam tamnah bihi ahadan min ghayri mas'alatin
more than that which You have granted to any body who has not asked You to grant him.

أَنْتَ الْقَدِيمُ الْأَوَّلُ

anta alqadimu al-awwalu
You are verily the Eternal and the First Lord

الَّذِي لَمْ تَزَلْ وَلَا تَزَالُ

alladhi lam tazal wa la tazalu
Who has neither beginning nor end.

صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin
(please) send blessings upon Muhammad
and the Household of Muhammad,

وَاعْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْنِي

waghfir li warhamni
forgive me, have mercy on me,

وَزَكِّ عَمَلِي وَبَارِكْ لِي فِي أَجَلِي

wa zakki `amali wa barik li fi ajali
admit my deeds, bless my lifetime,

وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنْ عِتْقَائِكَ وَطُلُقَائِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ

waj`alni min `utaqa'ika wa tulaqa'ika min alnnari
and include me with those whom You release
and pardon from Hellfire,

بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

birahmatika ya arhama alrrahimina
in the name of Your mercy,
O most merciful of all those who show mercy.

At the place of the washtub, which is connected to the seat of judgment, you may offer a two-unit prayer. When you finish the prayer and say the Tasbih statements, you may say the following

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supplicatory words:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي ذَخَرْتُ تَوْحِيدِي إِيَّاكَ

allahumma inni dhakhartu tawhidi iyyaka

O Allah, I save (the reward of) my submission to Your Oneness,

وَمَعْرِفَتِي بِكَ وَإِخْلَاصِي لَكَ

wa ma`rifati bika wa ikhlasi laka

my recognition of You, my sincerity to You,

وَإِقْرَارِي بِرُبُوبِيَّتِكَ

wa iqrari birububiyyatika

and my bearing witness of Your Godhead,

وَذَخَرْتُ وِلَايَةَ مَنْ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ بِمَعْرِفَتِهِمْ

مِنْ بَرِيَّتِكَ

*wa dhakhartu wilayata man an`amta `alayya bima`rifatihim
min bariyyatika*

and I also save (the reward of) my loyalty to those with the
recognition of whom You have bestowed upon me:

مُحَمَّدٍ وَعِائِرَتِهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ

muhammadin wa `itratihi salla allahu `alayhim

namely, Muhammad and his Household,
peace of Allah be upon them,

لِيَوْمٍ فَزَعِي إِلَيْكَ عَاجِلًا وَ آجِلًا

liyawmi faza`i ilayka `ajilan wa ajilan

(I save all that) to the day of my taking refuge with You,
whether in this world or the Hereafter.

وَقَدْ فَزَعْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَإِلَيْهِمْ يَا مَوْلَايَ

wa qad fazi`tu ilayka wa ilayhim ya mawlaya

Thus, I am now taking refuge with You,
O my Master, and with them,

فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ وَفِي مَوْقِفِي هَذَا

fi hadha alyawmi wa fi mawqifi hadha

on this day and on this very situation,

وَسَأَلْتُكَ مَا زَكَ مِنْ نِعْمَتِكَ

wa sa`altuka ma zaka min ni`matika

and I thus beg You for Your increasing bounties,

وَإِزَاحَةَ مَا أَخْشَاهُ مِنْ نِقْمَتِكَ

wa izahata ma akhshahu min niqmatika

for removing from me Your chastisement that I fear,

وَالْبَرَكَاتَةَ فِي مَا رَزَقْتَنِيهِ

walbarakata fima razaqtanihi

for blessing all the sustenance which You grant me,

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وَتَحْصِينَ صَدْرِي مِنْ كُلِّ هَمٍّ

wa tahsina sadri min kulli hammin

and for immunizing my heart from receiving any grievous matter,

وَجَائِحَةٍ وَمَعْصِيَةٍ

wa ja'ihatin wa ma'siyatin

any calamity, or any act of disobedience to You,

فِي دِينِي وَدُنْيَايَ وَآخِرَتِي

fi dini wa dunyaya wa akhirati

regarding my religion, worldly life, and the Next Life.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

ya arhama alrrahimina

O most merciful of all those who show mercy.

It is narrated that Imam al-Sadiq ('a) offered a two-unit prayer in this place; the place of the washtub (bayt al-tast).

Prayers and Supplications in the Center of the Mosque

At the center of Masjid al-Kufa, you may offer a two-unit prayer, reciting in the first unit Surah al-Fatihah and Surah al-Tawhid, and in the second unit Surah al-Fatihah and Surah al-Kafirun (No. 109). After you finish the prayer and say the Tasbih statements, you may say the following:

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ السَّلَامُ

allahumma anta alssalamu
O Allah, You are the Peace.

وَمِنْكَ السَّلَامُ

wa minka alssalamu
You are the source of peace.

وَإِلَيْكَ يَعُودُ السَّلَامُ

wa ilayka ya`udu alssalamu
To You does peace belong.

وَدَارُكَ دَارُ السَّلَامِ

wa daruka daru alssalami
Your abode is the abode of peace.

حَيِّنَا رَبَّنَا مِنْكَ بِالسَّلَامِ

hayyina rabbana minka bilssلامي

So, our Lord, greet us with peace from You.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّى صَلَّيْتُ هَذِهِ الصَّلَاةَ

allahumma inni sallaytu hadhihi alssalata

O Allah, I have offered this prayer,

اِبْتِغَاءَ رَحْمَتِكَ وَرِضْوَانِكَ وَمَغْفِرَتِكَ

ibtigha'a rahmatika wa rizwanika wa maghfiratika

seeking Your mercy, pleasure, forgiveness,

وَتَعْظِيماً لِبَسْجِدِكَ

wa ta`ziman limasjidika

and as sign of my esteeming Your mosque.

اَللّٰهُمَّ فَصَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَاٰلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma fasalli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

O Allah, (please) send blessings upon Muhammad and the

Household of Muhammad,

وَارْفَعْهَا فِى عِلِّيِّينَ

warfa`ha fi `illiyyina

raise my prayer to the most elevated place,

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وَتَقَبَّلْهَا مِنِّي يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

wa taqabbalha minni ya arhama alrrahimina

and accept it from me,

O most merciful of all those who show mercy.

It is worth mentioning that the center of Masjid al-Kufa is also called dakkat al-mi`raj (Seat of the Ascension to the Heavens). Apparently, when the Holy Prophet (s), at the night of his Ascension, asked permission from Almighty Allah to visit this mosque, he offered his prayer at this place. Previously, I have mentioned the narration involving this incident.

Devotional acts at the Seventh Column [P. Adam (a.s.)]

The seventh column is the place where Almighty Allah guided Prophet Adam to ask for repentance. Hence, you may walk to this place, stop there, face the kiblah direction, and say the following words:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَبِاللَّهِ

bismi allahi wa billahi

In the Name of Allah (I begin), in Allah (I trust),

وَعَلَىٰ مِلَّةِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

wa `ala millati rasuli allahi

and the course of Allah's Messenger,

صَلَّىٰ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

salla allahu `alayhi wa alihi

peace be upon him and his Household, (I follow).

وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

wa la ilaha illa allahu

There is no god but Allah.

مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

muhammadun rasulu allahi

Muhammad is Allah's messenger.

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السَّلَامُ عَلَى آدَمَ وَإِمْنَا حَوَّاءَ

alssalamu `ala abina adama wa ummina hawwa'a
Peace be upon our father Adam and our mother Eve.

السَّلَامُ عَلَى هَابِيلَ الْبُقْتُولِ ظُلْمًا وَعُدْوَانًا

alssalamu `ala habila almaqtuli zulman wa `udwanan
Peace be upon Abel who was killed wrongly and aggressively,

عَلَى مَوَاهِبِ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانِهِ

`ala mawahibi allahi wa rizwanihi
because he was envied for Allah's favors and pleasure.

السَّلَامُ عَلَى شَيْثِ صَفْوَةِ اللَّهِ

alssalamu `ala shaythin safwati allahi
Peace be upon Sheeth, the select of Allah,

الْبُخْتَارِ الْأَمِينِ

almukhtari al-amini
the chosen and trustee,

وَعَلَى الصَّفْوَةِ الصَّادِقِينَ مِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ

wa `ala alssafwati alssadiqina min dhurriyyatih alttayyibina
and upon the veracious,
select ones from his immaculate progeny,

أَوَّلِهِمْ وَآخِرِهِمْ

awwalihim wa akhirihim
from the first to the last.

السَّلَامُ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ

alssalamu `ala ibrahima wa isma`ila
Peace be upon Abraham, Ishmael,

وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ

wa ishaqa wa ya`quba
Isaac, and Jacob,

وَعَلَىٰ ذُرِّيَّتِهِمُ الْمُبْتَارِينَ

wa `ala dhurriyyatihimu almukhtarina
and upon their chosen descendants.

السَّلَامُ عَلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ كَلِيمِ اللَّهِ

alssalamu `ala musa kalimi allahi
Peace be upon Moses the spoken by Allah.

السَّلَامُ عَلَىٰ عِيسَىٰ رُوحِ اللَّهِ

alssalamu `ala `isa ruhi allahi
Peace be upon Jesus the spirit of Allah.

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السَّلَامُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ
خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ

alssalamu `ala muhammadin ibni `abdillahi khatimi alnabiyyina
Peace be upon Muhammad the son of `Abdullah,
the seal of the Prophets.

السَّلَامُ عَلَى أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَذُرِّيَّتِهِ
الطَّيِّبِينَ

alssalamu `ala amiri almu'minina wa dhurriyyatihi alttayyibina
Peace be upon the Commander of the Faithful
and upon his immaculate progeny.

وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

wa rahmatu allahi wa barakatuhu
Allah's mercy and blessings be upon them.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الْأَوَّلِينَ

alssalamu `alaykum fi al-awwalina
Peace be upon you among the ancient generations.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الْآخِرِينَ

alssalamu `alaykum fi al-akhirini
Peace be upon you among the coming generations.

السَّلَامُ عَلَى فَاطِمَةَ الزَّهْرَاءِ

alssalamu `ala fatimata alzzahra'i

Peace be upon Fatimah al-Zahra' (the Luminous Lady).

السَّلَامُ عَلَى الْأَيْمَةِ الْهَادِيْنَ

alssalamu `ala al-a'immati alhadina

Peace be upon the guiding Imams:

شُهَدَاءِ اللَّهِ عَلَى خَلْقِهِ

shuhada'i allahi `ala khalqih

the witnesses of Allah upon His created beings.

السَّلَامُ عَلَى الرَّقِيبِ الشَّاهِدِ

عَلَى الْأَمَمِ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

alssalamu `ala alrraqibi alshshahidi

`ala al-umami lillahi rabbi al`alamina

Peace be upon the supervisor: the witness on the nations
for Allah the Lord of the worlds.

At the same place, you may offer a four unit prayer reciting in the first unit Surah al-Fatihah and Surah al-Qadr and reciting in the second unit Surah al-Fatihah and Surah al-Tawhid and repeat the same in the third and fourth units. When you finish this prayer and say the Tasbih statements, you may then say the following supplicatory words:

Devotional acts at the Seventh Column [P. Adam (a.s.)]

اللَّهُمَّ إِن كُنْتُ قَدْ عَصَيْتُكَ

allahumma in kuntu qad `asaytuka
O Allah, if I have disobeyed you,

فَإِنِّي قَدْ اطَّعْتُكَ فِي الْإِيمَانِ مِنِّي بِكَ

fa'inni qad ata`tuka fi al-imani minni bika
I have also obeyed you in my belief in You.

مَنَّامِنكَ عَلَيَّ لَا مَنَّامِنِّي عَلَيْكَ

mannan minka `alayya la mannan minni `alayka
This is out of Your favoring upon me, not a favor that I do to You.

وَاطَّعْتُكَ فِي أَحَبِّ الْأَشْيَاءِ لَكَ

wa ata`tuka fi ahabbi al-ashya'i laka
I have also obeyed You in the things that You most like:

لَمْ اتَّخِذْ لَكَ وَلَدًا

lam attakhidh laka waladan
I have not claimed that You have child

وَلَمْ ادْعُ لَكَ شَرِيكًا

wa lam ad`u laka sharikan
and I have not associated any one with You.

وَقَدْ عَصَيْتُكَ فِي أَشْيَاءَ كَثِيرَةٍ

wa qad `asaytuka fi ashya'a kathiratin
Yet, I have disobeyed You in many things,

عَلَى غَيْرِ وَجْهِ الْكِبْرَةِ لَكَ

`ala ghayri wajhi almukabarati laka
on account of neither defiance,

وَلَا الْخُرُوجِ عَنْ عُبُودِيَّتِكَ

wa la alkhuruji `an `ubudiyatika
nor mutiny against my servitude to You,

وَلَا الْجُحُودِ لِرُبُوبِيَّتِكَ

wa la aljuhudi lirububiyatika
nor denial of Your Godhead;

وَلَكِنْ اتَّبَعْتُ هَوَايَ

wa lakin ittaba`tu hawaya
rather, I only followed my lusts,

وَأَزَلَّنِي الشَّيْطَانُ بَعْدَ الْحُجَّةِ عَلَيَّ وَالْبَيَانَ

wa azallaniya alshshaytanu ba`da alhujjati `alayya walbayani
and Satan caused me to slip although You have had clear
argument against me.

Devotional acts at the Seventh Column [P. Adam (a.s.)]

فَإِنْ تُعَذِّبُنِي فَبِذُنُوبِي غَيْرَ ظَالِمٍ لِي

fa'in tu`adhdhibni fabidhunubi ghayra zalimin li

Thus, if You chastise me, then it is on account of my sins
and You are never unjust to me.

وَإِنْ تَعْفُ عَنِّي وَتَرْحَمْنِي

wa in ta`fu `anni wa tarhamni

And if You pardon me and have mercy upon me,

فَبِجُودِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا كَرِيمٌ

fabijudika wa karamika ya karimu

then this is out of Your magnanimity and generosity,
O All-generous.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ ذُنُوبِي لَمْ يَبْقَ لَهَا إِلَّا رَجَاءُ عَفْوِكَ

allahumma inna dhunubi lam yabqa laha illa raja'u `afwika

O Allah, nothing can stand for my sins except my hope
in Your pardon,

وَقَدْ قَدَّمْتُ آلَةَ الْحِرْمَانِ

wa qad qaddamtu alata alhirmani

although I have done things due to which
I deserve deprivation of Your pardon.

Devotional acts at the Seventh Column [P. Adam (a.s.)]

فَاِنَا سَاَلُكَ اللّٰهُمَّ مَا لَا اسْتَوْجِبُهُ

fa'ana as'aluka allahumma ma la astawjibuhu

Therefore, I beseech You, O Allah, for that which I do not deserve

وَاطْلُبُ مِنْكَ مَا لَا اسْتَحِقُّهُ

wa atlubu minka ma la astahiqquhu

and I seek from You that which I do not merit.

اللّٰهُمَّ اِنْ تَعَذَّبْتَنِي فَبِذُنُوبِي وَلَمْ تَتَّظَلِّبْنِي شَيْئاً

allahumma in tu`adhdhibni fabidhunubi wa lam tazlimni shay'an

O Allah, if you chastise me, then this will be on account
of my sins and You shall never be unjust to me.

وَ اِنْ تَغْفِرْ لِي فَخَيْرٌ رَّاحِمٍ اَنْتَ يَا سَيِّدِي

wa in taghfir li fakhayru rahimin anta ya sayyidi

But if You forgive me, then You are already the best of all those
who show mercy, O my Master.

اللّٰهُمَّ اَنْتَ اَنْتَ وَاَنَا اَنَا

allahumma anta anta wa ana ana

O Allah, You are what You are and I am what I am:

اَنْتَ الْعَوَّادُ بِالْمَغْفِرَةِ

anta al`awwadu bilmaghfirati

You are always returning with forgiveness

وَإِنَّا الْعَوَادُ بِالذُّنُوبِ

wa ana al`awwadu bildhdhnuhi
and I always return with sinning.

وَأَنْتَ الْبُتْفَضِّلُ بِالْحِلْمِ

wa anta almutafazzilu bilhilmi
You always confer with forbearance

وَإِنَّا الْعَوَادُ بِالْجَهْلِ

wa ana al`awwadu biljahli
and I always return with impatience.

اللَّهُمَّ فَإِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ يَا كَنْزَ الضُّعَفَاءِ

allahumma fa'inni as'aluka ya kanza alzzu`afa'i
O Allah, I do beseech You, O treasure of the weak,

يَا عَظِيمَ الرَّجَاءِ يَا مُنْقِذَ الْغَرَقَى

ya `azima alrraja'i ya munqidha algharqa
O He in Whom great hope is put, O rescuer of the drowned,

يَا مُنْجِيَ الْهَلْكَى يَا مُمِيتَ الْآحْيَاءِ

ya munjiya alhalka ya mumita al-ahya'i
O savior of those about to perish,
O He Who causes the alive to die,

يَا مُحْيِيَ الْمَوْتَى

ya muhyiya almawta

O He Who causes the dead to live again!

أَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

anta allahu la ilaha illa anta

You are Allah; there is no god but You.

أَنْتَ الَّذِي سَجَدَ لَكَ شُعَاعُ الشَّمْسِ

anta alladhi sajada laka shu`a`u alshshamsi

It is You before Whom has prostrated the ray of the sun,

وَدَوِيُّ الْمَاءِ وَخَفِيفُ الشَّجَرِ

wa dawiyyu alma'i wa hafifu alshshajari

the sound of water, the rustling of trees,

وَنُورُ الْقَبْرِ وَظُلْمَةُ اللَّيْلِ

wa nuru alqamari wa zulmatu allayli

and the moonlight, the murk of night,

وَضَوْءُ النَّهَارِ وَخَفَقَانُ الطَّيْرِ

wa zaw'u alnnahari wa khafaqanu attayri

the light of daytime, and the flapping of birds.

فَاسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ يَا عَظِيمٌ

fa-as'aluka allahumma ya `azimu

I thus beseech You, O All-great,

بِحَقِّكَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الصَّادِقِينَ

bihaqqika `ala muhammadin wa alihi alssadiqina

in the name of the duty of Muhammad
and his veracious Household towards You,

وَبِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الصَّادِقِينَ عَلَيْكَ

wa bihaqqi muhammadin wa alihi alssadiqina `alayka

in the name of Your duty towards Muhammad
and his veracious Household,

وَبِحَقِّكَ عَلَى عَلِيٍّ

wa bihaqqika `ala `aliyyin

in the name of the duty of `Ali towards You,

وَبِحَقِّ عَلِيٍّ عَلَيْكَ

wa bihaqqi `aliyyin `alayka

in the name of Your duty towards `Ali,

وَبِحَقِّكَ عَلَى فَاطِمَةَ

wa bihaqqika `ala fatimata

in the name of the duty of Fatimah towards You,

وَبِحَقِّ فَاطِمَةَ عَلَيْكَ

wa bihaqqi fatimata `alayka

in the name of Your duty towards Fatimah,

وَبِحَقِّكَ عَلَى الْحَسَنِ

wa bihaqqika `ala alhasani

in the name of the duty of al-Hasan towards You,

وَبِحَقِّ الْحَسَنِ عَلَيْكَ

wa bihaqqi alhasani `alayka

in the name of Your duty towards al-Hasan,

وَبِحَقِّكَ عَلَى الْحُسَيْنِ

wa bihaqqika `ala alhusayni

in the name of the duty of al-Husayn towards You,

وَبِحَقِّ الْحُسَيْنِ عَلَيْكَ

wa bihaqqi alhusayni `alayka

and in the name of Your duty towards al-Husayn.

فَإِنَّ حُقُوقَهُمْ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ أَفْضَلِ أَنْعَامِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ

fa'inna huquqahum `alayka min afzali in`amika `alayhim

Verily, Your duty towards them is one of the greatest blessings
that You conferred upon them.

وَبِالشَّانِ الَّذِي لَكَ عِنْدَهُمْ

wa bilshsha'ni alladhi laka `indahum

And (I beseech You) in the name of the position
that You enjoy with them

وَبِالشَّانِ الَّذِي لَهُمْ عِنْدَكَ

wa bilshsha'ni alladhi lahum `indaka

and in the name of the position that they enjoy with You

صَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ يَا رَبِّ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً مُنْتَهَى رِضَاكَ

salli `alayhim ya rabbi salatan da'imatan muntaha rizaka
to (please) bless them, O Lord, with blessings that are as endless
until they attain Your pleasure,

وَاعْفِرْ لِي بِهِمُ الذُّنُوبَ الَّتِي بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكَ

waghfir li bihim aldhdhunuba allati bayni wa baynaka
to forgive me, in their names, the sins that I committed
concerning my duties towards You,

وَارْضِ عَنِّي خَلْقَكَ

wa arzi `anni khalqaka

to make Your creatures to be satisfied with me,

وَأْتِمِّمْ عَلَيَّ نِعْمَتَكَ

wa atmim `alayya ni`mataka
to complete Your favors upon me

كَمَا أَتَمَمْتَهَا عَلَيَّ آبَائِي مِنْ قَبْلُ

kama atmamtaha `ala aba'i min qablu
in the same way as You had completed them
upon my forefathers,

وَلَا تَجْعَلْ لِأَحَدٍ مِنَ الْمَخْلُوقِينَ
عَلَيَّ فِيهَا امْتِنَانًا

wa la taj`al li'ahadin min almakhluqina `alayya fiha imtinanan
not to cause any of Your creatures to have any role
in these favors,

وَأَمُنْ عَلَيَّ كَمَا مَنَنْتَ عَلَيَّ آبَائِي مِنْ قَبْلُ

wamnun `alayya kama mananta `ala aba'i min qablu
to confer upon me with graces in the same way as You had
already done with my forefathers,

يَا كَهَيْعِضَ

ya kaf ha' ya' `ayn sad

Devotional acts at the Seventh Column [P. Adam (a.s.)]

اللَّهُمَّ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

allahumma kama sallayta `ala muhammadin wa alihi
O Allah, in the same way as You have poured blessings upon
Muhammad and his Household,

فَاسْتَجِبْ لِي دُعَائِي فِيمَا سَأَلْتُ

fastajib li du `a'i fima sa'altu
(please) respond to my entreaty as regards that which
I have asked from You,

يَا كَرِيمُ يَا كَرِيمُ يَا كَرِيمُ

ya karimu ya karimu ya karimu
O All-generous! O All-generous! O All-generous!

You may then prostrate yourself and say (while prostrating) the following supplicatory prayer :

يَا مَنْ يَقْدِرُ عَلَى حَوَائِجِ السَّائِدِينَ

ya man yaqdiru `ala hawa'iji alssa'ilina
O He Who has full power over settling the requests
of the beseechers

وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي ضَمِيرِ الصَّامِتِينَ

wa ya `lamu ma fi zamiri alssamitina
and Who knows what is hidden in the inner selves
of the silent ones.

يَا مَنْ لَا يَحْتَاجُ إِلَى التَّفْسِيرِ

ya man la yahtaju ila alttafsiri

O He Who does not require explanation.

يَا مَنْ يَعْلَمُ خَائِنَةَ الْأَعْيُنِ

ya man ya `lamu kha'inata al-a`yuni

O He Who knows the stealthy looks

وَمَا تُخْفِي الصُّدُورُ

wa ma tukhfi alssuduru

and that which the breasts conceal.

يَا مَنْ أَنْزَلَ الْعَذَابَ عَلَى قَوْمِ يُونُسَ

ya man anzala al`adhaba `ala qawmi yunusa

O He Who decided chastisement to befall
the people of (Prophet) Jonah

وَهُوَ يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُعَذِّبَهُمْ

wa huwa yuridu an yu`adhdhibahum

and as He decided to chastise them,

فَدَعَوْهُ وَتَضَرَّعُوا إِلَيْهِ

fada`awhu wa tazarra`u ilayhi

they prayed Him and besought Him;

Devotional acts at the Seventh Column [P. Adam (a.s.)]

فَكَشَفَ عَنْهُمْ الْعَذَابَ وَمَتَّعَهُمْ إِلَىٰ حِينٍ

fakashafa `anhum al`adhaba wa matta`ahum ila hinin
so, He removed from them the chastisement
and He gave them provision until a time.

قَدْ تَرَىٰ مَكَانِي وَتَسْمَعُ دُعَائِي

qad tara makani wa tasma`u du`a'i
You do see where I am, You do hear my prayer,

وَتَعْلَمُ سِرِّي وَعَلَانِيَّتِي وَحَالِي

wa ta`lamu sirri wa `alaniyati wa hali
You do know what I conceal, what I declare,
and in what situation I am:

صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin
(please) send blessings upon Muhammad
and the Household of Muhammad,

وَإِكْفِنِي مَا أَهْبَانِي

wakfini ma ahammani
and relieve me from all that which has aggrieved me

مِنْ أَمْرِ دِينِي وَدُنْيَايَ وَآخِرَتِي

min amri dini wa dunyaya wa akhirati

from the affairs of my religion, my worldly life, and my Next Life.

You may then repeat the following statement seventy times :

يَا سَيِّدِي

ya sayyidi

O my Master.

You may then raise your head from the state of prostration and say the following supplicatory prayer :

يَا رَبِّ اسْأَلْكَ بَرَكَاتَ هَذَا الْمَوْضِعِ

ya rabbi as'aluka barakata hadha almawzi'i

O my Lord, I pray You to grant me the blessing of this place

وَبَرَكَاتِ أَهْلِهِ

wa barakata ahlihi

and the blessing of its people.

وَاسْأَلْكَ أَنْ تَرْزُقَنِي مِنْ رِزْقِكَ

wa as'aluka an tarzuqani min rizqika

And I pray You to grant me sustenance from Your sustenance;

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رِزْقًا حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا

rizqan halalan tayyiban
sustenance that is legal and pleasant,

تَسْوِقُهُ إِلَيَّ بِحَوْلِكَ وَقُوَّتِكَ

tasuquhu ilayya bihawlika wa quwwatika
and that You bring it to me by Your might and power,

وَأَنَا خَائِضٌ فِي عَافِيَةٍ

wa ana kha'izun fi `afiyatin
while I experience good health,

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

ya arhama alrrahimina
O most merciful of all those who show mercy.

In the book of al-Mazar al-Qadim, it is mentioned that the following supplication may be said immediately after the abovementioned supplication that ends with *ya karimu ya karimu ya karimu*:

يَا مَنْ تَحَلُّ بِهٖ عُقَدُ الْبَكَارِيهِ

ya man tuhallu bihi `uqadu al-makarihi
O He through whom the knots of detested things are untied!

كَوَيَا مَنْ يُفْثَا بِهِ حَدُّ الشَّدَائِدِ

wa ya man yuftha'u bihi haddu alshshada'idi...

O He through whom the cutting edge of hardships is blunted!...

This supplication, which has been mentioned in the first section of this book under the title of du`a' al-amn (Supplication for Security), is one of the supplications of al-Sahifah al-Sajjadiyyah.

The writer of al-Mazar al-Qadim has added that the following supplication may be said:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ تَعْلَمُ وَلَا أَعْلَمُ

allahumma innaka ta`lamu wa la a`lamu

O Allah, You verily know while I do not,

وَتَقْدِرُ وَلَا أَقْدِرُ

wa taqdiru wa la aqdiru

You have power (over all things) while I do not,

وَأَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ

wa anta `allamu alghuyubi

and You are the Knower of all unseen things.

صَلِّ اللَّهُمَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

salli allahumma `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

(Please) send blessings upon Muhammad

and the Household of Muhammad,

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وَاعْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْنِي وَتَجَاوَزْ عَنِّي

waghfir li warhamni wa tajawaz `anni
forgive me, have mercy upon me, overlook my sins,

وَتَصَدَّقْ عَلَيَّ مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ

wa tasaddaq `alayya ma anta ahluhu
and confer upon me with that which is befitting You,

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

ya arhama alrrahimina
O most merciful of all those who show mercy.

Be it known to you that the narrations carrying the merits of the seventh column in Masjid al-Kufa are numerous. For instance, al-Kulayni has reported through an authoritative chain of authority that Imam `Ali Amir al-Mu'minin ('a) used to offer prayers next to the seventh column and the distance between him and this column was so close that one could hardly pass from there.

According to another validly reported narration, each night sixty thousand angels descend from the heavens to offer prayer at the seventh column and none of them returns until the Resurrection Day.

According to another validly reported tradition, Imam al-Sadiq ('a) has said, "The seventh column is the standing-place of Prophet Abraham ('a)."

In his book of al-Kafi, Shaykh al-Kulayni has also narrated that Abu-Isma`il al-Sarraj reported that Mu`awiyah ibn Wahab took him

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from the arm to the seventh column and said that Abu-Hamzah al-Thumali had taken him from the arm to this seventh column and said that al-Asbagh ibn Nubatah had taken him from the arm to this seventh column and said, "This is the place where Imam `Ali Amir al-Mu'minin ('a) used to be. Imam al-Hasan ('a) used to offer prayers at the fifth column, but when Imam `Ali ('a) would be absent, al-Hasan ('a) would take his place at the seventh column, which is at bab kindah (the Gate of Kindah)."

In conclusion, the narrations reporting the merits of the seventh column at Masjid al-Kufa are numerous; but because my course in this book is to sum up as much as possible, I will mention no more.

Devotional acts at the Fifth Column (Place of Archangel Gabriel)

The fifth column in al-Kufa Mosque is one of the peculiar places; therefore, it is advised not to miss offering a prayer there and not to miss supplicating Almighty Allah for granting the personal requests. According to an authoritative narration, Prophet Abraham (‘a) offered a prayer at this place.

As other narrations have mentioned that Prophet Abraham (‘a) offered prayers at other places in this mosque, this does not bring about contradiction between such narrations; rather, it means that Prophet Abraham (‘a) offered prayers at different places in this mosque.

According to another authoritative narration, Imam al-Sadiq (‘a) has said, “The fifth column is the standing-place of Archangel Gabriel (‘a).

It is also understood from an aforementioned narration that Imam al-Hasan (‘a) used to offer prayers at this place.

In conclusion, narrations have confirmed that the seventh and the fifth columns in Masjid al-Kufa are the most blessed places.

Sayyid Ibn Tawus says: At the fifth column, you may offer a two-unit prayer reciting any Surah you want after Surah al-Fatihah. When you finish the prayer and say the Tasbih statements, you may say the following supplicatory prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِجَمِيعِ اسْمَائِكَ كُلِّهَا

allahumma inni as'aluka bijami'i asma'ika kulliha

O Allah, I beseech You in the name of all Your Names:

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مَا عَلِمْنَا مِنْهَا وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ

ma `alimna minha wa ma la na`lamu

those which we know and those which we do not.

وَاسْأَلْكَ بِاسْمِكَ الْعَظِيمِ الْاَعْظَمِ

wa as'aluka bismika al`azimi ala`zami

And I beseech You in the name of Your Great, All-great,

الْكَبِيرِ الْاَكْبَرِ

alkabiri alakbari

grand, and All-grand Name,

الَّذِي مَنْ دَعَاكَ بِهِ اجَبْتَهُ

alladhi man da`aka bihi ajabtahu

which if one beseeches You by it, You will respond to him,

وَمَنْ سَأَلَكَ بِهِ اعْطَيْتَهُ

wa man sa'alaka bihi a`taytahu

if one begs you by it, You will give him,

وَمَنْ اسْتَنْصَرَكَ بِهِ نَصَرْتَهُ

wa man istansaraka bihi nasartahu

if one asks You for victory by it, You will give him victory,

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وَمَنْ اسْتَغْفَرَكَ بِهِ غَفَرْتَ لَهُ

wa man istaghfaraka bihi ghafarta lahu
if one asks for Your forgiveness by it, You will forgive him,

وَمَنْ اسْتَعَانَكَ بِهِ اعْنَتْهُ

wa man ista`anaka bihi a`antahu
if one seeks Your aid by it, You will aid him,

وَمَنْ اسْتَرْزَقَكَ بِهِ رَزَقْتَهُ

wa man istarzaqaka bihi razaqtahu
if one solicits You by it for sustenance,
You will grant him sustenance,

وَمَنْ اسْتَغَاثَكَ بِهِ اغْثَتْهُ

wa man istaghathaka bihi aghathtahu
if one seeks Your help by it, You will help him,

وَمَنْ اسْتَرْحَمَكَ بِهِ رَحِمْتَهُ

wa man istarhamaka bihi rahimtahu
if one begs Your mercy by it, You will have mercy upon him,

وَمَنْ اسْتَجَارَكَ بِهِ اجْرْتَهُ

wa man istajaraka bihi ajartahu
if one seeks refuge with You by it, You will protect him,

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وَمَنْ تَوَكَّلَ عَلَيَّ بِهِ كَفَيْتَهُ

wa man tawakkala `alayka bihi kafaytahu
if one asks for Your support by it, You will support him,

وَمَنْ اسْتَعْصَبَكَ بِهِ عَصَبْتَهُ

wa man ista`samaka bihi `asamtahu
if one seeks Your shield by it, You will guard him,

وَمَنْ اسْتَنْقَذَكَ بِهِ مِنَ النَّارِ انْقَذْتَهُ

wa man istanqadhaka bihi min alnnari anqadhtahu
if one seeks You by it to save him from Hellfire, You will save him,

وَمَنْ اسْتَعْطَفَكَ بِهِ تَعَطَّفْتَ لَهُ

wa man ista`tafaka bihi ta`attafta lahu
if one seeks Your kindness by it, You will be kind to him,

وَمَنْ أَمَلَكَ بِهِ أَعْطَيْتَهُ

wa man ammalaka bihi a`taytahu
and if one puts hope in You by it, You will give him:

الَّذِي اتَّخَذْتَ بِهِ آدَمَ صَفِيًّا

alladhi ittakhadhta bihi adama safiyyan
the Name by which You have betaken Adam as Your choice,

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وَنُوحًا نَجِيًّا وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلًا

wa nuhan najiyyan wa ibrahima khalilan

Noah as Your confidant, Abraham as Your intimate friend,

وَمُوسَىٰ كَلِيمًا وَعِيسَىٰ رُوحًا

wa musa kaliman wa `isa ruhan

Moses as the one spoken by You, Jesus as Your spirit,

وَمُحَمَّدًا حَبِيبًا وَعَلِيًّا وَصِيًّا

wa muhammadan habiban wa `aliyyan wasiyyan

Muhammad as Your most beloved one,

and `Ali as Your Prophet's successor,

صَلَّىٰ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمُ اجْبَعِينَ

salla allahu `alayhim ajma`ina

may Your blessings be upon all of them,

أَنْ تَقْضِيَ لِي حَوَائِجِي

an taqziya li hawa'iji

(I beseech You) to grant me my requests,

وَتَعْفُو عَنَّا سَلَفَ مِنْ ذُنُوبِي

wa ta`fuwa `amma salafa min dhunubi

overlook my past sins,

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وَتَتَفَضَّلَ عَلَيَّ بِمَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ

wa tatafazzala `alayya bima anta ahluhu
and confer upon me with that which befits You

وَلِجَمِيعِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
لِلدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

wa lijami`i almu'minina walmu'minati lilddunya wal-akhirati
as well as upon all the believing men and women
in this world and the world to come.

يَا مُفَرِّجَ هَمِّ الْبُهْمُومِينَ

ya mufarrija hammi almahmumina
O He Who relieves the grievances of the aggrieved ones!

وَيَا غِيَاثَ الْبَلْهُوفِينَ

wa ya ghiyatha almalhufina
O He Who aids the confused ones!

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

la ilaha illa anta subhanaka ya rabba al`alamina
There is no god but You.
All glory be to You, O Lord of the worlds.

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It is narrated that Imam al-Sadiq ('a) instructed one of his companions to offer a two-unit prayer at the fifth column, for it is the place where Prophet Abraham ('a) used to offer prayers. The Imam ('a) then taught him to say there, while facing the kiblah direction, the aforementioned form of ziyarah that comprises the following statements:

كُالسَّلَامُ عَلٰى اَبِينَا اَدَمَ وَ اُمَّنَا حَوَّاءَ

alssalamu `ala abina adama wa ummina hawwa'a...

Peace be upon our father Adam and our mother Eve...

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Devotional acts at the Third Column [Station of Imam Zayn al-Abidin (a.s.)]

You may then walk to the seat of Imam `Ali ibn al-Husayn Zayn al-`Abidin (‘a) that is situated near the third column from the direction of bab kindah (the Gate of Kindah). Opposite to this place from the kiblah direction is the seat of Imam `Ali Amir al-Mu'minin (‘a) and from the west side is bab kindah, which is now blocked. It has been also said that one who wants to offer prayers there must stand five arms far from the column, since the actual place of the seat of Imam Zayn al-`Abidin (‘a) was there. Anyhow, you may offer there a two-unit prayer reciting Surah al-Fatihah and any other Surah you like. When you finish the prayer and say the Tasbih statements, you may say the following:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

bismi allahi alrrahman alrrahimi

In the Name of Allah; the All-beneficent, the All-merciful.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ ذُنُوبِي قَدْ كَثُرَتْ

allahumma inna dhunubi qad kathurat

O Allah, my sins have been growing

وَلَمْ يَبْقَ لَهَا إِلَّا رَجَاءُ عَفْوِكَ

wa lam yabqa laha illa raja'u `afwika

and nothing can stand for them except the hope in Your pardon

وَقَدْ قَدَّمْتُ آلَةَ الْحِرْمَانِ إِلَيْكَ

wa qad qaddamtu alata alhirmani ilayka
although I have done things due to which
I deserve deprivation of Your pardon.

فَإِنَّا سَأَلْنَاكَ اللَّهُمَّ مَا لَا اسْتَوْجِبُهُ

fa'ana as'aluka allahumma ma la astawjibuhu
Therefore, I beseech You, O Allah, for that which I do not deserve

وَاطْلُبُ مِنْكَ مَا لَا اسْتَحِقُّهُ

wa atlubu minka ma la astahiqquhu
and I seek from You that which I do not merit.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ تَعَذِّبَنِي فَبِذُنُوبِي

allahumma in tu`adhhibni fabidhunubi
O Allah, If you chastise me, then this will be on account of my sins

وَلَمْ تَظْلِمْنِي شَيْئاً

wa lam tazlimni shay'an
and You shall never be unjust to me.

وَإِنْ تَغْفِرْ لِي فَخَيْرٌ رَأِحِمَ أَنْتَ يَا سَيِّدِي

wa in tagfir li fakhayru rahimin anta ya sayyidi
But if You forgive me, then You are already the best of all those
who show mercy, O my Master.

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ أَنْتَ وَأَنَا أَنَا

allahumma anta anta wa ana ana

O Allah, You are what You are and I am what I am:

أَنْتَ الْعَوَّادُ بِالْبُغْفِرَةِ

anta al`awwadu bilmaghfirati

You always return with forgiveness

وَأَنَا الْعَوَّادُ بِالذُّنُوبِ

wa ana al`awwadu bildhdhnuhi

and I always return with sinning.

وَأَنْتَ الْبُتْفَضُّ بِالْحِلْمِ

wa anta almutafazzilu bilhilmi

You always confer with forbearance

وَأَنَا الْعَوَّادُ بِالْجَهْلِ

wa ana al`awwadu biljahli

and I always return with impatience.

اللَّهُمَّ فَإِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ

allahumma fa'inni as'aluka

O Allah, I do beseech You,

يَا كَنْزَ الضُّعْفَاءِ يَا عَظِيمَ الرَّجَاءِ

ya kanza alzzu`afa'i ya `azima alrraja'i

O treasure of the weak! O He in Whom great hope is put!

يَا مُنْقِذَ الْغَرَقَى يَا مُنْجِيَ الْهَلْكَى

ya munqidha algharqa ya munjiya alhalka

O rescuer of the drowned! O savior of those about to perish!

يَا مُمِيتَ الْاَحْيَاءِ يَا مُحْيِيَ الْمَوْتَى

ya mumita al-ahya'i ya muhyiya almawta

O He Who cause the alive to die!

O He Who causes the dead to live again!

اَنْتَ اللهُ الَّذِي لَا اِلَهَ اِلَّا اَنْتَ

anta allahu alladhi la ilaha illa anta

You are Allah; there is no god but You.

اَنْتَ الَّذِي سَجَدَ لَكَ شُعَاعُ الشَّمْسِ

anta alladhi sajada laka shu`a`u alshshamsi

It is You before Whom have prostrated the ray of the sun,

وَنُورُ الْقَبْرِ وَظُلْمَةُ اللَّيْلِ

wa nuru alqamari wa zulmatu allayli

the moonlight, the murk of night,

وَضَوْءُ النَّهَارِ وَخَفْقَانُ الطَّيْرِ

wa zaw'u alnnahari wa khafaqanu alttayri
the light of daytime, and the flapping of birds.

فَأَسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ يَا عَظِيمُ

fa-as'aluka allahumma ya `azimu
I thus beseech You, O All-great,

بِحَقِّكَ يَا كَرِيمُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الصَّادِقِينَ

bihaqqika ya karimu `ala muhammadin wa alihi alssadiqina
in the name of the duty of Muhammad and his veracious
Household towards You, O All-generous,

وَبِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الصَّادِقِينَ عَلَيْكَ

wa bihaqqi muhammadin wa alihi alssadiqina `alayka
in the name of Your duty towards Muhammad
and his veracious Household,

وَبِحَقِّكَ عَلَى عَلِيٍّ

wa bihaqqika `ala `aliyyin
in the name of the duty of `Ali towards You,

وَبِحَقِّ عَلِيٍّ عَلَيْكَ

wa bihaqqi `aliyyin `alayka
in the name of Your duty towards `Ali,

وَبِحَقِّكَ عَلَى فَاطِمَةَ

wa bihaqqika `ala fatimata
in the name of the duty of Fatimah towards You,

وَبِحَقِّ فَاطِمَةَ عَلَيْكَ

wa bihaqqi fatimata `alayka
in the name of Your duty towards Fatimah,

وَبِحَقِّكَ عَلَى الْحَسَنِ

wa bihaqqika `ala alhasani
in the name of the duty of al-Hasan towards You,

وَبِحَقِّ الْحَسَنِ عَلَيْكَ

wa bihaqqi alhasani `alayka
in the name of Your duty towards al-Hasan,

وَبِحَقِّكَ عَلَى الْحُسَيْنِ

wa bihaqqika `ala alhusayni
in the name of the duty of al-Husayn towards You,

وَبِحَقِّ الْحُسَيْنِ عَلَيْكَ

wa bihaqqi alhusayni `alayka

and in the name of Your duty towards al-Husayn.

فَإِنَّ حُقُوقَهُمْ مِنْ أَفْضَلِ أَنْعَامِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ

fa'inna huquqahum min afzali in`amika `alayhim

Verily, Your duty towards them is one of the greatest blessings that You conferred upon them.

وَبِالشَّانِ الَّذِي لَكَ عِنْدَهُمْ

wa bilshsha'ni alladhi laka `indahum

And (I beseech You) in the name of the position that You enjoy with them

وَبِالشَّانِ الَّذِي لَهُمْ عِنْدَكَ

wa bilshsha'ni alladhi lahum `indaka

and in the name of the position that they enjoy with You

صَلِّ يَا رَبِّ عَلَيْهِمْ

salli ya rabbi `alayhim

to (please) bless them, O Lord,

صَلَاةٌ دَائِمَةٌ مُنْتَهَى رِضَاكَ

salatan da'imatan muntaha rizaka

with blessings that are endless until they attain Your pleasure,

وَاعْفِرْ لِي بِهِمُ الذُّنُوبَ الَّتِي بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكَ

waghfir li bihim aldhhdhunuba allati bayni wa baynaka
to forgive me, in their names, the sins that I committed
concerning my duties towards You,

وَأْتِمِّمْ نِعْمَتَكَ عَلَيَّ

wa atmim ni`mataka `alayya
to complete Your favors upon me

كَمَا أَتَمَّمْتَهَا عَلَى آبَائِي مِنْ قَبْلُ

kama atmamtaha `ala aba'i min qablu
in the same way as You had completed them upon my forefathers.

يَا كَهَيْعُضَ

ya kaf ha ya `ayn sad

اللَّهُمَّ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma kama sallayta `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin
O Allah, just as You have poured blessings upon Muhammad
and the Household of Muhammad,

فَاسْتَجِبْ لِي دُعَائِي فِيمَا سَأَلْتُكَ

fastajib li du`a'i fima sa'altuka
(please) respond to my entreaty as regards
that which I have asked from You.

Devotional acts at the Third Column[Station of Imam Zayn al-Abidin (a.s.)]

You may then prostrate yourself and stick your right cheek to the ground and repeat as much as possible the following statements with reverence and weeping :

يَا سَيِّدِي يَا سَيِّدِي يَا سَيِّدِي

ya sayyidi ya sayyidi ya sayyidi

O my Master! O my Master! O my Master!

صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

Bless Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

وَاعْفُرْ لِي وَاعْفُرْ لِي...

waghfir li waghfir li...

and forgive me. Please, forgive me...

Repeat these words with tearful humility.

You may then stick your left cheek to the ground and repeat the same words.

You may then supplicate Almighty Allah for anything you want.

Devotional acts at the Courtyard of the mosque

Immediately after their reference to the acts to be advisably done at the fourth column, Shaykh al-Shahid and Muhammad ibn al-Mashhadi have included this act with the other acts that are done at the courtyard of the mosque.

They have added that one may offer a four-unit prayer in the first two units of which one may recite Surah al-Fatihah and Surah al-Tawhid and the last two units one may recite Surah al-Fatihah and the Surah al-Qadr.

After accomplishment, one may say the Tasbih al-Zahra' litany... etc.

Some books have mentioned that the following instruction of Imam al-Sadiq (as) to one of his companions may be carried out in place of Imam Zainul Abidin(as)

However this instruction is not dedicated to this place; rather, to the courtyard of Masjid al-Kufah when Imam mentioned that when you pass by the mosque in the mornings then perform this.

إِلٰهِيْ اِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ عَصَيْتُكَ

ilahi in kuntu qad `asaytuka
O Allah, if I have disobeyed you,

فَاِنِّيْ قَدْ اطَعْتُكَ فِيْ اَحَبِّ الشَّيْءِ اِلَيْكَ

fa'inni qad ata`tuka fi ahabbi al-ashya'i ilayka
I have also obeyed you in the things that You most like.

Devotional acts at the Courtyard of the mosque

لَمْ اتَّخِذْ لَكَ وَلَدًا

lam attakhidh laka waladan

I have not claimed that You have child

وَلَمْ ادْعُ لَكَ شَرِيكًا

wa lam ad`u laka sharikan

and I have not associated any one with You.

وَقَدْ عَصَيْتُكَ فِي أَشْيَاءَ كَثِيرَةٍ

wa qad `asaytuka fi ashya'a kathiratin

Yet, I have disobeyed You in many things

عَلَى غَيْرِ وَجْهِ الْكِبَارَةِ لَكَ

`ala ghayri wajhi almukabarati laka

on account of neither defiance,

وَلَا إِسْتِكْبَارٍ عَنْ عِبَادَتِكَ

wa la alistikbari `an `ibadatika

nor my being too arrogant to serve You,

وَلَا الْجُحُودِ لِرُبُوبِيَّتِكَ

wa la aljuhudi lirububiyatika

nor denial of Your Godhead,

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وَلَا الْخُرُوجِ عَنِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ لَكَ

wa la alkhuruji `an al`ubudiyati laka
nor mutiny against my servitude to You;

وَلَكِنْ اتَّبَعْتُ هَوَايَ

wa lakin ittba`tu hawaya
rather, I only followed my lusts

وَأَزَلَّنِي الشَّيْطَانُ بَعْدَ الْحُجَّةِ وَالْبَيَانِ

wa azallaniya alshshaytanu ba`da alhujjati walbayani
and Satan caused me to slip although You have clear argument
against me.

فَإِنْ تُعَذِّبْنِي فَبِذُنُوبِي غَيْرِ ظَالِمٍ أَنْتَ لِي

fa'in tu`adhhibni fabidhunubi ghayra zalimin anta li
Thus, if You chastise me, then it is on account of my sins
and You are never unjust to me.

وَإِنْ تَعْفُ عَنِّي وَتَرْحَمْنِي

wa in ta`fu `anni wa tarhamni
And if You pardon me and have mercy upon me,

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فَبِجُودِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا كَرِيمُ

fabijudika wa karamika ya karimu

then this is out of Your magnanimity and generosity,
O All-generous!

You may also say the following:

غَدَوْتُ بِحَوْلِ اللَّهِ وَقُوَّتِهِ

ghadawtu bihawli allahi wa quwwatihi

I begin this day with the might and power of Allah.

غَدَوْتُ بِغَيْرِ حَوْلٍ مِنِّي وَلَا قُوَّةٍ

ghadawtu bighayri hawlin minni wa la quwwatin

I do not begin it with my might or power;

وَلَكِنْ بِحَوْلِ اللَّهِ وَقُوَّتِهِ

wa lakin bihawli allahi wa quwwatihi

rather, with Allah's might and power.

يَا رَبِّ اسْأَلُكَ بَرَكَاتَ هَذَا الْبَيْتِ وَبَرَكَاتَ أَهْلِهِ

ya rabbi as'aluka barakata hadha albayti wa barakata ahlihi

O my Lord, I beseech You for the blessing of this house
and the blessing of its people

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وَاسْأَلْكَ أَنْ تَرْزُقَنِي رِزْقًا حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا

wa as'aluka an tarzuqani rizqan halalan tayyiban
and I pray You to grant me sustenance from Your sustenance;
sustenance that is legal and pleasant,

تَسُوْقُهُ إِلَيَّ بِحَوْلِكَ وَقُوَّتِكَ

tasuquhu ilayya bihawlika wa quwwatika
and that You bring it to me by Your might and Power,

وَإِنَّا خَائِضٌ فِي عَافِيَتِكَ

wa ana kha'izun fi `afiyatika
while I experience good health.

According to an authoritative narration, Abu-Hamzah al-Thumali reported that he was one day sitting in the grand mosque of al-Kufa when a man entered from bab kindah. His face was indeed the prettiest, he smelt the nicest perfume, and he put on the cleanest dress. He also put a turban, a shirt, and a jubbah (a type of long open cloth coat with wide sleeves). As he was also wearing Arabian slippers, he took them off when he entered the mosque. He then stopped near the sixth column of the mosque, raised his hands to the level of his ears and uttered a takbir statement (i.e. saying allahu-akbar) that was so reverent that my entire body shivered. He then offered a four-unit prayer with excellent genuflection and prostration. At accomplishment, he uttered the supplicatory prayer that begins with this statement:

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إِلٰهِيْ اِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ عَصَيْتُكَ فَاِنِّيْ قَدْ اطَعْتُكَ
فِيْ اَحَبِّ الْاَشْيَاءِ اِلَيْكَ ...

*ilahi in kuntu qad `asaytuka fa'inni qad ata`tuka fi ahabbi al-
ashya'i ilayka...*

O my God, if I have disobeyed You, I have indeed obeyed You
in the nearest thing to You...

When he reached at the statement:

يَا كَرِيْمُ يَا كَرِيْمُ يَا كَرِيْمُ

ya karimu ya karimu ya karimu

O All-generous! O All-generous! O All-generous!

He prostrated himself and repeated this word as much as one
breath may take. He then said while prostrating:

يَا مَنْ يَقْدِرُ عَلٰى حَوَائِجِ السَّائِدِيْنَ ...

ya man yaqdiru `ala hawa'iji alssa'ilina...

O He Who has full power over granting the requests
of the beseechers...

He then repeated the following word seventy times:

يَا سَيِّدِيْ

ya sayyidi

O my Master.

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When he raised his head, I looked at him closely and could conclude that he was Zayn al-`Abidin (‘a). I thus kissed his hand and asked him what had caused him to come to the mosque. The Imam (‘a) answered, “As you have seen.” (i.e. I came here to offer prayers the al-Kufa Mosque)... etc.

At the end of the seventh form of the untimed ziyarah of Imam `Ali (‘a), we have mentioned this story but with a little difference due to the difference of the reports. We have also mentioned that the Imam (‘a) suggested to Abu-Hamzah al-Thumali that he would accompany him to visiting the holy tomb of Imam `Ali (‘a) and the man agreed... etc.

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The bab al-faraj (The Gate of Relief) is also called maqam nuh (the standing-place of Prophet Noah). When you accomplish the acts at the third column, you may walk to the Seat of Amir al-Mu'minin ('a), which is the bench located next to the gate of the mosque from the side of Imam `Ali's house. You may offer there a four-unit prayer, reciting Surah al-Fatihah and any other Surahs you want. When you finish the prayer and say the Tasbih statements, you may say the following:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

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

وَاقْضِ حَاجَتِي يَا اللَّهُ

waqzi hajati ya allahu

and grant my request. O Allah!

يَا مَنْ لَا يَخِيبُ سَائِلُهُ

ya man la yakhibu sa'iluhu

O He Whose beseecher is never disappointed

وَلَا يَنْفَدُ نَائِلُهُ

wa la yanfadu na'iluhu

and Whose gifts are inexhaustible!

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يَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ يَا مُجِيبَ الدَّعَوَاتِ

ya qaziya alhajati ya mujiba aldda`awati
O Settler of needs! O Responding to the prayers!

يَا رَبَّ الْأَرْضِينَ وَالسَّمَاوَاتِ

ya rabba al-arazina walssamawati
O Lord of the earth layers and the heavens!

يَا كَاشِفَ الْكُرْبَاتِ يَا وَاسِعَ الْعَطِيَّاتِ

ya kashifa alkurubati ya wasi`a al`atiyyati
O Reliever of agonies! O expansive Donor of gifts!

يَا دَافِعَ النَّقَبَاتِ

ya dafi`a alnnaqimati
O Savior from hardships!

يَا مُبَدِّلَ السَّيِّئَاتِ حَسَنَاتِ

ya mubaddila alssayyi'ati hasanatin
O He Who changes the punishments of wrongdoings
into rewards for good deeds!

عُدُّ عَلَيَّ بِطَوْلِكَ وَفَضْلِكَ وَإِحْسَانِكَ

`ud `alaya bitawlika wa fazlika wa ihsanika
(Please do) confer upon me with Your bounty, favor, and kindness,

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وَاسْتَجِبْ دُعَائِي فِيمَا سَأَلْتُكَ وَطَلَبْتُ مِنْكَ

wastajib du`a'i fima sa'altuka wa talabtu minka
and (please do) respond to my prayers regarding that
which I have besought and asked from You,

بِحَقِّ نَبِيِّكَ وَوَصِيِّكَ وَأَوْلِيَاءِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ

bihaqqi nabiyyika wa wasiyyika wa awliya'ika alssalihina
in the name of Your Prophet, Your Prophet's successor,
and Your righteous saints.

Another Prayer at This Place

You may also offer another two-unit prayer at this place. When you finish and say the Tasbih statements, you may say the following supplicatory prayer :

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي حَلَلْتُ بِسَاحَتِكَ

allahumma inni halaltu bisahatika
O Allah, I am residing in Your courtyard,

لِعَلِّي بَوْحَدَانِيَّتِكَ وَصَدَانِيَّتِكَ

li`ilmi biwahdaniyyatika wa samadaniyyatika
because I have full recognition of Your Oneness and Independence

وَأَنَّهُ لَا قَادِرَ عَلَىٰ قَضَائِ حَاجَتِي غَيْرُكَ

wa annahu la qadira `ala qaza'i hajati ghayruka
and I know for sure that none can ever settle my need save You.

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وَقَدْ عَلِمْتُ يَا رَبِّ

wa qad `alimtu ya rabbi

I also admit, O my Lord,

إِنَّهُ كُلَّمَا شَاهَدْتُ نِعْمَتَكَ عَلَيَّ

annahu kullama shahadtu ni`mataka `alayya

that the more I feel Your favors upon me,

أَشْتَدُّ فَاقَتِي إِلَيْكَ

ishtaddat faqati ilayka

the more I need You.

وَقَدْ طَرَقَنِي يَا رَبِّ مِنْ مُهِمِّ أَمْرِي
مَا قَدْ عَرَفْتَهُ

wa qad taraqani ya rabbi min muhimmi amri ma qad `araftahu

O my Lord, I have been inflicted with aggrieving matters

that You know,

لِإِنَّكَ عَالِمٌ غَيْرُ مُعَلِّمٍ

li'annaka `alimun ghayru mu`allamin

because You are All-knowing and You do not want information.

وَاسْأَلْكَ بِالِاسْمِ الَّذِي وَضَعْتَهُ عَلَيَّ

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السَّمَاوَاتِ فَانْشَقَّتْ

wa as'aluka bilismi alladhi waza`tahu `ala alssamawati fanshaqqat
I thus beseech You in the Name that when You put
on the heavens, they rent asunder,

وَعَلَى الْأَرْضِينَ فَانْبَسَطَتْ

wa `ala al-arazina fanbasatat
when You put on the earth, it spread out,

وَعَلَى النُّجُومِ فَانْتَشَرَتْ

wa `ala alnnujumi fantasharat
when You put on the stars, they diffused,

وَعَلَى الْجِبَالِ فَاسْتَقَرَّتْ

wa `ala aljibali fastaqarrat
and when You put on the mountains, they settled down;

وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِإِسْمِ الَّذِي جَعَلْتَهُ

عِنْدَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعِنْدَ عَلِيٍّ

wa as'aluka bilismi alladhi ja`altahu `inda muhammadin
wa `inda `aliyyin

and I beseech You in the Name that You put with
Muhammad, with `Ali,

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وَعِنْدَ الْحَسَنِ وَعِنْدَ الْحُسَيْنِ

wa `inda alhasani wa `inda alhusayni
with al-Hasan, with al-Husayn,

وَعِنْدَ الْأَئِمَّةِ كُلِّهِمْ

wa `inda al-a'immati kullihim
and with all the Imams,

صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِمْ أَجْمَعِينَ

salawatu allahi `alayhim ajma`ina
blessings be upon them all,

أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

an tusalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin
to bless Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

وَأَنْ تَقْضِيَ لِي يَا رَبِّ حَاجَتِي

wa an taqziya li ya rabbi hajati
to grant me all my requests, O my Lord,

وَتَيْسِّرَ عَسِيرَهَا

wa tuyassira `asiraha
to make easy the difficult ones of them,

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وَتَكْفِيَنِي مُهِمَّهَا

wa takfiyani muhimmaha

to relieve me from the grievances of them,

وَتَفْتَحَ لِي قُفْلَهَا

wa taftaha li quflaha

and to unlock for me their locks.

فَإِنْ فَعَلْتَ ذَلِكَ فَذَلِكَ الْحَمْدُ

fa'in fa`alta dhalika falaka alhamdu

If You do that for me, then all praise be to You,

وَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلْ فَذَلِكَ الْحَمْدُ

wa in lam taf`al falaka alhamdu

and if You do not, still all praise be to You,

غَيْرَ جَائِرٍ فِي حُكْمِكَ

ghayra ja'irin fi hukmika

for You never decide wrongly

وَلَا حَائِفٍ فِي عَدْلِكَ

wa la kha'ifin fi `adlika

and You never exceed justice.

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Then, you may put your right cheek on the ground and say the following supplicatory words:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ يُونُسَ بْنَ مَتَّى

allahumma inna yunusa bna matta

O Allah, Jonah the son of Matthias,

عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ عَبْدَكَ وَنَبِيَّكَ

`alayhi alssalamu `abdaka wa nabiiyaka

peace be upon him, Your servant and Prophet,

دَعَاكَ فِي بَطْنِ الْحُوتِ فَاسْتَجَبْتَ لَهُ

da`aka fi batni alhuti fastajabta lahu

prayed You from the inside of the whale,
and You responded to his prayer.

وَأَنَا أَدْعُوكَ فَاسْتَجِبْ لِي

wa ana ad`uka fastajib li

I thus pray You; so, (please) respond to me

بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

bihaqqi muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

in the name of Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad.

You may then mention your needs.

Then, you may put your left cheek on the ground and say the following supplicatory words:

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اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ أَمَرْتَ بِالدُّعَاءِ

allahumma innaka amarta bilddu`a'i
O Allah, You have ordered us to pray You

وَتَكَفَّلْتَ بِالِإِجَابَةِ

wa takaffalta bil-ijabati
and You have thus promised of response.

وَأَنَا أَدْعُوكَ كَمَا أَمَرْتَنِي

wa ana ad`uka kama amartani
Hence, I am praying You as You have ordered;

فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

fasalli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin
so, (please) send blessings upon Muhammad
and the Household of Muhammad

وَاسْتَجِبْ لِي كَمَا وَعَدْتَنِي

wastajib li kama wa`adtani
and respond to me as You have promised,

يَا كَرِيمٌ

ya karimu
O All-generous!

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You may then return to the normal position of prostration and say the following words :

يَا مُعَزِّكُلِّ ذَلِيلٍ

ya mu`izza kulli dhalilin

O He Who (is able to) reinforce any humble one!

وَيَا مُذِلَّ كُلِّ عَزِيزٍ

wa ya mudhilla kulli `azizin

O He Who (is able to) humiliate any arrogant one!

تَعَلَّمْ كُرْبَتِي

ta`lamu kurbati

You know my agony;

فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

fasalli `ala muhammadin wa alihi

so, (please) bless Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

وَفَرِّجْ عَنِّي يَا كَرِيمٌ

wa farrij `anni ya karimu

and relieve me, O All-generous!

Prayer for granting the requests at this Place

In order to supplicate for settling the needs, one may offer at this place a four-unit prayer. After accomplishment and saying the

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Tasbih statements, one may say the following supplicatory prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ يَا مَنْ لَا تَرَاهُ الْعُيُونُ

allahumma inni as'aluka ya man la tarahu al'uyunu

O Allah, I beseech You, O He Whom cannot be seen by eyes,

وَلَا تُحِيطُ بِهِ الظُّنُونُ

wa la tuhitu bihi alzzununu

Whom cannot be comprehended by visions,

وَلَا يَصِفُهُ الْوَاصِفُونَ

wa la yasifuhu alwasifuna

Whom cannot be described by all those who describe Him,

وَلَا تُغَيِّرُهُ الْحَوَادِثُ

wa la tughayyiruhu alhawadithu

Whom cannot be affected by events,

وَلَا تُفْنِيهِ الدُّهُورُ

wa la tufnihi aldduhuru

and Whom cannot be obliterated due to passage of ages!

تَعْلَمُ مَثَاقِيلَ الْجِبَالِ

ta'lamu mathaqila aljibali

You know the measures of mountains,

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وَمَكَايِلَ الْبِحَارِ

wa makayila albihari
the amounts (of water) of oceans,

وَوَرَقَ الْأَشْجَارِ

wa waraqa al-ashjari
the number of the trees' leaves,

وَرَمْلَ الْقِفَارِ

wa ramla alqifari
the sands of deserts,

وَمَا أَضَاءَتْ بِهِ الشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ

wa ma aza'at bihi alshshamsu walqamaru
whatever is under the sunlight and moonlight,

وَأَظْلَمَ عَلَيْهِ اللَّيْلُ

wa azlama `alayhi allaylu
whatever is under darkness of night,

وَوَضَحَ عَلَيْهِ النَّهَارُ

wa wazaha `alayhi alnnaharu
and whatever is shown by daylight.

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وَلَا تُوَارِي مِنْكَ سَمَاءٌ سَمَاءً

wa la tuwari minka sama'un sama'an
No sky can screen another sky from You,

وَلَا أَرْضٌ أَرْضاً

wa la arzun arzan
no layer of the earth can screen another layer from You,

وَلَا جَبَلٌ مَا فِي أُصْلِهِ

wa la jabalun ma fi aslihi
no mountain can screen its other parts from You,

وَلَا بَحْرٌ مَا فِي قَعْرِهِ

wa la bahrun ma fi qa`rihi
and no ocean can screen its depths from You.

أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

as'aluka an tusalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin
I thus beseech You to send blessings upon Muhammad
and the Household of Muhammad,

وَأَنْ تَجْعَلَ خَيْرَ أَمْرِي آخِرَهُ

wa an taj`ala khayra amri akhirahu
to cause the best of my affair to be the conclusion of it,

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وَخَيْرَ أَعْمَالِي خَوَاتِيمَهَا

wa khayra a`mali khawatimaha
to cause the best of my deeds to be the last of them,

وَخَيْرَ أَيَّامِي يَوْمَ التَّقَاكَ

wa khayra ayyami yawma alqaka
and to cause the best of my days to be the day when I meet You,

إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

innaka `ala kulli sha'in qadirun
for You verily have power over all things.

اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ أَرَادَنِي بِسُوءٍ فَارِدُهُ

allahumma man aradani bisu'in fa'arid-hu
O Allah, (please do) deter all those who intend evil to me,

وَمَنْ كَادَنِي فَكِدُهُ

wa man kadani fakid-hu
encumber all those who plan to do evil to me,

وَمَنْ بَغَانِي بِهَالِكَةٍ فَاهْلِكُهُ

wa man baghani bihalakatin fa'ahluk-hu
terminate all those who is set to terminate me,

Devotional acts at Bab al-Faraj [P. Noah (a.s.)]

وَإِكْفِنِي مَا أَهْبَنِي مِمَّنْ دَخَلَ هَمُّهُ عَلَيَّ

wakfini ma ahammani mimman dakhala hammuhu `alayya
and save me from all that which aggrieves me at
the hands of those who intend grief to me.

اللَّهُمَّ ادْخِلْنِي فِي دُرْعِكَ الْحَصِينَةِ

allahumma adkhillni fi dir'ika alhasinati
O Allah, (please do) include me with Your impervious armor

وَاسْتُرْنِي بِسِتْرِكَ الْوَاقِي

wasturni bisitrika alwaqi
and cover me with Your protective shield.

يَا مَنْ يَكْفِي مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ

ya man yakfi min kulli shay'in
O He Who saves from all things

وَلَا يَكْفِي مِنْهُ شَيْءٌ

wa la yakfi minhu shay'un
and nothing can ever save from You,

إِكْفِنِي مَا أَهْبَنِي مِنْ أَمْرِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

akfini ma ahammani min amri alddunya wal-akhirati
(please) relieve me from whatever has aggrieved me
from the affairs of this world and the world to come

وَصَدِّقْ قَوْلِي وَفِعْلِي

wa saddiq qawli wa fi`li

and cause my words to be corresponding with my deeds.

يَا شَفِيقُ يَا رَافِقُ

ya shafiqu ya rafiqu

O All-sympathetic! O All-kind!

فَرِّجْ عَنِّي الْبُضِيقَ

farrij `anni almaziqa

(please) relieve me from depression

وَلَا تُحَبِّلْنِي مَا لَا أُطِيقُ

wa la tuhammilni ma la utiqu

and do not burden on me that which I cannot stand.

اللَّهُمَّ احْرُسْنِي بِعَيْنِكَ الَّتِي لَا تَنَامُ

allahumma ihrusni bi`aynika allati la tanamu

O Allah, (please) guard me with Your Eye that never sleeps

وَارْحَمْنِي بِقُدْرَتِكَ عَلَيَّ

warhamni biqudratika `alayya

and have mercy upon me in the name of Your power over me.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

ya arhama alrrahimina

O most merciful of all those who show mercy!

يَا عَلِيُّ يَا عَظِيمُ

ya `aliyyu ya `azimu

O All-high! O All-great!

أَنْتَ عَالِمٌ بِحَاجَتِي

anta `alimun bihajati

You know what I need

وَعَلَى قَضَائِهَا قَدِيرٌ

wa `ala qaza'iha qadirun

and You have the power to grant it to me,

وَهِيَ لَدَيْكَ يَسِيرٌ

wa hiya ladayka yasirun

which is an easy thing to be done by You

وَإِنَّا إِلَيْكَ فَاقِيرٌ

wa ana ilayka faqirun

and I do want You;

Devotional acts at Bab al-Faraj [P. Noah (a.s.)]

فَبُنَّ بِهَا عَلَيَّ يَا كَرِيمُ

famunna biha `alayya ya karimu

so, (please) do me the favor of settling my need, O All-merciful!

إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

innaka `ala kulli shay'in qadirun

Verily, You have power over all things.

You may then prostrate yourself and say the following supplicatory words:

إِلٰهِي قَدْ عَلِمْتَ حَوَائِجِي

ilahi qad `alimta hawa'iji

O my God, You have known my needs;

فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَقْضِهَا

fasalli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin waqziha

so, please send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad and settle my needs.

وَقَدْ أَحْصَيْتَ ذُنُوبِي

wa qad ahsayta dhunubi

You have accounted all my sins;

Devotional acts at Bab al-Faraj [P. Noah (a.s.)]

فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاغْفِرْهَا

fasalli `ala muhammadin wa alihi waghfirha
so, please send blessings upon Muhammad
and his Household and forgive them,

يَا كَرِيمُ

ya karimu

O All-generous!

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

إِنْ كُنْتُ بِسُّ الْعَبْدُ

in kuntu bi'sa al`abdu

If I am the worst servant (of You),

فَأَنْتَ نِعَمَ الرَّبِّ

fa'anta ni`ma alrrabbu

then You are the All-excellent Lord;

إِفْعَلْ بِي مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ

if'al bi ma anta ahluhu

so, please do to me that which befits You

Devotional acts at Bab al-Faraj [P. Noah (a.s.)]

وَلَا تَفْعَلْ بِي مَا أَنَا أَهْلُهُ

wa la taf'al bi ma ana ahluhu
and do not do to me that which I deserve,

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

ya arhama alrrahimina
O most merciful of all those who show mercy!

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

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ عَظَمَ الذَّنْبُ مِنْ عَبْدِكَ

allahumma in `azuma aldhhdhanbu min `abdika
O Allah, if Your servant's sin has been very flagrant,

فَلْيَحْسُنِ الْعَفْوُ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ

falyahsun al`afwu min `indika
then, let Your pardon be very excellent,

يَا كَرِيمُ

ya karimu
O All-generous!

Devotional acts at Bab al-Faraj [P. Noah (a.s.)]

You may then return to the normal position of prostration and say the following words :

إِرْحَمْ مَنْ أَسَاءَ وَاقْتَرَفَ

irham man asa'a waqatarafa

(Please) have mercy upon him who had misbehaved
and committed sins,

وَاسْتَكَانَ وَاعْتَرَفَ

wastakana wa`tarafa

but he then submitted and confessed.

It is worth mentioning that the previously mentioned supplicatory prayer up to:

فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاغْفِرْهَا

fasalli `ala muhammadin wa alihi waghfirha

So, please send blessings upon Muhammad
and his Household and forgive them,

يَا كَرِيمٌ...

ya karimu

O All-generous...

It has been mentioned in the book of al-Mazar al-Qadim to be said within the acts at maqam zayn al-`Abidin (the standing-place of Imam Zayn al-`abidin) in the courtyard of the mosque known as Masjid al-Sahlah.

Devotional acts at the niche Mehrab of Imam `Ali (a.s.)

At the place where Imam `Ali Amir al-Mu'minin ('a) was martyred, you may offer a two-unit prayer reciting Surah al-Fatihah and any other Surah. After accomplishment and saying the Tasbih statements, you may say the following supplicatory prayers:

يَا مَنْ أَظْهَرَ الْجَبِيلَ

ya man azhara aljamila

O He Who makes known what is good and beautiful

وَسَاتَرَ الْقَبِيحَ

wa satara alqabiha

and covers up ugliness and defects!

يَا مَنْ لَمْ يُؤْخَذْ بِالْجَرِيرَةِ

ya man lam yu'akhidh biljarirati

O He Who does not demand submission under duress

وَلَمْ يَهْتِكِ السِّتْرَ وَالسَّرِيرَةَ

wa lam yahtik alssitra walssarirata

and has not exposed the hidden and the unknown!

يَا عَظِيمَ الْعَفْوِ

ya `azima al`afwi

O He Who is the greatest pardoner!

Devotional acts at the niche Mehrab of Imam `Ali (a.s.)

يَا حَسَنَ التَّجَاوُزِ

ya hasana alttajawuzi

O He Who is the subtle indulgent!

يَا وَاسِعَ الْبَغْفِرَةِ

ya wasi`a almagfirati

O He Whose forgiveness is limitless!

يَا بَاسِطَ الْيَدَيْنِ بِالرَّحْمَةِ

ya basita alyadayni bilrahmati

O He Whose Hands are expansive with mercy!

يَا صَاحِبَ كُلِّ نَجْوَى

ya sahiba kulli najwa

O He Who is partner in every confidential speech!

يَا مُنْتَهَى كُلِّ شَكْوَى

ya muntaha kulli shakwa

O He to Whom all complaints reach!

يَا كَرِيمَ الصَّفْحِ

ya karima alssafhi

O He Who is generous in clemency!

Devotional acts at the niche Mehrab of Imam `Ali (a.s.)

يَا عَظِيمَ الرَّجَاءِ

ya `azima alrraja'i

O He in Whom all hopes are put!

يَا سَيِّدِي صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

ya sayyidi salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

O my Master, send blessings upon Muhammad
and the Household of Muhammad

وَأَفْعَلْ بِي مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ يَا كَرِيمُ

waf'al bi ma anta ahluhu ya karimu

and do to me that which befits You, O All-generous!

Devotional acts at Station of Imam al-Sadiq's (a.s.)

You may then walk to Imam al-Sadiq's place (maqam al-sadiq), which is near to the tomb of Muslim ibn `Aqil. You may offer there a two-unit prayer; and when you finish and say the Tasbih statements, you may then say the following supplicatory prayer:

يَا صَانِعَ كُلِّ مَصْنُوعٍ

ya sani`a kulli masnu`in

O He Who Makes all things made!

وَيَا جَابِرَ كُلِّ كَسِيرٍ

wa ya jabira kulli kasirin

O He Who sets all things broken!

وَيَا حَاضِرَ كُلِّ مَلَأٍ

wa ya hazira kulli malan

O He Who is present in all sessions held!

وَيَا شَاهِدَ كُلِّ نَجْوَى

wa ya shahida kulli najwa

O He Who witnesses all confidential meetings!

وَيَا عَالِمَ كُلِّ خَفِيَّةٍ

wa ya `alima kulli khafiyatin

O He Who knows about all things hidden!

Devotional acts at Station of Imam al-Sadiq's (a.s.)

وَيَا شَاهِدًا غَيْرَ غَائِبٍ

wa ya shahidan ghayra gha'ibin

O He Who is always nearby and is never absent!

وَيَا غَالِبًا غَيْرَ مَغْلُوبٍ

wa ya ghaliban ghayra maghlubin

O He Who always overcomes and is never defeated!

وَيَا قَرِيبًا غَيْرَ بَعِيدٍ

wa ya qariban ghatra ba'idin

O He Who is always nigh and is never far off!

وَيَا مُؤْنَسَ كُلِّ وَحِيدٍ

wa ya mu'nisa kulli wahidin

O He Who entertains each and every lonely one!

وَيَا حَيًّا حِينَ لَا حَيَّ غَيْرُهُ

wa ya hayyan hina la hayya ghayruhu

O He Who existed when there was no other being exists!

يَا مُحْيِيَ الْمَوْتَى وَمُمِيتَ الْأَحْيَاءِ

ya muhyiya almawta wa mumita al-ahya'i

O He Who restores lives to the dead and causes the alive to die!

Devotional acts at Station of Imam al-Sadiq's (a.s.)

الْقَائِمُ عَلَى كُلِّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ

alqa'imu `ala kulli nafsin bima kasabat

O He Who watches every soul as to what it earns!

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

la ilaha illa anta

There is no god save You.

صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ...

salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin...

(Please do) send blessings upon Muhammad
and the Household of Muhammad and...

You may then mention your needs.

Salat Hajat

Prayer for Settling the Needs at al-Kufa Mosque

Imam al-Sadiq ('a) is reported to have said that one who offers the following prayer at Masjid al-Kufa will have all his requests settled: One may offer a two-unit prayer reciting at each unit Surahs al-Fatihah, al-Falaq (No. 113), al-Nas (No. 114), al-Tawhid (No. 112), al-Kafirun (No. 109), al-Nasr (No. 110), al-Qadr (No. 97), and al-A`la (No. 87). After accomplishment, one may say the Tasbih al-Zahra' litany and then beseech Almighty Allah for settling his needs.

This order of Surahs is corresponding with the order adopted by Sayyid Ibn Tawus in his book of al-Misbah, while according to the narration of Shaykh al-Tusi in his book of al-Amali, Surah al-Qadr follows Surah al-A`la. Possibly, the commitment to the order of the Surahs is not obligatory; therefore, it is acceptable to recite these seven Surahs in any order as long as Surah al-Fatihah precedes the others. Finally, Almighty Allah knows best.

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

When you accomplish all the acts at Masjid al-Kufa, you may walk to the tomb of Muslim ibn `Aqil—may Allah sanctify his soul, light up his tomb, and be pleased to him. When you stop at the tomb, you may say the following:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْمَلِكِ الْحَقِّ الْمُبِينِ

alhamdu lillahi almaliki alhaqqi almunibini

All praise be to Allah: the Lord and the evident Truth.

الْبُتَّاعِغِرِ لِعَظَمَتِهِ جَبَابِرَةُ الطَّاغِيْنَ

almutasaghiri li`azamatih jababiratu altaghina

All the tyrannical oppressors are subservient to His almightiness.

الْبُعْتَرِفِ بِرُبُوبِيَّتِهِ جَمِيْعُ
أَهْلِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِيْنَ

almu`tarifi birububiyatih jami`u ahli alssamawati wal-aradina

All the inhabitants of the heavens and the layers of the earth
admit His Godhead.

الْبُقْرِ بِتَوْحِيدِهِ سَائِرُ الْخَلْقِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ

almuqirri bitawhidihi sa'iru alkhalqi ajma`ina

All the created beings confess of His Oneness.

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَصَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْأَنْعَامِ

wa salla allahu `ala sayyidi al-anami

May Allah send blessings upon the master of all created beings

وَأَهْلَ بَيْتِهِ الْكِرَامِ

wa ahli baytihi alkirami

and upon the members of his Household; the noble ones,

صَلَاةً تَقَرُّ بِهَا أَعْيُنُهُمْ

salatan taqarru biha a`yunuhum
such blessings that delight them

وَيَرْغَمُ بِهَا أَنْفُ شَانِيهِمْ

wa yarghamu biha anfu shani'ihim
and humiliate all those who antagonize them

مِنَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنْسِ أَجْمَعِينَ

min aljinni wal-insi ajma`ina
from all jinn and mankind.

سَلَامُ اللهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

salamu allahi al`aliyyi al`azimi
Peace of Allah the All-high and All-great,

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَسَلَامٌ مَلَائِكَتِهِ الْبُقَرَّابِينَ

wa salamu mala'ikatihi almuqarrabina
and peace of His favorite angels,

وَأَنْبِيَآئِهِ الْبُرْسَدِينَ

wa anbiya'ihim almursalina
His missioned Prophets,

وَأَئِمَّتِهِ الْبُنْتَجَبِينَ

wa a'immatihi almuntabajina
His choice Imams,

وَعِبَادِهِ الصَّالِحِينَ

wa `ibadihi alssalihina
His righteous servants,

وَجَمِيعِ الشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ

wa jami`i alshshuhada'i walssiddiqina
and all the martyrs and veracious ones,

وَالزَّكَايَاتِ الطَّيِّبَاتِ

walzakkiyatu alttayyibatu
and all blessings that are pure and delightful,

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

فِيْمَا تَغْتَدِي وَتَرْوِحُ

fima taghtadi wa taruhu
that are coming and going,

عَلَيْكَ يَا مُسْلِمُ بْنُ عَقِيلِ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ

`alayka ya muslimu bna `aqili bni abi talibin
be upon you, Muslim the son of `Aqil the son of Abu-Talib.

وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

wa rahmatu allahi wa barakatuhu
Allah's mercy and benedictions be upon you.

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ أَقَمْتَ الصَّلَاةَ

ashhadu annaka aqamta alssalata
I bear witness that you performed the prayers,

وَآتَيْتَ الزَّكَاةَ

wa atayta alzzakata
defrayed the zakat,

وَأَمَرْتَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ

wa amarta bilma`rufi
enjoined the right,

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَنَهَيْتَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ

wa nahayta `an almunkari
forbade the wrong,

وَجَاهَدْتَ فِي اللَّهِ حَقَّ جِهَادِهِ

wa jahadta fi allahi haqqa jihadihi
strove in the way of Allah in the best manner of striving,

وَقُتِلْتَ عَلَىٰ مِنْهَاجِ الْمُجَاهِدِينَ فِي سَبِيلِهِ

wa qutilta `ala minhaji almujahidina fi sabilihi
and you were slain following the course of those
who strive in Allah's way

حَتَّىٰ لَقَيْتَ اللَّهَ عَزَّوَجَلَّ وَهُوَ عِنْدَكَ رَاضٍ

hatta laqita allaha `azza wa jalla wa huwa `anka radin
until you met Allah, to Whom belong all might and majesty,
while He is pleased with you.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ وَفَيْتَ بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ

wa ashhadu annaka wafayta bi`ahdi allahi
And I bear witness that you fulfilled your covenant with Allah

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَبَدَّلْتَ نَفْسَكَ فِي نَصْرَةِ حُجَّةِ اللَّهِ وَابْنِ حُجَّتِهِ

wa badhalta nafsaka fi nusrati hujjati allahi wabni hujjatihi
and sacrificed yourself for the sake of supporting Allah's argument
and the son of Allah's argument (namely, Imam al-Husayn)

حَتَّى أَتَاكَ الْيَقِينُ

hatta ataka alyaqinu
until death came upon you.

أَشْهَدُ لَكَ بِالتَّسْلِيمِ وَالْوَفَاءِ

ashhadu laka bilttaslimi walwafa'i
I bear witness that you submitted and acted loyally to him

وَالنَّصِيحَةَ لِخَلْفِ النَّبِيِّ الْمُرْسَلِ

walnnasihati likhalafi alnnabiyyi almursali
and that you acted sincerely to the successor of the missioned Prophet,

وَالسَّبْطَ الْمُنْتَجَبِ

walssibti almuntajabi
the select grandson (of the Prophet),

وَالدَّلِيلَ الْعَالِمِ

walddalili al`alimi
the guide (to the right path), the knowledgeable,

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَالْوَصِيِّ الْبِدْعِ

walwasiyyi almuballighi

the Prophet's successor, the conveyor (of his mission),

وَالْبِظْلُومِ الْبُهْتَضَمِ

walmazlumi almuhtadami

the wronged, and the oppressed Imam.

فَجَزَاكَ اللهُ عَنْ رَسُولِهِ

fajazaka allahu `an rasulihi

May Allah reward you on behalf of His Messenger,

وَعَنْ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

wa `an amiri almu'minina

on behalf of the Commander of the Faithful,

وَعَنْ الْحَسَنِ وَالْحُسَيْنِ

wa `an alhasani walhusayni

and on behalf of al-Hasan and al-Husayn

أَفْضَلَ الْجَزَاءِ

afdala aljaza'i

with the best of rewarding

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

بِمَا صَبَرْتَ وَاحْتَسَبْتَ وَأَعَنْتَ

bima sabarta wa ihtasabta wa a`anta

that befits your steadfastness, reliance (on Allah), and assistance.

فَنِعْمَ عُقْبَى الدَّارِ

fani`ma `uqba alddari

How excellent is the final home!

لَعَنَ اللهُ مَنْ قَتَلَكَ

la`ana allahu man qatalaka

May Allah curse him who slew you.

وَلَعَنَ اللهُ مَنْ أَمَرَ بِقَتْلِكَ

wa la`ana allahu man amara biqatlika

May Allah curse him who ordered of slaying you.

وَلَعَنَ اللهُ مَنْ ظَلَمَكَ

wa la`ana allahu man zalamaka

May Allah curse him who wronged you.

وَلَعَنَ اللهُ مَنْ افْتَرَى عَلَيْكَ

wa la`ana allahu man iftara `alayka

May Allah curse him who forged lies against you.

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَلَعَنَ اللهُ مَنْ جَهَلَ حَقَّكَ

wa la`ana allahu man jahila haqqaka

May Allah curse him who underestimated your position

وَاسْتَخَفَّ بِحُرْمَتِكَ

wastakhaffa bihurmatika

and belittled your sanctity.

وَلَعَنَ اللهُ مَنْ بَايَعَكَ وَغَشَّكَ

wa la`ana allahu man baya`aka wa ghashshaka

May Allah curse those who cheated you after they had sworn
allegiance to you,

وَخَذَلَكَ وَأَسْلَبَكَ

wa khadhalaka wa aslamaka

those who disappointed and let you down,

وَمَنْ أَلَّبَ عَلَيْكَ وَلَمْ يُعْنِكَ

wa man allaba `alayka wa lam yu`inka

and those who allied against you instead of assisting you.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَ النَّارَ مَثْوَاهُمْ

alhamdu lillahi alladhi ja`ala alnna mathwahum

All praise be to Allah Who decided Hellfire to be the eternal
abode of those peoples.

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَبِئْسَ الْوَرْدُ الْوَرْدُ

wa bi'sa alwirdu almawrudu

Woeful indeed will be the place to which they are led!

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ قُتِلْتَ مَظْلُومًا

ashhadu annaka qutilta mazluman

I bear witness that you were slain wrongly

وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ مُنْجِزٌ لَكُمْ مَا وَعَدَكُمْ

wa anna allaha munjizun lakum ma wa`adakum
and that Allah shall fulfill His promise to you.

جِئْتُكَ زَائِرًا عَارِفًا بِحَقِّكُمْ

ji'tuka za'iran `arifan bihaqqikum

As I am visiting you, I recognize your right,

مُسَلِّمًا لَكُمْ

musalliman lakum

I am submissive to you,

تَابِعًا لِسُنَّتِكُمْ

tabi`an lisunnatikum

I am imitating your course,

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَنُصِرْتِي لَكُمْ مُعَدَّةً

wa nusrati lakum mu`addatun

and I am preparing myself for supporting you

حَتَّى يَحْكُمَ اللَّهُ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الْحَاكِمِينَ

hatta yahkuma allahu wa huwa khayru alhakimina

until Allah judges, and He is the best of judges.

فَبَعَثَكُمْ مَعَكُمْ

fama`akum ma`akum

So, I am always with you

لَا مَعَ عَدُوِّكُمْ

la ma`a `aduwwikum

and I never am with your enemies.

صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ

salwatu allahi `alaykum

May Allah's peace be upon you

وَعَلَى أَرْوَاحِكُمْ وَأَجْسَادِكُمْ

wa `ala arwahikum wa ajsadikum

and upon your souls and bodies

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَشَاهِدِكُمْ وَغَائِبِكُمْ

wa shahidikum wa gha'ibikum

and upon the present from you and the absent one.

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

wa alssalamu `alaykum wa rahmatu allahi wa barakatuhu

Peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you.

قَتَلَ اللَّهُ أُمَّةً قَتَلْتَكُمْ بِالْأَيْدِي وَالْأَلْسُنِ

qatala allahu ummatan qatalatkum bilaydi wal-alsuni

May Allah kill the groups that have killed you with deeds and words.

Al-Mazar al-Kabir, the previously mentioned supplication is regarded as a form of seeking permission of entrance to the tomb of Muslim ibn `Aqil, may Allah be pleased with him. The author then says: You may then enter, approach the tomb or point to the tomb, according to the previous narration and say the following words :

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْعَبْدُ الصَّالِحُ

alssalamu `alayka ayyuha al`abdu alssalihu

Peace be upon you, O righteous servant (of Allah),

الْبُطِيعُ لِلَّهِ وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَالْأَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

almuti`u lillahi wa lirasulihhi wa li'amiri almu'minina

who is obedient to Allah, to His Messenger,
to the Commander of the Faithful,

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَالْحَسَنِ وَالْحُسَيْنِ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ

walhasani walhusayni `alayhim alssalamu
to al-Hasan, and to al-Husayn, peace be upon them.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

alhamdu lillahi
All praise be to Allah

وَسَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ عِبَادِهِ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَىٰ

wa salamun `ala `ibadihi alladhina istafa
and all peace be upon His servants whom He has chosen:

مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

muhammadin wa alihi
Muhammad and his Household.

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ

wa alssalamu `alaykum wa rahmatu allahi
Peace, Allah's mercy,

وَبَرَكَاتُهُ وَمَغْفِرَتُهُ

wa barakatuhu wa maghfiratu
blessings, and forgiveness be upon you

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَعَلَىٰ رُوحِكَ وَبَدَنِكَ

wa `ala ruhika wa badanika
and upon your soul and your body.

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ مَضَيْتَ عَلَىٰ مَا مَضَوْا
عَلَيْهِ الْبَدْرِيُّونَ

ashhadu annaka madayta `ala ma mada `alayhi albadriyyuna
I bear witness that you died for the same principles
for which the martyrs of the Battle of Badr died:

الْمُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

almujahiduna fi sabili allahi
those who strove in Allah's way

الْبَبَالِغُونَ فِي جِهَادِ أَعْدَائِهِ

almubalighuna fi jihadi a`da'ih
and did their best in struggling against Allah's enemies

وَنُصْرَةَ أَوْلِيَاءِهِ

wa nusrati awliya'ih
and in supporting Allah's friends.

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

فَجَزَاكَ اللهُ أَفْضَلَ الْجَزَاءِ

fajazaka allahu afdala aljaza'i

So, may Allah reward you with the best rewarding,

وَأَكْثَرَ الْجَزَاءِ

wa akthara aljaza'i

with the most abundant rewarding,

وَأَوْفَرَ جَزَاءِ أَحَدٍ مِمَّنْ وَفَىٰ بِيَعْتِهِ

wa awfara jaza'i ahadin mimman wafa bibay`atihi

and with the most affluent rewarding that He grants
to one who fulfilled his allegiance to Him,

وَاسْتَجَابَ لَهُ دَعْوَتَهُ

wastajaba lahu da`watahu

responded to His invitation,

وَأَطَاعَ وُلاةَ أَمْرِهِ

wa ata`a wulata amrihi

and obeyed His representatives.

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ قَدْ بَالِغْتَ فِي النَّصِيحَةِ

ashhadu annaka qad balaghta fi alnnsihati

I bear witness that you exerted all efforts in acting sincerely

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَأَعْطَيْتَ غَايَةَ الْبَجْهُودِ

wa a`tayta ghayata almajhudi
and you put forth all possible endeavors

حَتَّى بَعَثَكَ اللَّهُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ

hatta ba`athaka allahu fi alshshuhada'i
so that Allah has included you with the martyrs,

وَجَعَلَ رُوحَكَ مَعَ أَرْوَاحِ السُّعَدَاءِ

wa ja`ala ruhaka ma`a arwahi alssu`ada'i
put your soul with the souls of the delighted ones,

وَأَعْطَاكَ مِنْ جَنَّاتِهِ أَفْسَحَهَا مَنَزِلًا

wa a`taka min jinanihi afsahaha manzilan
has decided for you the most spacious abode
in the gardens of His Paradise

وَأَفْضَلَهَا غُرْفًا

wa afdalaha ghurafan
and the best rooms therein,

وَرَفَعَ ذِكْرَكَ فِي الْعِلِّيِّينَ

wa rafa`a dhikraka fi al`illiyyina
raised your name to the `illiyyin (the loftiest place),

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَحَشْرَكَ مَعَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ

wa hasharaka ma`a alnnabiyyina walssiddiqina
and added you to the group of the Prophets, the veracious ones,

وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ

walshshuhada'i walssalihina
the martyrs, and the righteous ones.

وَحَسُنَ أَوْلِيكَ رَفِيقًا

wa hasuna ula'ika rafiqan
How excellent is the company of these.

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ لَمْ تَهِنُ وَلَمْ تَنْكُلْ

ashhadu annaka lam tahin wa lam tankul
I bear witness that you never slackened or recoiled
(from your duty)

وَأَنَّكَ قَدْ مَضَيْتَ عَلَى بَصِيرَةٍ مِنْ أَمْرِكَ

wa annaka qad madayta `ala basiratin min amrika
and that you died while you are certain of your doctrine

مُقْتَدِيًا بِالصَّالِحِينَ

muqtadiyan bilssalihina
as you followed the righteous ones

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

وَمُتَّبِعًا لِلنَّبِيِّينَ

wa muttabi`an lilnabiyyina
and imitated the Prophets.

فَجَبَعِ اللهُ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكَ

fajama`a allahu baynana wa baynaka
So, may Allah gather us with you

وَبَيْنَ رَسُولِهِ وَأَوْلِيَائِهِ

wa bayna rasulihī wa awliya'ihī
and with His Messenger and intimate servants

فِي مَنَازِلِ الْبُخْبِتِينَ

fi manazili almukhbitina
in the abodes of the modest ones.

فَإِنَّهُ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

fa'innahu arhamu alrrahimina

Surely, He is the most merciful of all those who show mercy.

You may then offer a two-unit prayer at the side of his head and present this prayer as your gift to him. Then, you may say the prayer which is said at the end of the Ziyarah recited in holy shrine of al-`Abbas (sa)

Ziyarah of Muslim ibn `Aqil

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

O Allah, send blessings upon Muhammad
and the Household of Muhammad,

وَلَا تَدْعُ عَلِيَّ فِي هَذَا الْمَكَانِ الْمُبَكَّرِ...

wa la tada` li fi hadha almakani almukarrami...
and, as I am in this noble place...

Ziyarah of Hani' ibn `Urwah

When you stop at the tomb of Hani' ibn `Urwah, you may greet the Holy Prophet (s) and then say the following:

سَلَامُ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ وَصَلَوَاتُهُ

salamu allahi al`azimi wa salawatuhu
Peace of Allah the All-great and His blessings

عَلَيْكَ يَا هَانِيُّ بْنُ عُرْوَةَ

`alayka ya hani'u bna `urwata
be upon you, Hani' the son of `Urwah.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْعَبْدُ الصَّالِحُ

alssalamu `alayka ayyuha al`abdu alssalihu
Peace be upon you, O righteous servant (of Allah),

النَّاصِحُ لِلَّهِ وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَلَا مِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

alnnasihuh lillahi wa lirasulihih wa li'amirih almu'minina
who acted sincerely for the sake of Allah, His Messenger,
the Commander of the Faithful,

وَالْحَسَنِ وَالْحُسَيْنِ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ

walhasani walhusayni `alayhim alssalamu
al-Hasan, and al-Husayn, peace be upon them.

Ziyarah of Hani' ibn `Urwah

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ قُتِلْتَ مَظْلُومًا

ashhadu annaka qutilta mazluman

I bear witness that you were slain wrongly.

فَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ مَنْ قَتَلَكَ وَاسْتَحَلَّ دَمَكَ

fala`ana allahu man qatalaka wastahalla damaka

So, may Allah curse those who slew you and
dared to shed your blood

وَحَشَى قُبُورَهُمْ نَارًا

wa hashu quburahum naran

and may He stuff their graves with fire.

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ لَقِيتَ اللَّهَ وَهُوَ رَاضٍ عَنكَ

ashhadu annaka laqita allaha wa huwa radin `anka

I bear witness that you met Allah while He is pleased with You

بِمَا فَعَلْتَ وَنَصَحْتَ

bima fa`alta wa nasahta

for what you did and acted sincerely.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ قَدْ بَلَغْتَ دَرَجَةَ الشُّهَدَاءِ

wa ashadu annaka qad balaghta darajata alshshuhada'i

And I bear witness that you have attained the rank of the martyrs,

وَجُعِلَ رُوحُكَ مَعَ أَرْوَاحِ السُّعَدَاءِ

wa ju`ila ruhuka ma`a arwahi alssu`ada'i

your soul has been included with the souls of the delighted ones

بِمَا نَصَحْتَ لِلَّهِ وَلِرَسُولِهِ مُجْتَهِدًا

bima nasahta lillahi wa lirasulihī mujtahidan

for you painstakingly acted with sincerity for Allah
and for His Messenger,

وَبَدَلْتَ نَفْسَكَ فِي ذَاتِ اللَّهِ وَمَرْضَاتِهِ

wa badhalta nafsaka fi dhāti allahī wa mardatihi

and sacrificed yourself for the sake of Allah
and for the sake of attaining His pleasure.

فَرَحِمَكَ اللَّهُ وَرَضِيَ عَنْكَ

farahimaka allahu wa radiya `anka

So, may Allah have mercy upon you and be pleased with you,

وَحَشْرَكَ مَعَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

wa hasharaka ma`a muhammadin wa alihi attahirina

may He include you with the group of Muhammad
and his Immaculate Household,

Ziyarah of Hani' ibn `Urwah

وَجَبَعْنَا وَإِيَّاكُمْ مَعَهُمْ فِي دَارِ النَّعِيمِ

wa jama`ana wa iyyakum ma`ahum fi dari alnna`imi
and may He gather us with you and them in the Abode of Bliss.

وَسَلَامٌ عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

wa salamun `alayka wa rahmatu allahi wa barakatuhu
Peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you.

You may then offer a two-unit prayer and present it as a gift to Hani' ibn `Urwah. Then, you may pray Almighty Allah to grant you your requests. As for bidding farewell to him, you may say the same form of wada` (bidding farewell) that is said to Muslim ibn `Aqil.

Munajat Imam Ali (as) – Masjid Kufa

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْأَمَانَ يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ مَالٌ
وَلَا بَنُونَ إِلَّا مَنْ أَتَى اللَّهَ بِقَلْبٍ سَلِيمٍ

*allaahumma innee as-alukal amaana yawma laa yanfa-u' maalun
wa laa banoonun illaa man atallaaha biqalbin saleem*
O Allah, I ask You for protection on the day when property
will not avail, nor sons except he who comes with a heart free
(from evil) (26 : 88)

وَأَسْأَلُكَ الْأَمَانَ يَوْمَ يَعَضُّ الظَّالِمُ عَلَى يَدَيْهِ
يَقُولُ يَا لَيْتَنِي اتَّخَذْتُ مَعَ الرَّسُولِ سَبِيلًا

*wa as-alukal amaana yawma ya-a'z'z'uz' z'aalimu a'laa yadayhi
ya qoolu yaa laytanittakhad'tu ma-a'rrasooli sabeelaa*
And I ask You for protection on the day when the unjust one
will bite his hands saying: O would that I had taken a way
with the messenger (25 : 27)

وَأَسْأَلُكَ الْأَمَانَ يَوْمَ يُعْرِفُ الْبُجْرِمُونَ
بِسِيَاهُمْ فَيُؤْخَذُ بِالنَّوَاصِي وَالْأَقْدَامِ

*wa as-alukal amaana yawma yu'-raful mujrimoona
biseemaahum fayoo-khad'u bin nawaas'ee wal aqdaam*

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And I ask You for protection on the day when the guilty shall be recognised by their marks so they shall be seized by the forelocks and the feet (55 : 41)

وَأَسْأَلُكَ الْأَمَانَ يَوْمَ لَا يَجْزِي وَالِدُ عَنُ
وَلَدِهِ وَلَا مَوْلُودُهُ وَجَازٍ عَنُ وَالِدِهِ شَيْئاً
إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ

*wa as-alukal amaana yawma laa yajzee waalidun a'n wlaadihee
wa laa mawloodun huwa jaazin a'n inna wa'-dallaahi h'aqq*
And I ask You for protection on the day when a father shall not give any satisfaction for his son nor shall the child give any satisfaction for his father, Surely the promise of Allah is true (31 : 33)

وَأَسْأَلُكَ الْأَمَانَ يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ الظَّالِمِينَ
مَعْدِرَتُهُمْ وَلَهُمُ اللَّعْنَةُ وَلَهُمْ سُوءُ الدَّارِ

*wa as-alukal amaana yawma laa yanfa-u'z z'aalimeena ma'-
d'iratuhum wa lahumul la'-natu wa lahum soo-ud daar*
And I ask You for protection on the day when the unjust shall not benefit from their excuse and for them is curse and for them is the evil abode (40 : 52)

وَأَسْأَلُكَ الْأَمَانَ يَوْمَ لَا تَهْدِيكَ نَفْسٌ لِنَفْسٍ
شَيْئاً وَالْأَمْرُ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلَّهِ

Munajat Imam Ali (as) – Masjid Kufa

*wa as-alukal amaana yawma laa yamliku nafsun linafsin shay-an
wal amru yawma-id'in lillaah*

And I ask You for protection on the day when no soul shall control anything for (another) soul and the command on that day shall be entirely Allah's (82 : 19)

وَأَسْأَلُكَ الْأَمَانَ يَوْمَ يَفِرُّ الْبَرُّ مِنْ أَخِيهِ
وَأُمِّهِ وَأَبِيهِ وَصَاحِبَتِهِ وَبَنِيهِ لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ
مِنْهُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ شَأْنٌ يُغْنِيهِ

*wa as-alukal amaana yawma yafirrul mar-u min akheehi wa
ummihee wa abeehee wa s'aah'ibatihee wa baneehi likulli
amree-in minhum yawma-id'in shaanun yughneehi*

And I ask You for protection on the day when a man shall flee from his brother, and his mother, his father, his spouse, and his children, each one of them on that day will have a concern which will occupy him (80 : 34)

وَأَسْأَلُكَ الْأَمَانَ يَوْمَ يَوْدُ الْبُجْرِمُ لَوْ يَفْتَدِي
مِنْ عَذَابِ يَوْمَئِذٍ بِبَنِيهِ وَصَاحِبَتِهِ وَأَخِيهِ
وَفَصِيلَتِهِ الَّتِي تُؤْوِيهِ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا
ثُمَّ يُنْجِيهِ

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*wa as-alukal a-maana yawma ya-waddul mujrimu law yaftadee
min a'd'aabi yawma-id'im bibaneehee wa s'aahibathihee wa
akheehee wa fas'elatil latee tooweehi wa man fil arz"l
jamee-a'n thumma yunajjeehi*

And I ask You for protection on the day when the guilty
will wish to redeem himself from the chastisement of that day
by (sacrificing) his children, and the near of kin who
gave him shelter and all those that are in the earth (wising)
that this might deliver him...

كَلَّا إِنَّهَا لَنَظْمٍ نَزَّاعَةٌ لِيَشْوِي

kallaa innahaa laz'aa nazzaa-a'tal lish-shawaa

... by no means! Surely it is a flaming fire, dragging by the head
(70 : 16)

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْبَوْلَى وَأَنَا الْعَبْدُ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الْعَبْدَ إِلَّا الْبَوْلَى

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antal mawlaa wa anal a'bdu wa hal
yarth'amul a'bda illal mawlaa*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Master and I am the Slave, and
who else can be merciful to the slave except the Master?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْبَالِكُ وَأَنَا الْبَلْدُوكُ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الْبَلْدُوكَ إِلَّا الْبَالِكُ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antal maaliku wa anal mamlooku wa
hal yarth'amul mamlooka illal maalik*

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My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Owner and I am the one owned by You, and who else can be merciful to the owned except the owner?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ وَأَنَا الذَّلِيلُ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الذَّلِيلَ إِلَّا الْعَزِيزُ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antla a'zeezu wa anad' d'aleelu
wa hal yarh'amud' d'aleela illal a'zeez*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Mighty and I am the low, and who else can be merciful to the low except the Mighty?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْخَالِقُ وَأَنَا الْمَخْلُوقُ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الْمَخْلُوقَ إِلَّا الْخَالِقُ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antal khaaliqu wa anal makhlooqu
wa anal makhlooqu wa hal yarh'amul makhlooqa illal khaaliqu*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Creator and I am the creature, and who else can be merciful to the creature except the Creator?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْعَظِيمُ وَأَنَا الْحَقِيرُ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الْحَقِيرَ إِلَّا الْعَظِيمُ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaay antal a'zeemu wa anal h'aaqeeru
wa hal yarh'amul h'aaqeeru illal a'zeem*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Glorious and I am the miserable, and who else can be merciful to the miserable except the Glorious?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْقَوِيُّ وَأَنَا الضَّعِيفُ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الضَّعِيفَ إِلَّا الْقَوِيُّ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaay antal qawiyyu wa anal za'eefu
wa hal yarh'amul za'eefa illal qawiy*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Powerful and I am the weak,
and who else can be merciful to the weak except the Powerful?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْغَنِيُّ وَأَنَا الْفَقِيرُ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الْفَقِيرَ إِلَّا الْغَنِيُّ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antal ghaniyyu wa anal faqeeru
wa hal yarh'amul faqeera illal ghaniyy*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Wealthy and I am the Poor,
and who else can be merciful to the poor except the Wealthy?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْبُعْطَى وَأَنَا السَّائِلُ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ السَّائِلَ إِلَّا الْبُعْطَى

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antal mu'-t'ee wa anas saa-ilu
wa hal yarh'amus saaila illal mu'-t'ee*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Bestower and I am the beggar,
and who else can be merciful to the beggar except the Bestower?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْحَيُّ وَأَنَا الْبَيْتُ

وَهَلْ يُرْحَمُ الْبَيْتَ إِلَّا الْحَيُّ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antal h'ayyu wa anal mayyitu
wa hal yarh'amul mayyita illal h'ayy*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Living and I am the dead,
and who else can be merciful to the dead except the Living?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْبَاقِي وَأَنَا الْفَانِي
وَهَلْ يُرْحَمُ الْفَانِي إِلَّا الْبَاقِي

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antal baaqee wa anal faanee
wa hal yarh'amul faanee illal baaqee*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Eternal and I am the transient,
and who else can be merciful to the transient except the Eternal?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الدَّائِمُ وَأَنَا الزَّائِلُ
وَهَلْ يُرْحَمُ الزَّائِلَ إِلَّا الدَّائِمُ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antal daa-imu wa anaz zaa-ilu
wa hal yarh'amuz zaaila illad daa-im*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Permanent and I am the
short-lived, and who else can be merciful to the short-lived
except the Permanent?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الرَّازِقُ وَأَنَا الْبَرَزُوقُ
وَهَلْ يُرْحَمُ الْبَرَزُوقَ إِلَّا الرَّازِقُ

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*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antar raaziq wa anal marzooqu
wa anal marzooqu wa hal yarh'amul marzooqa illar raaziq*
My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Provider and I am the blessed,
and who else can be merciful to the blessed except the Provider?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْجَوَادُ وَأَنَا الْبَخِيلُ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الْبَخِيلَ إِلَّا الْجَوَادُ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antal ja waadu wa anal bakheelu
bakheela illal jawaad*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Generous and I am the miser,
and who else can be merciful to the miser except the Generous?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْمُعَافِي وَأَنَا الْبُتْلَى
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الْبُتْلَى إِلَّا الْمُعَافِي

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antal mua'afee wa anal mubtalaa
wa hal yarh'amul mubtalaa illal mu-a'afee*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Healer and I am the afflicted,
and who else can be merciful to the afflicted except the Healer?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْكَبِيرُ وَأَنَا الصَّغِيرُ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الصَّغِيرَ إِلَّا الْكَبِيرُ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antal kabeeru wa anas' s'agheeru
wa hal yarh'amus' s'agheera illal kabeer*

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My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Great and I am the insignificant, and who else can be merciful to the insignificant except the Great?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْهَادِي وَأَنَا الضَّالُّ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الضَّالَّ إِلَّا الْهَادِي

*mawlayaa yaa mawlaaya antal hadee wa anaz" z"allu
wa hal yarh'amuz" z"aalla illal haadee*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Leading and I am the straying, and who else can be merciful to the straying except the Leading?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الرَّحْمَنُ وَأَنَا الْبَرْحُومُ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الْبَرْحُومَ إِلَّا الرَّحْمَنُ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antar rah'maanu wa anal marh'oomu
wa hal yarh'amul marh'ooma illar rah'maan*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Merciful and I am the one shown mercy, and who else can be merciful to the one shown mercy except the Merciful?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ السُّلْطَانُ وَأَنَا الْمُبْتَحَنُ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الْمُبْتَحَنَ إِلَّا السُّلْطَانُ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antas sult'aanu wa anal mumtah'anu
wa hal yarh'amul mumtah'ana illas sult'aan*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Authority and I am the tried, and who else can be merciful to the tried except the Authority?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الدَّلِيلُ وَأَنَا البُّتْحَايِرُ
وَهَلْ يُرْحَمُ البُّتْحَايِرُ إِلَّا الدَّلِيلُ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antad daleelu wa anal mutah'ayyiru
wa hal mutah'ayyira ilad daleel*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Guide and I am the confused,
and who else can be merciful to the confused except the Guide?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الغُفُورُ وَأَنَا البُّذْنِبُ
وَهَلْ يُرْحَمُ البُّذْنِبُ إِلَّا الغُفُورُ

*mawlaaya antal ghafooru wa anal mud'nibu wa hal yrh'amul
mud'nibu illal ghafoor*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Forgiver and I am the sinner, and
who else can be merciful to the sinner except the Forgiver?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الغَالِبُ وَأَنَا البُّغْلُوبُ
وَهَلْ يُرْحَمُ البُّغْلُوبُ إِلَّا الغَالِبُ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antal ghaalibu wa anal maghloobu
wa hal yarh'amul maghlooba illal ghaalib*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Victor and I am the defeated,
and who else can be merciful to the defeated except the Victor?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الرَّبُّ وَأَنَا البُّرَبُوبُ

وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الرَّبُّوبَ إِلَّا الرَّبُّ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antar rabbu wa anal marboobu
wa hal yarh'amul marbooba illar rabb*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the Nourisher and I am the
nourished, and who else can be merciful to the nourished
except the Nourisher?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ الْمُتَكَبِّرُ وَأَنَا الْخَاشِعُ
وَهَلْ يَرْحَمُ الْخَاشِعَ إِلَّا الْمُتَكَبِّرُ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya antal mutakabbiru wa anal khaashi-u'
wa hal yarh'amul kaashi-a' illal mutakabbir*

My Lord, O my Lord, You are the High-handed and I am the
humble, and who else can be merciful to humble the
except the High-handed?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ ارْحَمْنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ

*mawlaaya yaa mawlaaya arh'amnee birah'matika
My Lord, O my Lord, have mercy on me by Your mercy,*

وَارْضَ عَنِّي بِجُودِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ وَفَضْلِكَ

*warz'a a'nee bijoodika wa karamika wa faz'lika
and be pleased with me by Your Generosity and Your
Magnanimity and Your Grace,*

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يَا ذَا الْجُودِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَالطَّوْلِ وَالْإِمْتِنَانِ

yaa d'al joodi wal ih'saani wat't'ooli wal imtinaani

O the Generous, and Beneficent,
O the Almighty and the Benefactor,

بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

birah'matika yaa arh'amar raaha'imeen

By your Mercy, O the most Merciful of the Merciful.