Ziyarats at Samarra

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Common Izn Dukhool

Two forms of asking permission for entering the holy shrines (isti’dhan).

First: In the word of Shaykh al-Kaf`ami, when you intend to enter the Holy Prophet’s Mosque in al-Madinah or any of the holy shrines of the Imams (‘a), you may say the following:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي وَقَفْتُ عَلَىٰ بَابٍ

allahumma inni waqaftu `ala babin
O Allah, I am standing at one of the doors

مِنْ ابْوَابِ بُيُوتِ نَبِيِّكَ

min abwabi buyuti nabiyyika
of Your Prophet’s Houses –

صَلَوَاتُكَ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

salawatuka `alayhi wa alihi
may Your blessings be upon him and his Household.

وَقَدْ مَنَعْتَ النَّاسَ انْ يَدْخُلُوا إِلاَّ بِإِذْنِهِ

wa qad mana`ta alnnasa an yadkhulu illa bi`idhnihi
And You have prevented people to enter there before they obtain his permission.

فَقُلْتَ “يَا ائِيْهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا”

faqulta ya ayyuha alladhina amanu
You have thus said, “O ye who believe!
Enter not the Prophet's houses until leave is given you.”

O Allah, I believe in the sanctity of the owner of this holy shrine in his absence

as same as I believe in it in his presence.

I also know for sure that Your Messenger and Your Representatives – peace be upon them –

are live, finding their sustenance in the presence of You; they can see my place,
wa yasma`una kalami wa yarudduna salami
hear my words, and respond to my greetings,

wa annaka hajabta `an sam`i kalamahum
but You have prevented my hearing from receiving their words

wa fatahta baba fahmi biladhidhi munajatihim
and You have opened the door of my understanding
to taste the fine flavor of my confidential speech with

wa inni asta'dhinuka ya rabbi awwalan
I thus ask Your permission – O my Lord – first of all,

wa asta'dhinu rasulaka salla allahu `alayhi wa alihi thaniyan
the permission of Your Prophet – peace be upon him and his
Household – secondly,

wa asta'dhinu khalifataka al'imama
the permission of Your Representative, the Imam
You may now mention the name of the Imam that you are visiting his holy shrine and also mention the name of his father. For instance, if you are visiting the holy shrine of Imam al-Husayn (‘a), you may say, “al-Husayn ibn `Ali – peace be upon him.” And if you are visiting the holy shrine of Imam al-Rida (‘a), you may say, “`Ali ibn Musa al-Rida – peace be upon him” and so on. You may then say:

اسلام الله وسعود الله

walmala’ikata almuwakkalina bihadhihi albuq’ati almubarakati thalithan

...and the permission of the angels whom are commissioned to supervise this blessed area, thirdly.

أدخل يا رسول الله

a’adkhulu ya rasula allahi
May I enter, O Messenger of Allah?

أدخل يا حجة الله

a’adkhulu ya hujjata allahi
May I enter, O Argument of Allah?

أدخل يا ملاككة الله البيقاربين

a’adkhulu ya mala’ikata allahi almuqarrabina
May I enter, O angels of Allah—the intimate,
الْمُقِيمِينَ فِي هٰذَا الْمَشْهَدِ

almuqimina fi hadha almashhadi
the residing in this shrine?

فَاذَنْ لِي يَا مَوْلاَيَ فِي الدُّخُولِ

fa’dhan li ya mawlaya fi alddukhuli
So, (please do) permit me to enter, O my Master,

افْضَلَ مَا اذِنْتَ لاِحَدٍ مِنْ اوْلِيَائِكَ

afdala ma adhinta li’ahadin min awliya’ika
in the best way of permission that you have ever conferred
upon any of your intimate adherents.

فَإِنْ لَمْ اكُنْ اهْلاً لِذٰلِكَ فَانْتَ اهْلٌ لِذٰلِكَ

fa’in lam akun ahlan lidhalika fa’anta ahlun lidhalika
If I do not deserve such permission,
then you are worthy of conferring it upon me.

You may then kiss the holy doorstep (of the shrine) and enter,
saying:

بِسْمِ اللهِ وَبِاللهِ وَفِي سَبِيلِ اللهِ

bismi allahi wa billahi wa fi sabili allahi
In the Name of Allah (I begin), in Allah (I trust),
on the way of Allah (I proceed),
wa `ala millati rasuli allahi salla allahu `alayhi wa alihi
and on the norm of the Messenger of Allah,
may Allah bless him and his Household.

allahumma ighfir li warhamni wa tub `alayya
O Allah, (please do) forgive me,
have mercy upon me, and accept my repentance,

innaka anta alttawwabu alrrahimu
for You are verily the Oft-Returning, the All-Merciful.

Second: Following is the form of asking permission that is reported by
`Allamah al-Majlisi – may Allah sanctify his soul – from an old copy of
a book written by one of our old scholars who had mentioned that it
is a form of asking permission to enter the Holy Vault (Sirdab) and the
illuminative shrines of the Holy Imams (`a):

allahumma inna hadhihi buq`atun tahhartaha
O Allah, this is verily an area that You have purified,

wa `aqwatun sharraftaha wa ma`alimu zakkaytaha
a courtyard that You have honored,
and landmarks that You have ennobled
when You have shown therein the proofs on Your Oneness
and the ghosts of the Glorious Throne
whom You have selected as kings maintaining the System (of the universe),
You have chosen them as chiefs of all beings,
and You have sent them for standing out firmly for justice
since the beginning of existence and up to the Resurrection Day.
thumma mananta `alayhim bistinabati anbiya’ika
You have then conferred upon them with the grace of their representing Your Prophets

lihifzi shara’i`ika wa ahkamika
in the matters of maintaining Your rules and laws.

fa’akmalta bistikhlaﬁhim risalata almundhirina
You have thus perfected, through assigning them as successors of Your Prophets, the Mission of the warning Prophets

kama awjabta ri’asatahum fiﬁtari almukallafina
in the same way as You have made their leadership incumbent since the first creation of all peoples who are responsible for carrying out Your duties.

fasubhanaka min ilahin ma ar’afaka
Glory be to You; what a Compassionate Lord Your are!
There is no god save You; what a Just King You are!

Your making has corresponded with all that on which You have created the intellects,

and Your laws have concurred with that which You have decided, including the logic and the narrated.

Praise be to You for Your arrangement – the fine and excellent.

Thanks be to You for Your ordain that is outstandingly founded.

Glory be to Him Whom is not asked about whatever He does,
wa la yunaz`u fi amrīhī
and Whom is not disputed about whatever He decides.

wa subhāna man kataba `ala nafsīhī al-rāhīmāt
Glory be to Him Who has inscribed mercy for Himself

qabla ibtīdā’ī khalqīhī
before He started creation.

wal-hamdu līllāhī alladhi mannā `alaynā
Praise be to Allah Who has conferred upon us

bihukkāmīn yaqumūn māqāmuhū
with the favor of assigning rulers who represent Him

law kāna hadīrān fī al-makānī
as if He is present therein.
There is no god save Allah Who has honored us with Successors
yahfazuna alshshara’i`a fi kulli al’azmani
maintaining the (Divine) laws in all ages.
Allah is the Most Great for He has demonstrated them before us
through miracles that neither men nor can the jinn do.
There is no power and no might save with Allah, the Most High, the All-great,
Who has accustomed us to receive His favorable donations that He
did to the ancient nations.
Allahumma falaka alhamdu walththana’u al’aliyyu
O Allah, all praise be to You and elevated thanks be to You

Kama wajaba liwajhika albaqa’u alssarmadiyyu
as eternal existence has been confirmed for Your Face,

Wa kama ja’alata nabiyyana khayra alnabiiyyina
and as You have chosen our Prophet to be the best of Prophets

Wa mulukana afdala almakhluqina
and our kings to be the best of the creatures,

Wakhtartahum ‘ala ‘ilmin ‘ala al’alamina
and You have chosen them aforetime above the nations knowingly.

Waffiqna lilissa’yi ila abwabihim al’amirati ila yawmi alldini
(Please do) grant us prosperity to stand at the doorsteps
of their flourishing shrines up to the Resurrection Day,
واجعل أرواحنا تحتن إلى موطن أقدامهم

waj`al arwahana tahinnu ila mawti'i aqdamihim
make our souls long for the places of their feet,

ونفسنا تهوى النظر إلى مجاليهم وعرصاتهم

wa nufusana tahwa alnnazara ila majalisihim wa `arasatihim
and make our spirits desire for looking at their sessions and courtyards

حتى كأننا نخاطبهم في حضور أشخاصهم

hatta ka`nnana nukhatibuhum fi huduri ashkhasihim
as if we can talk to them in their presence.

فصل الله علیهم من سادة غایبين

fasalla allahu `alayhim min sadatin gha`ibina
May Allah bless them; they are absent masters,

ومن سلاله طاهرین ومن ائمة مصوصيمین

wa min sulalatin tahirina wa min a`immatin ma`sumina
immaculate progeny, and infallible leaders.

اللَّهُمَّ فاذن لنا بدخول هذه العرصات

allahumma fa'dhan lana bidkhuli hadhihi al`arasati
O Allah, (please do) permit us to enter these courtyards
الَّتِي اسْتَعْبَدْتُ بِزِ يَارَتِهَا اهْلَ الَّا رَضِينَ وَالسَّمَاوَاتِ

allati ista’badta biziyaratiha ahla al-aradina walssamawati

that You have ordered the inhabitants of the heavens and the earth
to visit them as sign of worship to You,

وَارْسِلْ دُمُوعَنَا بِخُشُوعِ الْمَهَابَةِ
wa arsil dumu’ana bikhushu`i almahabati

make our eyes shed tears of reverence for their dignity,

وَذَلِلْ جَوَارِحَنَا بِذُلِّ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ وَفْرُضِ الطَّاعَةِ
wa dhallil jawarihana bidhulli al`ubudiyati wa fardi alta`ati

and make our organs show humility of servitude and of obligatory
obedience (to You),

حَتَّى نُقَِّ بِمَا يَجِبُ لَهُمْ مِنَ الاوْصَافِ
hatta nuqirra bima yajibu lahum min al-awsafi

so that we will confess of the qualities that are fixed for them

وَنَعْتَرِفَ بِانَّهُمْ شُفَعَا
wa na`tarifa bi`annahum shufa`a`u

and to admit that they are the interceders for the creatures
إِذَا نُصِبَتِ الْمَوَازِينُ فِي يَوْمِ الاعَْافِ
idha nusibat almawazinu fi yawmi al-aʿrafi
when the Scale shall be set up on the Heights Day.

وَالْحَمْدُ للهِِ وَسَلاَمٌ عَلَىٰ عِبَادِهِ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَىٰ
walhamdu lillahi wa salamun `ala `ibadihi alladhina istafa
All praise be to Allah and peace be upon His servants that He has chosen;

مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ
muhammadin wa alihi alttahirina
Muhammad and His Immaculate Household.

You may then kiss the doorstep with submission and teary eyes, for this is the sign that you have been permitted by the Infallibles – peace be upon them – to enter.
Common Ziyarah

Ziyarah of Imam `Ali al-Naqi (as) and Imam al-Hasan al-`Askari (as)

When you arrive in Samarra' (also called Surra-man-Ra’a; central Iraq) and intend to visit the two Imams (i.e. al-Hadi and al-`Askari), you may bathe yourself and commit yourself to all the etiquettes of entering the holy shrines. You may then walk with tranquility and gravity. When you are at the gate of the holy shrine, you may ask permission of entrance by saying the aforesaid forms of asking permission of entrance (i.e. Isti’dhan), which have been cited in the first pages of this section of the book. You may then enter the holy shrine and visit the two Imams with the following form of ziyarah, which is considered the most authentic:

\[
\text{السلام عليكمَّا يا وليّي الله} \\
\text{alssalamu `alaykuma ya waliyyyy allahi} \\
\text{Peace be upon both of you, O representatives of Allah.}
\]

\[
\text{السلام عليكمَّا يا حجّتي الله} \\
\text{alssalamu `alaykuma ya hujjatay allahi} \\
\text{Peace be upon both of you, O Arguments of Allah (against His created beings).}
\]

\[
\text{السلام عليكمَّا يا نوري الله في ظلمات الأرض} \\
\text{alssalamu `alaykuma ya nuray allahi fi zulumati al-ardi} \\
\text{Peace be upon both of you, O Light of Allah in the darkness of the earth.}
\]
السلام عليكم ما بين الله في شايكينا

alssalamu `alaykuma ya man bada lillahi fi sha'nikuma
Peace be upon both of you, O they about whom Allah has decided.

أتبتكم زيارتائرا وخراق فا بقيقينا
ataytukuma za'iran `arifan bihaqqikuma
I have come to you visiting (your tombs), recognizing your right,

معادية اعدا إيكينا سواءيا لاوليائينا
mu`adiyan li'a`da'ikuma muwaliyan li'awliya’ikuma
showing enmity towards your enemies, declaring loyalty to your loyalists,

مؤمنا بما معتقدا بما ابطلا بما ابطلتما
mu'minan bima amantuma bihi kafiran bima kafartuma bihi
believing in that which you both believed in,

disbelieving in all that which you both disbelieved in,

محققا لبها حققتا مبطللا لبها ابطلتا
muhaqqiqan lima haqqaatuma mubtilan lima abtaltuma
deeming right all that which you deemed right,

and deeming wrong all that which you deemed wrong.

اسال الله ربي وربيكينا
as'alu allaha rabbi wa rabbakuma
I thus beseech Allah, my and your Lord,
ان يَجْعَلَ حَظِّي مِنْ زِيَارَتِكُمَا

_to decide that my rewards for my visit to you both_

الصَّلاةَ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

_to be His sending blessings upon Muhammad and his Household_

وَان يَرْزُقَنِي مُرَافَقَتَكُمَا فِي الْجِنَانِ

_and to grant me the favor of accompanying you both_

in the gardens of Paradise

مَعَ آبَائِكُمَا الصَّالِحِينَ

_with your righteous fathers.

وَاسْالَهُ انْ يُعْتِقَ رَقَبَتِي مِنَ النَّارِ

_I also beseech Him to save me from Hellfire,_

وَيَرْزُقَنِي شَفَاعَتَكُمَا وَمُصَاحَبَتَكُمَا

_to grant me your intercession and your company,

wa yarzuqani shafa`atatuka wa musahabatakuma wa yarzuqani shafa`atatuka wa musahabatakuma

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وَيُعَرِّفَ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكُمَا وَلاَ يَسْلُبَنِي حُبَّكُمَا

wa yu`arrifa bayni wa baynakuma wa la yaslubani hubbakuma

to introduce me to you, not to take out from my heart love for you both

وَحُبَّ آبَائِكُمَا الصَّالِحِينَ

wa hubba aba’ikuma alssalihina

and for your righteous fathers at all,

وَانَّ لَا يَجْعَلَهُ آخَِ الْعَهْدِ مِنْ زِيَارَتِكُمَا

wa an la yaj`alahu akhira al`ahdi min ziyaratikuma

not to decide this time of my visit to you as the last,

وَيَحْشَُ نِي مَعَكُمَا فِي الْجَنَّةِ بِرَحْمَتِهِ

wa yahshurani ma`akuma fi aljannati birahmatihi

and to include me with your group in Paradise, out of His mercy.

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي حُبَّهُمَا وَتَوَفَّنِي عَلَىٰ مِلَّتِهِمَا

allahumma irzuqni hubbahuma wa tawaffani `ala millatihima

O Allah, (please do) grant me love for them and make me die following their faith.

اللَّهُمَّ الْعَنْ ظَالِمِ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ حَقَّهُمْ وَانْتَقِمْ مِنْهُمْ

allahumma il`an zalimi ali muhammadin haqqahum wantaqim minhum

O Allah, curse and punish those who usurped the right of the Household of Muhammad wrongfully.
O Allah, curse the past and the coming generations of those people, apply to them many folds of torture, and send them, their fans, their adherents, and the followers to the deepest area of Hellfire.

Verily, You have power over all things.

O Allah, (please do) hasten the Relief of Your representative and the son of Your representative and cause our relief to accompany his relief,
You may then pray for yourself and your parents painstakingly. You may choose any supplication to say.

If you can reach their tombs, you may offer a two-unit prayer there. If you can only reach the mosque, you may offer the prayer there and pray Almighty Allah for anything you wish, for He is nigh and responding.

This mosque is adjacent to the house of the two Imams, peace of Allah be upon them, where they used to perform the prayers.

Little Difference

The aforesaid form of ziyarah has been cited according to the book of Kamil al-Ziyarah. However, Shaykh Muhammad ibn al-Mashhadi, Shaykh al-Mufid, and al-Shahid, in their books on forms of ziyarah, have recorded it with little difference. After the phrase:

وَيَحْشَُ نِي مَعَكُمَا فِي الْجَنَّةِ بِرَحْمَتِهِ

wa yahshurani ma`akuma fi aljannati birahmatihi
to include me with your group in Paradise, out of His mercy...

They added the following: You may then approach towards the two tombs, throw yourself on them, kiss them, and place your two cheeks on them. When you raise your head, you may say the following words:

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي حُبَّهُمَا

allahumma irzuqni hubbahuma
O Allah, (please do) grant me love for them,
and make me die following their course...

Up to the end of the aforesaid form of ziyarah.

They then added: You may now offer four units of prayer next to the side of the Imam’s head. Then, you may offer any other prayers... etc.

Bidding Farewell to the two imams When you intend to bid farewell to the two holy Imams, you may stop at the holy tomb and say the following words:

\[
\text{السلامُ عَلَيْكُمَا يَا وَلِيَّيِ اللهِ}
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\[
a\text{لَيْتِي الَّهِ}
\]
\[
\text{وَرَسُولُ اللهِ}
\]
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\text{وَدِيَالْسَلَامَ}
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\text{وَدِيَالْسَلَامَ}
\]

Peace be upon both of you, O Allah’s representatives.

I entrust you both with Allah and invoke His peace upon you both.

We believe in Allah, in the Messenger,

and in that which you both have come with and instructed.
O Allah, write us down with those who bear witness.

O Allah, (please) do not decide this visit

to be the last visit of mine to them;
rather, grant me more chances to re-visit them

and include me with both of them, with their immaculate fathers,

and with the Rising, Argument Imam from their offspring.

O most merciful of all those who show mercy.
Recitation at the Entrance/Izn Dukhool

اَدْخُلُ يَا نَبِيَّ اللهِ
a’adkhulu ya nabiyya allahi
May I enter, O Prophet of Allah?

اَدْخُلُ يَا امِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ
a’adkhulu ya amira almu’minina
May I enter, O Commander of the Faithful?

اَدْخُلُ يَا فَاطِمَةُ الزَّهْرَاءُ
a’adkhulu ya fatimatu alzzahra’u
May I enter, O Fatimah the luminous

سَيِّدَةَ نِسَاءِ الْعَالَمِينَ
sayyidata nisa’i alAlamina
and the doyenne of the women of the world?

اَدْخُلُ يَا مَوْلاَيَ الْحَسَنُ بْنَ عَلِيٍّ
a’adkhulu ya mawlaya alhasanu bna Aliyyin
May I enter, O my master al-Hasan the son of Ali?

اَدْخُلُ يَا مَوْلاَيَ الْحُسَيْنُ بْنَ عَلِيٍّ
a’adkhulu ya mawlaya alhusaynu bna Aliyyin
May I enter, O my master al-Husayn the son of Ali?
May I enter, O my master Ali the son of al-Husayn?

May I enter, O my master Muhammad the son of Ali?

May I enter, O my master Ja`far the son of Muhammad?

May I enter, O my master Musa the son of Ja`far?

May I enter, O my master Ali the son of Musa?

May I enter, O my master Muhammad the son of Ali?
May I enter, O my master Abul-Hasan Ali the son of Muhammad?

May I enter, O my master Abu-Muhammad al-Hasan the son of Ali?

May I enter, O angels of Allah

whom are assigned to manage this holy sanctuary?

You may then enter the holy shrine preceding your right foot to the left. When you stop on the tomb of Imam Abul-Hasan al-Hadi, peace be upon him, directing your face towards the tomb and your back towards the kiblah direction, you may repeat the following word one hundred times:

Allah is the Most Great.
Ziyarah of Imam Ali Naqi Al Hadi (as)

السلام عليكم يا أبا الحسن

alssalamu Alayka ya aba alhasani
Peace be upon you, O Abul-Hasan

علي بن محبب الزكي الرشيد النور الشائق

Aliyyu bna muhammadin alzzakiyyu alrrashida alnnura alththaqiba
Ali the son of Muhammad, the pious, right-directing, and brightly shining light.

و Rahmana الله و بركاته

wa rahmatu allahi wa barakatuhu
Allahs mercy and blessings be upon you.

السلام عليكم يا صديق الله

alssalamu Alayka ya Lafiyya allahi
Peace be upon you, O sincerely attached friend of Allah.

السلام عليكم يا سر الله

alssalamu Alayka ya sirra allahi
Peace be upon you, O confidant of Allah.

السلام عليكم يا حبل الله

alssalamu Alayka ya habla allahi
Peace be upon you, O rope of Allah.
Peace be upon you, O household of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O select of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O choice of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O trustee of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O proof of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O most-beloved by Allah.
السلام عليكم يا نور الأنوار

alssalamu Alayka ya nura al-anwari
Peace be upon you, O light of the lights.

السلام عليكم يا زينة الابرار

alssalamu Alayka ya zayna al-abrari
Peace be upon you, O pride of the virtuous ones.

السلام عليكم يا سليل الاختيار

alssalamu Alayka ya salila al-akhyari
Peace be upon you, O descendant of the upright ones.

السلام عليكم يا عنصرة الطهار

alssalamu Alayka ya `unĽura al-athari
Peace be upon you, O essence of the purified ones.

السلام عليكم يا حجة الرحمن

alssalamu Alayka ya hujjata alrrahmani
Peace be upon you, O argument of the All-beneficent God.

السلام عليكم يا ركن الإيمان

alssalamu Alayka ya rukna al-imani
Peace be upon you, O essence of the true faith.
السلام علىك يا مولى المؤمنين
alssalamu Alayka ya mawla almu'minina
Peace be upon you, O master of the believers.

السلام علىك يا ولي الصالحين
alssalamu Alayka ya waliyya al'Lalihina
Peace be upon you, O guardian of the righteous ones.

السلام علىك يا عالم الهداي
alssalamu Alayka ya Alama alhuda
Peace be upon you, O symbol of true guidance.

السلام علىك يا حليف التقوى
alssalamu Alayka ya halifa alttuqa
Peace be upon you, O ally of piety.

السلام علىك يا عبود الدين
alssalamu Alayka ya Amuda alldini
Peace be upon you, O mainstay of the religion.

السلام علىك يا بن خاتم الأنبياء
alssalamu Alayka yabna khatami alnnabiyyina
Peace be upon you, O son of the seal of the Prophets.
Peace be upon you, O son of the chief of the Prophets successors.

Peace be upon you, O son of Fatimah the Luminous and the doyenne of the women of the world.

Peace be upon you, O faithful trustee.

Peace be upon you, O favorite epitome.

Peace be upon you, O ascetic and pious.
السَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ إِيَّهَا الْحُجَّةُ عَلَى الْخَلْقِ اجْمَعِينَ
alssalamu Alayka ayyuha alhujjatu Ala alkhalqi ajma`ina
Peace be upon you, O decisive argument against all creatures.

السَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ إِيَّهَا التَّالِي لِلْقُْآنِ
alssalamu Alayka ayyuha alttali lilqur'ani
Peace be upon you, O succeeding of the Qur'an.

السَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ إِيَّهَا الْمُبَيِّنُ لِلْحَلاَلِ مِنَ الْحََامِ
alssalamu Alayka ayyuha almubayyinu lilhalali min alharami
Peace be upon you, O distinguishing between the lawful and the unlawful.

السَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ إِيَّهَا الْوَلِيُّ النَّاصِحُ
alssalamu Alayka ayyuha alwaliyyu alnnaLihu
Peace be upon you, O sincere saint.

السَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ إِيَّهَا الْطَِّيقُ الْوَاضِحُ
alssalamu Alayka ayyuha alttariqu alwadihu
Peace be upon you, O evident course.

السَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكَ إِيَّهَا النَّجْمُ اللاَّ ئِحُ
alssalamu Alayka ayyuha alnnajmu alla'ihu
Peace be upon you, O bright star.
I bear witness, O my master Abul-Hasan,

that you are verily the decisive argument of Allah against His creatures, His representative among His created beings,

His trusted administrator in His lands, and His witness over His servants.

I also bear witness that you are verily the word of piety, the door to true guidance,

the Firmest Handle, and the evident proof against those who are on the earth
وَمَنْ تَحْتَ الثَّرَىٰ

wa man tahta alththara
and those who are beneath the layers of the soil.

وَاشْهَدُ انَّكَ الْمُطَهَّرُ مِنَ الذُّنُوبِ

wa asshadu annaka almutahharu min aldhdhunubi
I bear witness that you are purified from sins,

الْمُبَرَّأ مِنَ الْعُيُوبِ وَالْمُخْتَصُّ بِكَرَأَمَةِ اللهِ

almubarra’u min al’uyubi walmukhtal’Lu bikaramati allahi
cleaned against defects, bestowed with the honor of Allah,

وَالْمَحْبُوُّ بِحُجَّةِ اللهِ وَالْمَوْهُوبُ لَهُ كَلِمَةُ اللهِ

walmahbuwwubihujjati allahi walmawhubu lahu kalimatu allahi
endued with the proof of Allah, granted the Word of Allah,

وَالرُّكْنُ الَّذِي يَلْجَا إِِلَيْهِ الْعِبَادُ

walrruknu alladhi yalja’u ilayhi al’ibadu
and the stronghold to whom the servants (of Allah) resort

وَتُحْيَيْ بِهِ الْبِلاَدُ

wa tuhya bihi albiladu
and by whom the lands are revived.
wa ashhadu ya mawlaya
I bear witness, O my master,

anni bika wa bi'aba'ika wa abna'ika muqinun muqirrun
that I have faith in and I submit to you, your forefathers and your sons,

wa lakum tabi`un fi dhati nafsi wa sharayi`i dini
I follow all of you in my personal affairs, in my religious performance,

wa khatimati Amali wa munqalabi wa mathwaya
in the seals of my deed, and in my return and final place.

anni waliyyun liman walakum wa Aduwwun liman Adakum
I do show loyalty to your loyalists,
I show enmity towards your enemies,

mu'minun bisirrikum wa Alaniyatikum
I believe in all of the invisible and the visible,
wa awwalikum wa akhirikum
and the first and the last of you.

bi'abi anta wa ummi
May Allah accept my father and mother as ransoms for you.

walssalamu Alayka wa rahmatu allahi wa barakatuhu
Peace and Allahs mercy and blessings be upon you.

You may then kiss the tomb and place your right and then left cheeks
on it and say the following words:

allahumma Lalli Ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin
O Allah, (please do) send blessings upon Muhammad
and the Household of Muhammad

wa Lalli Ala hujjatika alwafiyyi wa waliyyika alzzakiyyi
and send blessings upon Your faithful demonstrator,
Your sagacious representative,
wa aminika almurtada wa Lafiyyika alhadi
Your well-pleased trustee, Your sincerely attached guide,

wa Liratika almustaqimi waljaddati al`uzma
Your Right Path, the most important approach,

walttariqati alwusta nuri qulubi almu`minina
the just and equitable course, the light of the faithful believers hearts,

wa waliyyi almuttaqina wa Lahibi almukhliLina
the friend of the pious ones, and the comrade of the sincere.

allahumma Lalli Ala sayyidina muhammadin wa ahli baytihi
O Allah, (please do) send blessings upon our Master Muhammad and upon his Household

wa Lalli Ala Aliyyi bni muhammadin
and send blessings upon Ali the son of Muhammad,
الْرَّاشِدِ الْمَعْصُومِ مِنَ الزَّلَلِ وَالْطَّاهِرِ مِنَ الْخَلَلِ
alrrashidi almuminyin alzzalali walttahiri min alkhali
doing right, the infallible, the exempt from faults,

وَالْمُنْقَطِعِ إِِلَيْكَ بِالامَلِ الْمَبْلُوِّ بِالْفِتَنِ
walmunqatii`i ilayka bil-amali almabluwwi bilfitani
who, hoping in You, kept himself aloof from temptations,

وَالْمُخْتَبَرِ بِالْمِحَنِ وَالْمُمْتَحَنِ بِحُسْنِ الْبَلْوَىٰ
walmukhtabari bilmihani walmumtahani bihusni albalwa
who was tested (by You) through tribulations, who was examined (by You) through acting excellently towards misfortunes,

وَصَبْرِ الشَّكْوَىٰ مُرْ شِيدِ عِبَادِكَ
wa Ľabri alshshakwa murshidi `ibadika
and through steadfastness against complaining; (he is) the spiritual guide of Your servants,

وَبَرَكَةِ بِلاَدِكَ وَمَحَلِّ رَحْمَتِكَ
wa barakati biladika wa mahalli rahmatika
the blessing for Your lands, the destination of Your mercy,

وَمُسْتَوْدَعِ حِكْمَتِكَ وَالْقَائِدِ إِلَىٰ جَنَّتِكَ
wa mustawda`i `i hikmatika walqa`idi ila jannatika
the hoarder of Your wisdom, the leader to Your Paradise,
العالم في برينتك والهادي في خليقتك

alAlimi fi bariyyatika walhadi fi khaliqatika
the all-knowable among Your created beings,
the true guide of Your creatures,

الذي ارتبسته وانتصبته

alladhi irtadaytahu wantajabtahu
whom You pleased, preferred,

واخترتته ليقان رسولك في أمته

wakhtartahu liqaama rasulika fi ummatihi
selected to take the place of Your Prophet among his people,

والزمته حفظ شريعته

wa alzamtahu hifza shariaatihi
and bounded with the guardianship of his laws.

فاستقال بعباده الوصيّة

fastaqalla bi’a’ba’i alwa’liyyati
So, he accomplished the onerous task of representation (of the Prophet),

ناهضا بها ومضطعلها بحئيلها

nahidan biha wa mudtaliAn bihamliha
carrying it perfectly, and undertaking the responsibility of bearing it.
لَمْ يَعْثُرْ فِي مُشْكِلٍ وَلاَ هَفَا فِي مُعْضِلٍ

He neither slipped in any problematic action
nor did he fail to solve any complexity.

بَلْ كَشَفَ الْغُمَّةَ وَسَدَّ الْفُْجَةَ وَادَّىٰ الْمُفْتَرَضَ

Rather, he relieved all agonies, sealed the loopholes,
and fulfilled the required.

أَللَّهُمَّ فَكِّمَا أَقَْرَتْ نَاذاَرَتْ نَبِيِّكَ بِهِ

O Allah, just as You made him a source of delight for Your Prophet,

فَرَقِّهِ دَرَجَتَهُ وَاجْزِيلْ لَدَيْكَ مَثُوبَتَهُ

so also (please) raise him to the most elevated position,
give him the most fitting reward that suits him,

وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ وَبَلِّغْهُ مِنَّا تَاحَا وَسَلاَماً

bless him, convey our greetings and salutations to him,

وَآتِنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ فِي مُوَالَةَتِهِ فَضْلاً وَإِِحْسَاناً

and give us, on account of our love for him, from You bounties, favors,
wa maghfiratan wa ridwanan
amnesty, and approval.

innaka dhu alfadli alAzimi
Verily, You are the Lord of superabundant favors.
Dua after Ziyarah

You may then offer the Ziyarah Prayer. When you accomplish, you may say the following prayer:

`Ya dha alqudrati aljamiAti walrrahmati alwasiAti
O Lord of omnipotent power! O Lord of all-inclusive mercy!`

`walminani almutatabiAti wal-alai' alimutawatirati
O Lord of successive favors! O Lord of uninterrupted bounties!`

`wal-ayadi aljalilati walmawahibi aljazilati
O Lord of magnificent bestowals! O Lord of abundant conferrals!`

`Salli Ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin assadiqina
(Please do) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad the veracious ones,`

`wa a`tini su`li wajma` shamlili
grant me that which I ask from You, re-unify me (with my family),`
وَلُمَّ شَعْثِي وَزَكِّ عَمَلِي
wa lumma shaAthi wa zakki Amali
unite me (with my family), purify my deeds,

وَلاَ تُزِغْ قَلْبِي بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنِي وَلاَ تُزِلَّ قَدَامِي
wa la tuzigh qalbi ba`da idh hadaytani wa la tuzilla qadami
cause not my heart to stray after You have guided me,
cause not my footstep to slip,

وَلاَ تَكِلْنِي إِلَىٰ نَفْسِي طَْفَةَ عَيْنٍ ابَداً
wa la takilni ila nafsi tarfata Aynin abadan
never refer me to myself even for a time as short as a wink of an eye,

وَلاَ تَخَيِّبِ طَمَعِي وَلاَ تُبْدِ عَوْرَتِي
wa la tukhayyib tama`i wa la tubdi Awrati
disappoint not my desire, expose not my private parts,

وَلاَ تَهْتِكْ سِتْرِي وَلاَ تُؤْيِسْنِي وَلاَ تُخَيِّبُ عَيْنِي
wa la tahtik sitri wa la tuhishni wa la tu'yisni
disclose not my covering, cause me not to feel lonely, despair me not,

وَكُنْ بِي رَوُفَا رَحِيماً وَاهْدِنِي وَزَكِّنِي
wa kun bi ra'ufan rahiman wahdini wa zakkini
be to me kind and merciful,
guide me (to the right path), make me grow,
وَطَهِّرْ نِي وَصَفِّنِي
purify me, cleanse me,

وَاصْتَفِنِي وَخَلِّصْنِي وَاِسْتَخْلِصْنِي
dedicate me to You, select me, render me suitable,

وَاصْنَعْنِي وَاصْتَنِعْنِي
arrange me for You alone, attach me to Yourself,

وَقَِّبْنِي إِِلَيْكَ وَلاَ تُبَاعِدْ نِي مِنْكَ
draw me near You, take me not far away from You,

وَالْطُف بِي وَلاَ تَجْفُنِي وَاَكِّمْنِي وَلاَ تُهِنِّي
be kind to me, do not turn away from me, honor me, do not humiliate me,

وَمَا اسْأَلْكَ فَلاَ تَحْرِمْنِي
do not deprive me of all that which I ask from You,
وَمَا لاَ اسْالُكَ فَاجْمَعْهُ لِي

and give me altogether all that which I have not asked from You.

بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا ارْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

(Please do all that) in the name of Your mercy, O most merciful of all those who show mercy.

وَاسْالُكَ بِحُْمَةِ وَجْهِكَ الْكَِ يمِ

I also beseech You in the name of the sacredness of Your Honorable Face,

وَبِحُْمَةِ نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ

the sanctity of Your Prophet Muhammad,

صَلَوَاتُكَ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِه

may Your blessings be upon him and upon his Household,

وَبِحُْمَةِ اهْلِ بَيْتِ رَسُولِكَ

and the sanctity of Your Prophets Household;
amiri almu’minina Aliyyin
namely, Ali the Commander of the Faithful,

walhasani walhusayni
al-Hasan, al-Husayn,

wa Aliyyin wa muhammadin
Ali, Muhammad,

wa ja’farin wa musa
Ja`far, Musa,

wa Aliyyin wa muhammadin
Ali, Muhammad,

wa Aliyyin walhasani
Ali, al-Hasan,
walkhalafi albaqi
and the Remaining Successor;

Salawatuka wa barakatuka Alayhim
may Your benedictions and blessings be upon them all,

(I beseech You in their names) to send blessings upon all of them,

hasten the Relief of their Rising Imam by Your permission,

support him, betake him as the means of victory of Your religion,

and include me with those who shall be redeemed through him
وَالْمُخْلِصِينَ فِي طَاعَتِهِ

walmukhlisina fi taAtihi
and those who act sincerely in obedience to him.

وَاسْأَلُكَ بِحَقِّهِمْ لَمَّا اسْتَجَبْتَ لِي دَعْوَتِي

wa as'aluka bihaqqihim lamma istajabta li da`wati
I also beseech You in the name of their right to respond to my prayer,

وَقَضَيْتَ لِي حَاجَتِي وَاعْطَيْتَنِي سُؤْلِي

wa qadayta li hajati wa a`taytani su'li
grant me my needs, answer my requests,

وَكَفَأَتَنِي مَا اهْتَبَنِي مِنْ امْرِ دُنْيَايَ وَآخَِ  تِي

wa kafaytani ma ahammani min amri dunyaya wa akhirati
and save me from whatever aggrieves me from the affairs of this world as well as the world to come.

يَا ارْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ يَا نُورُ يَا بُرْهَانُ

ya arhama alrrahimina ya nuru ya burhanu
O most merciful of all those who show mercy! O Light! O Evident!

يَا مُنِيرُ يَا مُبِينُ يَا رَبِّ اكْفِنِي شََّ الشُُّورِ

ya muniru ya mubinu ya rabbi ikfini sharra alshshururi
O Granter of light! O Granter of evidence!
O Lord! (Please do) save me from all evils
and from vicissitudes of time.

I also beseech You for redemption on the Day when the Trumpet is blown.

You may then pray Almighty Allah for anything you wish.

You may also repeat the following prayer as many times as possible:

O my means when I lack means! O my hope and my trust!

O my haven and my support! O One! O One and Only!

O (described in) "Say: He is Allah, the One."
I beseech You in the name of those whom You created from among Your creations

but You have not made anyone to be like them at all,

(please do) send blessings upon them all...

You may now submit your requests (before Almighty Allah).

Imam al-Hadi, peace be upon him, is reported to have said, "I have besought Allah the Almighty and All-majestic not to disappoint any one who says this prayer in my shrine."
Salawat

اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ عَلِيِّ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma salli `ala `aliyyi bni muhammadin

O Allah, (please) send blessings upon `Ali the son of Muhammad,

وَصِيِّ الأُوْصِيَاءِ وَإِمَامٌ الأَنْثِيَاءِ

wasiyyi al-awsiya'i wa imami al-atqiya'i

the successor of the Successors, the leader of the pious,

وَخَلَفِ أَبِيَةِ الْدِّينِ

wa khalafi a'immati alddini

the descendant of the leaders of the religion,

وَالْحُجَّةِ عَلَىٰ الْخَلَقِ أَجْمَعِينَ

walhujjati `ala alkhala'iqi ajma`ina

and the argument against all of the creatures.

آَللَّهُمَّ كَمَا جَعَلْتَهُ نُورًا يَسْتَضِي بِهِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

allahumma kama ja`altahu nuran yastadi'u bihi almu'minuna

O Allah, as You have made him the source of light from which the believers derive light,

فَبَشََّ بِالْجَزِيَّةَ مِنْ ثَوَابِكَ

fabashshara biljazili min thawabika

and so he conveyed the good tidings of Your abundant reward,
وَأَنْذَرَ بِالأَلِيمِ مِنْ عِقَابِكَ
wa andhara bil-alimi min `iqabika
warned against Your painful punishment,

وَحَذَّرَ بَأْسَكَ وَذَكََّ بِآ  يَاتِكَ
wa hadhdhara ba'saka wa dhakkara bi'ayatika
notified against Your prowess, reminded of Your sings,

وَأَحَلَّ حَلاَلَكَ وَحََّمَ حََامَكَ
wa ahalla halalaka wa harrama haramaka
rendered legal that which You have deemed legal,
rendered illegal that which You have deemed illegal,

وَبَيَّنَ شََائِعَكَ وَفََائِضَكَ
wa bayyana shara'i`aka wa fara'idaka
explained Your laws and the duties towards You,

وَحَضَّ عَلَىٰ عِبَادَتِكَ وَأَمَرَ بِطَاعَتِكَ
wa hadda `ala `ibadatika wa amara bita`atika
encouraged on servitude to You, enjoined obedience to You,

وَنَهَىٰ عَنْ مَعْصِيَتِكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ
wa naha `an ma`siyatika fasalli `alayhi
and forbade disobedience to You, so also (please) bless him
أَفْضَلَ مَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَىٰ أَحَدٍ

afdala ma sallayta `ala ahadin

with the most favorite blessings that You have ever bestowed

مِنْ أَوْلِيَائِكَ وَذُرِّيَّةِ أَنْبِيَائِكَ

min awliya'ika wa dhurriyyati anbiya'ika

upon any of Your intimate servants and descendants of Your Prophets.

يَا إِلٰهَ الْعَالَمِينَ

ya ilaha al`alamina

O God of the Worlds!
Ziyarah of Imam Hassan al Askari (as)

السلام عليكم يا مولائي

alssalamu `alayka ya mawlaya
Peace be upon you, O my Master

يا ابا محمد الحسن بن علي الهادي المهتدی

ya aba muhammadin alhasanu bna `aliyyin alhadi almuhtadi
Abu-Muhammad al-Hasan the son of `Ali, the guide and well-guided.

ورحمة الله وبركاته

wa rahmatu allahi wa barakatuhu
Allah’s mercy and blessings be upon you.

السلام عليكم يا ولي الله وابن أوليائه

alssalamu `alayka ya waliyya allahi wabna awliya`ihi
Peace be upon you, O Allah’s intimate servant and son of Allah’s intimate servants.

السلام عليكم يا حجة الله وابن حجة

alssalamu `alayka ya hujjata allahi wabna hujajihi
Peace be upon you, O Allah’s decisive Argument and son of Allah’s decisive Arguments.
Peace be upon you, O Allah’s elite and son of Allah’s elite ones.

Peace be upon you, O Allah’s representative, son of Allah’s representatives, and father of His representative.

Peace be upon you, O son of the Seal of the Prophets.

Peace be upon you, O son of the chief of the Prophets’ successors.

Peace be upon you, O son of the Commander of the Faithful.

Peace be upon you, O son of the doyenne of all women of the world.
Peace be upon you, O son of the guiding leaders.

Peace be upon you, O son of the orthodox successors (of the Prophets.)

Peace be upon you, O shelter of the pious ones.

Peace be upon you, O leader of the winning party.

Peace be upon you, O haven of the (true) believers.

Peace be upon you, O relief of the aggrieved ones.
Peace be upon you, O heir of the Prophets: the choice ones.

Peace be upon you, O keeper of the knowledge of the successor of Allah’s Messenger.

Peace be upon you, O he who invites to the judgment of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O he who speaks with the Book of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O prime Argument of all the arguments (of Allah)

Peace be upon you, O guide of all nations.
Peace be upon you, O source of all bounties.

Peace be upon you, O store of knowledge.

Peace be upon you, O ark of forbearance.

Peace be upon you, O father of the Awaited Imam:

whose claim is evident for the rational people,

whose recognition is fixed in the most certain things,
whom is concealed against the eyes of the oppressors,

whom is hidden from the regimes of the faithless authorities,

and through whom our Lord shall recover Islam over again after it will be effaced

and He shall recover the Qur'an fresh over again after it will be eradicated.

O master, I bear witness that you performed the prayers,

defrayed the poor-rate, enjoined the right,
Wa nahayta `an almunkari wa da`awta ila sabili rabbika
forbade the wrong, called to the way of your Lord

Bilhikmati walmaw`izati alhasanati
with wisdom and goodly exhortation,

Wa `abadta allaha mukhlisan hatta ataka alyaqinu
and worshipped Allah sincerely until death came upon you.

As`alu allaha bilshsha`ni alladhi lakum `indahu
I thus beseech Allah in the name of the rank that you enjoy with Him

An yataqabbala ziyarati lakum wa yashkura sa`yi ilaykum
to accept my visit to you, receive my efforts with gratitude,

Wa yastajiba du`a`i bikum
respond to my prayers through you,
and include me with the supporters of the truth,

its followers, its adherents, its devotees, and its lovers.

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

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

and send blessings upon al-Hasan the son of `Ali

who guides to Your religion and calls to Your way,
`alami alhuda wa manari altuqa
who is the sign of true guidance, the lantern of true piety,

wa ma`dini alhija wa ma`wa alnuha
the essence of rationality, the resource of reason,

wa ghaythi alwara wa sahabi alhikmati
the raining cloud over mankind, the cloud of wisdom,

wa bahri almaw`izati wa warithi al-a'immati
the ocean of admonition, the heir of the Imams,

walshahidi `ala al-ummati alma`sumi almuhadhdhabi
the witness over the (Muslim) community,
the sinless, the well-mannered,

walfadili almuqarrabi walmutahhari min alrijsi
the virtuous, the favorable (by Allah), the purified against filth,
and the one whom You have given the knowledge of the (Holy) Book in inheritance,

You have inspired with clear judgment,

You have appointed as the leading sign for those who follow the direction You have decided,

You have decided the obedience to him to be attached to the obedience to You,

and You have imposed the love for him upon all Your creatures.

O Allah, as he always turned to You with excellent sincerity in Your Oneness,
وارةً مَن خَاضَ في تَشْبِيْهَكَ

wa arda man khada fi tashbihika
argued and defeated those who anthropomorphized You,

وَحَامَىٰ عَنْ اهْلِ الإِيـمَانِ بِكَ

wa hama `an ahli al-imani bika
and defended those who faithfully believed in You;

فَصَلِّ يَا رَبِّ عَلَيْهِ صَلاَةً

fasalli ya rabbi `alayhi salatan
so, O my Lord, (please) pour down on him Your blessings

يَلْحَقُ بِهَا مَحَلَّ الْخَاشِعِينَ وَيَعْلُو فِي الْجَنَّةِ

yalhaqu biha mahalla alkhashi`ina wa ya`lu fi aljannati
due to which he joins the rank of those who behave humbly toward You and due to which he surmounts in Paradise

بِدَرَجَةِ جَدِّهِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ

bidarajati jaddihi khatami alnnabiyyina
to the rank of his forefather the Seal of the Prophets.

وَبَلِّغْهُ مِنَّا تَحِيَّةً وَسَلاَماً

wa ballighhu minna tahiyyatan wa salaman
And (please do) convey to him greetings and compliments from us,
wa atina min ladunka fi muwalatih
grant us from You, on account of our loyalty to him,

fadlan wa ihsanan wa maghfiratan wa ridwanan
favor and benevolence and also grant us
forgiveness and gratification,

innaka dhu fadlin `azimin wa mannin jasimin
for You are most certainly the Lord of enormous favor and huge bliss.

You may then offer the two-unit prayer of ziyarah. When you accomplish, you may say the following prayer.
Dua after Ziyarah

يا دائميا دينهوم ياحييا قيوم
O All-eternal Lord! O All-everlasting! O Ever-living! O All-subsisting!

يا كشيف الكرب والهم ويا فارج الغم
O Reliever of agonies and grief! O Soother of anguishes!

ويا باعث الرسل ويا صاديق الوعد
O Appointer of Messengers! O Truthful to what You promise!

ويا حي لا إله إلا أنتم
O Ever-living! there is no deity save You.

اتوسل إليك بحبيبك محسن
I beg You in the name of Your dear one Muhammad

ووصييه علي ابن عمه وصهره علي ابنته
and in the name of his successor `Ali his cousin
and the husband of his daughter,
الذَينِ خَتَمْتَ بِهِمَا الشَّرَایعَ
alladhayni khatamta bihima alshshara'i`a
through both of whom You have sealed Your laws

وَفَتَحْتَ بِهِمَا التَّاویلَ وَالْطَّلَایعَ
wa fatahta bihima altta'wila walttala'i`a
and opened the interpretation and Your pioneering ordains.

فَصَلِّ عَلَیْهِمَا
fasalli `alayhima
So, (please do) send upon both of them blessings

صَلاَةً يَشْهَدُ بِهَا الاوَّلُونَ وَالآخُرُونَ
salatan yashhadu biha al-awwaluna wal-akhiruna
that are witnessed by the ancient and the coming generations

وَيَنْجُو بِهَا الاوْلِيَاءَ وَالصَّالِحُونَ
wa yanju biha al-awliya'u walssalihuna
and by which the intimate servants and the righteous ones are saved.

وَاتَوَسَّلُ إِِلَيْكَ بِفَاطِمَةَ الزَّهْرَا
wa atawassalu ilayka bifatimata alzzahra'i
I also beg You in the name of Fatimah the Luminous,
والِدَةِ الاٌئِمَةِ المُهْدِيِّينَ
walidati al-a’immati almahdiyyina
the mother of the well-guided Imams,

وَسَيِّدَةِ نِسَاءِ الْعَالَمِينَ
wa sayyidati nisa’i al’alamina
and the Doyenne of the women of the worlds,

اَلْمُشَفَّعَةِ فِي شِيعَةِ اوْلَآٰدَهَا الطَّيِّبِينَ
almushaffa`ati fi shi`ati awladiha alttayyibina
who shall be allowed to intercede for the adherents of her immaculate descendants.

فَصَلِّ عَلَيْهَا صَلاَةً دَائِمَةً
fasalli `alayha salatan da’imatan
So, (please do) send upon her blessings that are as endless

اَبَدَ الْآبِدِينَ وَدَهْرَ الْدَّاهِرِينَ
abada al-abidina wa dahra alddahirina
as ages and as endless as times.

وَاتَوَسَّلُ إِِلَيْكَ بِالْحَسَنِ الرَّضِيٍّ
wa atawassalu ilayka bilhasani alrradiyyi
I also beg You in the name of al-Hasanthe pleased,
الطَّاهِرِ الزَّكِيٍّ وَالْحُسَيْنِ الْمَظْلُومِ
al-tahiri al-zakiyyi wal-husayni almazlumi
the infallible, and the pure, and in the name of al-Husayn the oppressed,

الْمَرْضِيّ الْبَرِّ التَّقَيّ سَيِّدَيْ شَبَابِ اهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ
al-mardiyi al-barri alttaqiyyi sayyiday shababi ahli al-jannati
the pleased, the pious, and the righteous;

(they both are) the masters of the youth of Paradise,

الإِمَامَيْنِ الْخَيْرَيْنِ الطَّيِّبَيْنِ التَّقَيَّيْنِ
al-imamayni al-khayyirayni alttayyibayni alttaqiyyayni
the two Imams who are virtuous, infallible, pious,

النَّقِيَّيْنِ الطَّاهِرَيْنِ
al-naqiyyayni alttahirayni
pure, immaculate,

الشَّهِيدَيْنِ الْمَظْلُومَيْنِ الْمَقْتُولَيْنِ
al-shahidayni almazlumayni almaqtulayni
martyred, oppressed, and slain.

فَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمَا مَا طَلَعَتْ شَمْسٌ وَمَا غََبَتْ
fasalli `alayhima ma tala`at shamsun wa ma gharabat
So, (please do) send upon them blessings whenever the sun rises and sets;
صلّاء متوالية متتالية
salatan mutawaliyatan mutataliyatan
blessings that are consecutive and successive.

وأتسال إليك بعلي بن الحسين
wa atawassalu ilayka bi`aliyyi bni alhusayni
I also beg You in the name of `Ali the son of al-Husayn

سيّد العبّادين المحبوب من خوف الظالمين
sayyidi al`abidina almahjubi min khawfi alzzalimina
the chief of the worshippers
and the concealed for fear of the oppressors,

وبعبيد بن علي الباقِ الطاهر النور الزاهر
wa bimuhammadi bni `aliyyin albaqiri alttahiri alnnuri alzzahiri
and in the name of Muhammad the son of `Ali,
the splitter of knowledge, the pure, the glowing light.

الإماميّن السّيّدّيّن
al-imamayni alssayyidayni
(They both are) the two Imams and masters,

مفتاحيّ الْبَرَكَاتِ ومضبائيّ الطّلَبِيّاتِ
miftahay albarakati wa misbahay alzzulumati
the keys to blessings, and the lanterns in the murk.
fasalli `alayhima ma sara laylun wa ma ada'a naharun
So, (please) send blessings upon them whenever night comes and whenever daylight rises;

salatan taghdu wa taruhu
such blessings that are ceaseless.

wa atawassalu ilayka bija`fari bni muhammadin
I also beg You in the name of Ja`far the son of Muhammad,

alssadiqi `an allahi walnnatiqi fi `ilmi allahi
the truthful in what he conveys from Allah and the spokesman of Allah’s knowledge

wa bimusa bni ja`farin al`abdi alssalihi fi nafsihi
and in the name of Musa the son of Ja`far, the self-righteous servant (of Allah)

walwasiyyi alnnasihi
and the well-whishing successor (of the Prophet);
الإِمَامَيْنِ الْهَادِيَيْنِ الْمُهْدِيَيْنِ

(al-imamayni alhadiyayni almahdiyyayni)

(they both are) the two guiding and well-guided Imams.

الوَافِيَيْنِ الْكَافِيَيْنِ

(alwafiyayni alkafiyayni)

and the two adequate and saving Imams.

فَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمَا مَا سَبَّحَ لَكَ مَلَكٌ

(fasalli `alayhima ma sabbaha laka malakun)

So, (please) send upon them blessings whenever an angel glorifies You

وَتَحََّكَ لَكَ فَلَكٌ صَلاةً تُنْمَىٰ وَتَزِيدُ

(wa taharraka laka falakun salatan tunma wa tazidu)

and whenever a planet moves;

such blessings that are increasable and growing

وَلاَ تَفْنَيٰ وَلاَ تَبِيدُ

(wa la tafna wa la tabidu)

and neither ending nor stopping.

وَاتَوَسَّلُ إِِلَيْكَ بِعَلِيِّ بْنِ مُوسَيٰ الرِّضَا

(wa atawassalu ilayka bi`aliyyi bni musa alrrida)

I also beg You in the name of `Ali the son of Musa the well-pleased

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and in the name of Muhammad the son of `Ali the well-contented;

the two purified and divinely selected Imams.

So, (please) send upon them blessings whenever morning glows and endures

with such blessings that take them up to the rank of Your pleasure

in the highest level of the gardens of Your Paradise.

I also beg You in the name of `Ali the son of Muhammad the rightly-directing
and in the name of al-Hasan the son of `Ali the guide;

the two Imams who supervise the affairs of Your servants,

whom are tested by unbearable ordeals,

and who acted patiently against the swerving enmities.

So, (please do) send upon them blessings that are suitable to the reward of the enduring people

and worth being the prize of the winners;
such blessings that pave for them the way to exaltation.

I also beg You, O Lord, in the name of our Imam

the rising in our ages, the promised day,

the witnessed observer, the luminous light,

the bright illumination, the supported by means of horror,

and the triumphant with happiness.
فَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ عَدَدَ الثَّمَرِ وَاوْرَاقِ الشَّجَرِ

fasalli `alayhi `adada alththamari wa awraqi alshajari
So, (please) send upon him blessings that are as many as the numbers of fruits, the leaves of trees,

وَاجْزَاءِ الْمَدَارِ وَعَدَدَ الشَّعْرِ وَالْوَبَرِ

wa ajza`i almadari wa `adada alshsha`ri `al walwabari
the townspeople, the hairs of people and animals,

وَعَدَدَ مَا احَاطَ بِهِ عِلْمُكَ

wa `adada ma ahata bihi `ilmuka
and all things that Your knowledge encompasses

وَاحْصَاهُ كِتَابُكَ صَلاَةً يَغْبِطُهُ بَهَا الاوَّلُونَ وَالآخِرُونَ

wa ahsahu kitabuka salatan yaghbituhubiha al-awwaluna wal-akhiruna
and You Book counts; such blessings due to which all the ancient and the last generations wish to have their like.

اَللَّهُمَّ وَاحْشُْنَا فِي زُمْرَٰتِهِ وَاحْفَظْنَا عَلَىٰ طَاعَتِهِ

allahumma wahshurna fi zumratihi wahfazna `ala ta`atihi
OAllah,(pleasedo)includeuswithhisgroup,makeuskeeponobeyinghim,

وَاحْحَسْنَا بِدَوْلَتِهِ وَاتْحِفْنَا بِوِلَّوَيْتِهِ

wahrusna bidawlatihi wa athifna biwilayatihi
guard us through his state, confer upon us with the loyalty to him,
wansurna `ala a`da`ina bi`izzatihi
give us victory over our enemies as a result of his power,

waj`alna ya rabbi min altawwabina
and include us, O Lord, with those who turn to You constantly.

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

allahumma wa inna iblisa almutamarrida alla`ina
O Allah, Iblis the rebel and accursed

qad istanzarakka li`ighwa`i khalqiqa fa`anzartahu
asked You to grant him respite so that he would mislead Your creatures; and You granted him so.

wastamhalaka li`idlali `abidika fa`amhaltahu
He asked You to reprieve him so that he would misguide Your servants, and You reprieved him.
This is because You had already known about him.

He thus nested and gave birth to many hosts.
So, his armies have been overcrowding,

his propagandists have widespread in all the corners of this earth,

they have mislead Your servants, deformed Your religion,

displaced the words from their right places,

and made Your servants diverse revelries
وَاحْزَاباً مُتَمَرِّدِينَ
wa ahzaban mutamarridina
and rebellious parties.

وَقَدْ وَعَدْتَ نَقْضَ بُنْيَانِهِ وَتَمْزِيقَ شَانِهِ
wa qad wa`adta naqda bunyanihi wa tamziqa sha`nihi
You promised that You would demolish his (i.e. Iblis) edifice and tear out his matters.

فَأَهْلِكْ أُوْلَادَهُ وَجُيُوشَهُ
fa'ahlik awladahu wa juyushahu
So, (please do) deaden his sons and armies,

وَطَهِّرْ بِلاَدَكَ مِنِ اخْتِلَافَاتِهِ وَاخْتِرَاعَاتِهِ
wa tahhir biladaka min ikhtira`atihi wakhtilafatihi
purify Your lands from his inventions and fabrications,

وَارِحْ عِبَادَكَ مِنْ مَذَاهِبِهِ وَقِيَاسَاتِهِ
wa arih `ibadaka min madhahibihi wa qiyasatihi
relieve Your servants from his factions and analogies,

وَاجْعَلْ دَائِرَةَ السَّوْءِ عَلَيْهِمْ
waj`al da'irata alssaw'i `alayhim
make the disaster of evil surround them,
وَابْسُطْ عَدْلَكَ وَأَظْهَرْ دِينَكَ

wabsut `adlaka wa azhir dinaka
extend Your justice, give victory to Your religion,

وَقَوِّ اولِيْيَأْكَ وَاوْهِنْ اَعْدَأَكَ

wa qawwi awliya'aka wa awhin a `da'aka
give strength to Your intimate servants, weaken Your enemies,

وَأَوْرِثْ دِيْارَ إِبْلِيسَ وَدِيْارَ اوْلِيَائِهِ اوْلِيَاءَكَ

wa awrith diyara iblisa wa diyara awliya'ihi awliya'aka
make Your intimate servants inherit the lands of Iblis and these of his fans,

وَخَلِّدْهُمْ فِي الْجَحِيمِ وَاذِقْهُمْ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ الالِيمِ

wa khallid-hum fi aljahimi wa adhiqhum min al`adhabi al-alimi
make the fans of Iblis stay forever in the blazing Fire, make them taste the painful torment,

وَاجْعَلْ لَعَائِنَكَ الْمُسْتَوْدَعَةَ

waj`al la`a'inaka almustawda`ata
and make the curses of You that are kept

فِي مَنَاحِسِ الْخِلْقَةِ وَمَشَاوِيْهِ الْفَطْرَةَ

fi manahisi alkhilqati wa mashawihi alfitrati
in the evil part of the creation and in the deformed part of the nature
surround them forever, control over them,
and strike them every morning and evening
and every moment of coming and going.
O Our Lord, (please do) grant us goodness in this world and goodness in the world to come
and save us, out of Your mercy, from the torment of Fire.
O most merciful of all those who show mercy.
Samarra Ziyarat

Salawat

O Allah, (please) send blessings upon al-Hasan the son of `Ali the son of Muhammad,

the dutiful, the pious, the honest, the faithful,

the shining light, the hoarder of Your knowledge,

the reminder of the profession of Your Oneness, the authorized to undertake Your mission,

the descendant of the leaders of the religion who are rightly guiding and rightly directing,
واَلْحُجَّةِ عَلَىٰ أَهْلِ الدُّنْيَا

*walhujjati `ala ahli alldunya*

and the argument against the inhabitants of this world.

فَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ يَا رَبِّ أَفْضَلَ مَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَىٰ أَهَدٍ

*fasalli `alayhi ya rabbi afdala ma sallayta `ala ahadin*

So, bless him, O my Lord,

with the most favorite blessings that You have ever bestowed

مِنْ أَصْفِيَائِكَ وَحُجَجِكَ وَأَوْلَادِ رُسُلِكَ

*min asfiya'ika wa hujajika wa awladi rusulika*

upon any of Your elite persons, argument-persons,

and descendants of Your Messengers.

يَا إِلٰهَ الْعَالَمِينَ

*ya ilaha al`alamina*

O God of the worlds!
Bidding Farewell to the two Imams

When you intend to bid farewell to the two holy Imams, you may stop at the holy tomb and say the following words:

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكُمَا يَا وَلِيَّيِ اللهِ
alssalamu `alaykuma ya waliyyay allahi
Peace be upon both of you, O Allah’s representatives.

اسْتَوْدِعُكُمَا اللهَ وَاقَْا عَلَيْكُمَا السَّلاَمَ
astawdi`ukuma allaha wa aqra`u `alaykuma alssalama
I entrust you both with Allah and invoke His peace upon you both.

آمَنَّا بِاللهِ وَبِالرَّسُولِ
amanna billah wa bilrrasuli
We believe in Allah, in the Messenger,

وَبِمَا جِئْتُمَا بِهِ وَدَلَلْتُمَا عَلَيْهِ
wa bima ji'tuma bihi wa dalaltuma `alayhi
and in that which you both have come with and instructed.

اَللَّهُمَّ اكْتُبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدينَ
allahumma iktubna ma`a alshshahidina
O Allah, write us down with those who bear witness.
O Allah, (please) do not decide this visit to be the last visit of mine to them;

rather, grant me more chances to re-visit them and include me with both of them,

with their immaculate fathers,

and with the Rising, Argument Imam from their offspring.

O most merciful of all those who show mercy.
Ziyarah of the Mother of Imam al-Mahdi Lady Nargis Khatoon (sa) You may then visit the doyenne of this world and the Next World; namely, the mother of Imam al-Qa'im whose tomb is situated behind the tomb of our master Imam al-Hasan al-`Askari (`a). You should thus say the following words while visiting her tomb:

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\text{السلام على رسول الله}
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\text{alssalamu `ala rasuli allahi}
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Peace be upon Allah’s Messenger,

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\text{صلى الله عليه وآله الصادق الامين}
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\[
\text{salla allahu `alayhi wa alihi alssadiqi al-amini}
\]
Allah’s blessings be upon him, the veracious and honest.

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\text{السلام على مولانا امير الامين}
\]
\[
\text{alssalamu `ala mawlana amiri almu'minina}
\]
Peace be upon our master the Commander of the Faithful.

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\text{alssalamu `ala al-a'immati alttahirina}
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Peace be upon the Immaculate Imams

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\text{alhujaji almayamini}
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and the blessed Arguments (of Allah).
alssalamu `ala walidati al-imami
Peace be upon the mother of the Imam;

walmuda`ati asrara almaliki al`allami
the lady entrusted with the secrets of the All-knowing King

walhamilati li'ashrafi al-anami
and the bearer of the most honorable of all beings.

alssalamu `alayki ayyatuha alssiddiqatu almardiyyatu
Peace be upon you, O veracious and well-pleased lady.

alssalamu `alayki ya shabihata ummi musa
Peace be upon you, O equivalent of (Prophet) Moses’ mother

wabnata hawariyyi `isa
and daughter of (Prophet) Jesus’ Disciple.
السلامُ عَلَيْكِ اَيَّتُهَا النَّقِيَّةُ النَّقِيَّةُ
alssalamu `alayki ayyatuha alntaqiyyatu alnnaqiyyatu
Peace be upon you, O pious and bright.

السلامُ عَلَيْكِ اَيَّتُهَا الرَّضِيَّةُ الْمَرْضِيَّةُ
alssalamu `alayki ayyatuha alrradiyyatu almardiyyatu
Peace be upon you, O well-pleased and well-contented.

السلامُ عَلَيْكِ اَيَّتُهَا الْمَنْعُوتَةُ فِي الإِنْجِيلِ
alssalamu `alayki ayyatuha alman`utatu fi al-injili
Peace be upon you, O described in the Gospel,

المخطوطةُ مِنْ رُوحِ اللهِ الامِينِ
almakhtubatu min ruhi allahi al-amini
betrothed from the Honest Spirit of Allah,

وَمَنْ رَغِبَ فِي وُصْلَتِهَا مُحَمَّدٌ سَيِّدُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
wa man raghiba fi wuslatiha muhammadun sayyidu almursalina
desired for relationship by Muhammad the chief of the Messenger,

وَالْمُسْتَوْدَعَةُ اسْتَوْدَعَةُ اسْتَوْدَعَةُ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
walmustawda`atu asrara rabbi al`alamina
and entrusted with the secrets of the Lord of the Worlds.
اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكِ وَعَلَىٰ آبَائِكِ الْحَوَارِيِّينَ
alssalamu `alayki wa `ala aba'iki alhawariyyina
Peace be upon you and upon your fathers the Disciples.

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكِ وَعَلَىٰ بَعْلِكِ وَوَلَدِي‌کُ
alssalamu `alayki wa `ala ba`liki wa waladiki
Peace be upon you, your husband, and your son.

اَلسَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكِ وَعَلَىٰ رُوحِكِ وَبَدَنِكِ الطَّاهِرِ
alssalamu `alayki wa `ala ruhiki wa badaniki alttahiri
Peace be upon you and upon your pure spirit and body.

اَشْهَدُ انَّكِ احْسَنْتِ الْكَفَالَةَ
ashhadu annaki ahsanti alkafalata
I bear witness that you acted excellently in custody (of your son),

وَادَّيْتِ الامَانَةَ وَاجْتَهَدْتِ فِي مَرْضَاتِ اللهِ
wa addayti al-amanata wajtahadti fi mardati allahi
fulfilled the trust, worked painstakingly for gaining Allah’s pleasure,

وَصَبَرْتِ فِي ذَاتِ اللهِ وَحَفِظْتِ سَِّ اللهِ
wa sabarti fi dhati allahi wa hafizti sirra allahi
acted steadfastly for the sake of Allah, kept the secret of Allah,
wa hamalti waliyya allahi wa balaghti fi hifzi hujjati allahi
born the representative of Allah,
did meticulously in the safeguarding of the Argument of Allah,

wa raghibti fi wuslati abna'i rasuli allahi
and desired for maintaining the descendants of the Messenger of Allah

`arifatan bihaqqihi mu'minatan bisidqihi
as you had full recognition of their rights, believed in their honesty,

mu`tarifatan bimanzilatihi mustabsiratan bi'amrihi
professed their status, acknowledged their matter,

mushfiqatan `alaihi mu'thiratan hawahum
sympathized with them, and preceded their inclination to yours.

wa ashhadu annaki madayti `ala basiratin min amriki
I also bear witness that you passed away with full awareness of the truth,

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Samarra Ziyarat
following the examples of the righteous ones,

well-pleased, well-contented, pious, bright, and pure.

So, may Allah be pleased with you and may He please you

and decide Paradise to be your abode and dwelling.

He has endued you with lots of the good things

and He has given you the honorable position

that made you dispense with everything else.
Fahannaki allahu bima manahaki min alkaramati wa amraki
May Allah delight and gratify you
with the dignity that He has granted you.

You may then raise your head towards the heavens and say the following dua:

Allahumma iyyaka i’tamadtu wa liridaka talabtu
O Allah, to You alone have I had recourse.
Your pleasure alone have I sought.

Wa bi’awliya’ika ilayka tawassaltu
Through Your representatives have I sought means to You.

Wa `ala ghufranika wa hilmika ittakaltu
On Your forgiveness and forbearance have I relied.

Wa bika i’tasamtu
By You alone have I held fast.
In the tomb of the mother of Your representative have I taken refuge.

So, (please) send blessings upon Muhammad and Muhammad’s Household,

make me benefit by my visit to her, keep me firm on love for her,

do not deprive me of her intercession and her son’s intercession,

provide me with being in her companionship, and include me with the group of her and her son

as You have grant me success to visit her son and her.
O Allah, I do turn my face towards You by means of the immaculate Imams

and I choose as my mediation to You the blessed Arguments

from the descendants of Taha and Yasin,

(beseeching You) to bless Muhammad and Muhammad’s Household the pure

and to make me of the tranquil, triumphant, blissful, and glorious ones
الذينَ لا خوفٌ عليهم وَلا هم يحزنونَ

on whom there is neither fear nor shall they be aggrieved.

وَاجعلْني مَنْ قَبِلْتَ سَعْيَهُ

And (please) make me one of those whose deeds are admitted by You,

وُيَسْتَ امْرَهُ وَكَشْفَتَ ضُرْرهُ

whose affairs will be made easy by You, whose distress will be relieved by You,

وَآمَنتَ خَوْفَهُ

and whose fear will be secured by You.

اللٌّهَمَّ بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

(please) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,
wa la taj’alhu akhira al’ahdi min ziyarati iyyaha
do not decide this visit to be the last time of my visits to her;

warzuqni al’awda ilayha abadan ma abqaytani
rather, endue me with other chances to re-visit her
as long as You keep me alive.

wa idha tawaffaytani fahshurni fi zumratih
If You decide to grasp my soul, then (please) include me with her group,

wa adkhilni fi shafa’ati waladiha wa shafa’atiha
bring me in the intercession of her son and her,

waghfir li wa liwalidayya wa lilmu’minina walmu’minati
forgive me and my parents as well as the believing men and women,

wa atina fi alddunya hasanatan wa fi al-akhirati hasanatan
give us good in this world and good in the Hereafter,
and save us, out of Your mercy, from the chastisement of Fire.

Peace be upon you all, O my masters.

Allah’s mercy and blessings, too, be upon you.
Ziyarah J. Hakima (sa)

Ziyarah of Lady Hakimah; daughter of Imam Muhammad al-Jawad Zayd al-Shahham is reported to have asked Imam al-Sadiq (‘a), “What is the reward of one who visits one of you (i.e. the Ahl al-Bayt)?”

The Imam (‘a) answered, “One will gain the reward of visiting the Messenger of Allah.”

As has been previously cited, Imam al-Sadiq (‘a) is reported to have said, “One who offers a four-unit prayer at the tomb of an obligatorily obeyed Imam, shall have the reward of one time of hajj and one time of `umrah.”

In my book of Hadiyyat al-Za’irin, I have mentioned the virtues and excellencies of Lady Hakimah the daughter of Imam Muhammad al-Taqi, peace be upon them.

The holy tomb of this lady lies behind the side of the two Imams’ feet and is attached to their tombs.

I have also mentioned (in that book) that books on forms of ziyarah have not defined any formula to this honorable lady, although she enjoys a sublime status. Hence, it is required to visit this lady with the general forms of ziyarah that are dedicated to the Holy Imams’ descendants or the ziyarah formula of her noble paternal aunt, Lady Fatimah al-Ma`sumah the daughter of Imam Musa al-Kazim.

Hence, a visitor may direct towards the kiblah direction and say the following words:

السلام علی آدم گزین
alssalamu `ala adama safwati allahi
Peace be upon Adam the choice of Allah.
Peace be upon Noah the prophet of Allah.

Peace be upon Abraham the friend of Allah.

Peace be upon Moses the spoken by Allah.

Peace be upon Jesus the spirit of Allah.

Peace be upon you, O Allah’s Messenger.

Peace be upon you, O Allah’s best creature.
السلامِ علیکم يا صفیّ الله
alssalamu `alayka ya safiyya allahi
Peace be upon you, O elite of Allah.

السلامِ علیکم يا مُحَمَّدُ بْنَ عَبْدِ اللهِ
alssalamu `alayka ya muhammadu bna `abdillahi
Peace be upon you, O Muhammad the son of `Abdullah

خاتِمَ النَّبِيِّينَ
khatama alnnabiyyina
and the seal of the Prophets.

السلامِ علیکم يا امیرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ
alssalamu `alayka ya amira almu'minina
Peace be upon you, O Commander of the Faithful

علي بن أبي طالِب وصی رسولِ الله
`aliyyu bna abi talibin wasiyya rasuli allahi
`Ali the son of Abu-Talib and the successor of Allah’s Messenger.

السلامِ علیکم يا فاطِمَة
alssalamu `alayki ya fatimatu
Peace be upon you, O Fatimah
sayyida nisa‘i al’alamina
the doyenne of the women of the worlds.

alssalamu ‘alaykuma ya sibtay alrrahmati
Peace be upon both of you, O grandsons of the Mercy

wa sayyiday shababi ahli aljannati
and two chiefs of the youth of Paradise.

alssalamu ‘alayka ya ‘aliyyu bna alhusayni
Peace be upon you, O ‘Ali the son of al-Husayn

sayyida al’abidina wa qurrata ‘ayni alnnazirina
the chief of the worshippers, and the delight of the eye of all seers.

alssalamu ‘alayka ya muhammadu bna ‘aliyyin
Peace be upon you, O Muhammad the son of ‘Ali
and the splitter of knowledge after the Prophet.

Peace be upon you, O Ja`far the son of Muhammad,

the veracious, dutiful, and honest.

Peace be upon you, O Musa the son of Ja`far
the immaculate and ever-pure.

Peace be upon you, O `Ali the son of Musa

the well-pleased and well-contented.
Peace be upon you, O Muhammad the son of `Ali the pious.

Peace be upon you, O `Ali the son of Muhammad

the immaculate, sincere, and honest.

Peace be upon you, O Hasan son of `Ali.

Peace be upon the next successor.

O Allah, send blessings upon Your light, Your lantern,
the representative of Your representative,
wa wasiyyi wasiyyika wa hujjatika `ala khalqika
the successor of Your successor,
and the argument of You against Your creatures.

alssalamu `alayki ya binta rasuli allahi
Peace be upon you, O daughter of Allah’s Messenger.

alssalamu `alayki ya binta fatimata wa khadijata
Peace be upon you, O daughter of Fatimah and Khadijah.

alssalamu `alayki ya binta amiri almu'minina
Peace be upon you, O daughter of the Commander of the Faithful.

alssalamu `alayki ya binta alhasani walhusayni
Peace be upon you, O daughter of al-Hasan and al-Husayn.

alssalamu `alayki ya binta waliyyi allahi
Peace be upon you, O daughter of Allah’s representative.
السَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكِ يَا اخْتَ وَلِيِّ اللهِ

alssalamu `alayki ya ukhta waliyyi allahi
Peace be upon you, O sister of Allah’s representative.

السَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكِ يَا عَمَّةَ وَلِيِّ اللهِ

alssalamu `alayki ya `ammata waliyyi allahi
Peace be upon you, O paternal aunt of Allah’s representative.

السَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكِ يَا بِنْتَ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ التَّقِي

alssalamu `alayki ya binta muhammadi bni `aliyyin alttaqiyyi
Peace be upon you, O daughter of Muhammad the son of `Ali the pious.

وَرَحْمَةُ اللهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ السَّلاَمُ عَلَيْكِ

wa rahmatu allahi wa barakatu hu alssalamu `alayki
Allah’s mercy and blessings, too, be upon you. Peace be upon you.

عَرَافَ اللهُ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ فِي الْجَنَّةِ

`arrafa allahu baynana wa baynakum fi aljannati
May Allah introduce us to you all in Paradise,

وَحَشََنَا فِي زُمْرَتِكُمْ وَاوْرَدَنَا حَوْضَ نَبِيِّكُم

wa hasharana fi zumratikum wa awradana hawda nabiyyikum
may He include us with your group,
and may He allow us to approach the pond of Your Prophet
وَسَقَانَا بِكَاسِ جَدِّكُمْ مِنْ يَدِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ ابِي طَالِبٍ

wa saqana bika'si jaddikum min yadi `aliyyi bni abi talibin
and serve us with water from the cup of your grandfather
and from the hand of `Ali the son of Abu-Talib.

صَلَوَاتُ اللهِ عَلَيْكُمْ

salawatu allahi `alaykum
Allah’s blessings be upon you all.

اسْالُ اللهَ انْ يُرِيَـنَا فِيكُمُ السُّورَ وَالْفََجَ

as'alu allaha an yuriyana fikumu alssurura walfaraja
I beseech Allah to show us delight and relief through you,

وَانْ يَجْمَعَنَا وَإِِ يَّاكُمْ فِي زُمْرَةِ جَدِّكُمْ

wa an yajma`ana wa iyyakum fi zumrati jaddikum
to join us with you in the group of your grandfather

مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّىٰ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

muhammadin salla allahu `alayhi wa alihi
Muhammad, Allah’s blessings be upon him and his Household,

وَانْ لاَيَسْلُبَنَا مَعْرِفَتَكُمْ

wa an la yaslubana ma`rifatakum
and never to deprive us of our recognition of you.
**Innahu waliyyun qadirun**
Verily, He is Guardian and All-powerful.

**Ataqarrabu ila allahi bihubbikum**
I seek nearness to Allah through (my) love for you,

**Walbara'ati min a`da'ikum walttaslimi ila allahi**
repudiation of your enemies, and submission to Allah,

**Radiyan bihi ghayra munkirin wa la mustakbirin**
accepting Him without denial or arrogance,

**Wala yaqini ma ata bihi muhammadun wa bihi radin**
being fully certain of what Muhammad has brought and showing full satisfaction with it.

**Natlubu bidhalika wajhaka**
We, through this, only seek Your Face,
O my Master Allah and Your satisfaction as well as the Next Abode.

O Hakimah, (please) intercede for me to win Paradise,

for you enjoy an outstanding status with Allah.

O Allah, I do beseech You to seal my life with happiness;

so, (please) do not deprive me of that which I enjoy.

There is neither might nor power except with Allah

the All-high and All-great.
O Allah, (please) respond to us,
accept this from us in the name of Your generosity, almightiness,
mercy, and bestowal of wellbeing.
May Allah bless Muhammad and his entire Household
and pour down peace on them, O most merciful of all those who show mercy.
**A brief Life Sketch of 10th Imam (as)**

**Titles** : an-Naqi, al-Hadi

**Agnomen** : Abul-Hasan

**Father** : Imam Muhammad at-Taqi al-Jawwad (as) – the 9th Holy Imam

**Mother** : Bibi Sumanah

**Birth** : In Suryah (in the environs of Medina), on Friday, 2nd (or 5th) Rajab, 214 AH (817 AD)

**Death** : In Samarrah at the age of 42 on 3 Rajab 254 AH (868 AD)

**Cause of Death/Burial** : Poisoned by al-Mu'tazz, the Abbasid caliph & buried in Samarrah

**Initial Period** :

The tenth Holy Imam, like his father, was also elevated to the rank of Imam in his childhood. He was six years old when his father Imam Muhammad al-Jawad (as) died. After the death of Ma'mun, Mu`tasim succeeded him, and was later followed by the caliph al-Wathiq. In the first five years of the reign of al-Wathiq, Imam Ali al-Hadi [an-Naqi(as)] lived peacefully. After al-Wathiq, Mutawakkil came to power. Being too occupied in State affairs, Mutawakkil did not get any time to harass the Imam and his followers for four years. But as soon as he freed himself from State affairs, he started to molest the Imam.

**Conspiracy** :

The Holy Imam (as) devoted himself to the sacred mission of preaching in Medina and did thus earn the faith of the people as well as their allegiance and recognition of his great knowledge and attributes. This reputation of the Imam evoked the jealousy and malice of Mutawakkil against him. The governor of Medina wrote to Mutawakkil that Imam Ali Naqi (as) had been manoeuvring a coup against the government and a multitude of Shi'iites were pledged to his support. Although
enraged by this news al-Mutawakkil still preferred the diplomacy of not arresting the Holy Imam (as). Under the garb of pretended respect and love towards the Imam, he planned to put him under life imprisonment after inviting him to his palace.

**Munafikat of the Rulers**:
Prior to his imprisonment, in a series of correspondence with the Imam (as), he expressed the view that he was convinced of all the claims of the Imam (as) and was ready to settle them amicably. He wrote to the Imam (as) that having been acquainted with his great personality, his matchless knowledge and his peerless attributes, he was impatiently looking forward to the honour of seeing him, and he most cordially invited him to Samarrah. Although the Imam (as) was well aware of Mutawakkil's treacherous intentions, he anticipating the fatal consequences of refusing the offer, reluctantly decided to leave Medina. But when the Imam (as) arrived at Samarrah and al-Mutawakkil was informed about it, he took no notice of the Imam's arrival. When asked about where the Imam (as) should stay, he ordered that the Imam should be put up in the inn meant for beggars, destitute and homeless people.

**Psychological torture**:
Al-Mutawakkil who was a deadly enemy of the Ahlul-bayt (as), removed the Imam (as) from this inn and entrusted him to the custody of a stone-hearted brute named Zurafah. But, by the grace of Allah (swt), his (Zurafah's) enmity was, in a short time, transformed into love and devotion for the Imam (as). When Mutawakkil learnt about it, he shifted the Imam (as) into the custody of another cruel man called Sa'id. The Imam (as) remained under his strict vigilance for a number of years, during which he was subjected to boundless tortures. But even in this miserable imprisonment the Imam (as) kept devoting himself at all times to the worship of Allah (swt).
**Imam's pity & Taqwa :**
The watchman of the prison used to comment that Imam Ali al-Hadi (as) seemed to be an angel in human garb. When Fath ibn Khaqan became the vizier of Mutawakkil, he being a Shi`ah could not stand the idea of the Imam's captivity. He endeavoured to have him released from imprisonment and arranged for his comfortable residence in a personally purchased house at Samarrah. Still Mutawakkil could hardly refrain from his antagonism to the Imam (as) and he appointed spies to watch the Imam (as) and his connections. But through all these attempts, his hope of creating some fabrication to prove the Imam's activity against himself could not be realized.

**A Historic Incident :**
In the time of Mutawakkil there was a woman named Zaynab who claimed to be a descendant of Imam Hussain (as). Mutawakkil sought the confirmation of Zaynab's claim from the Imam (as) and said: "That as the beasts are prohibited to eat the flesh of the descendants of Imam Hussain (as) he would throw Zaynab to the beasts and test her claim". On hearing this, Zaynab began to tremble and confessed that she was a fake. Mutawakkil then ordered the Imam (as) to be thrown to the beasts to test the claim. To his great surprise, he witnessed the beasts prostrating their heads before the Imam (as).

**Ready to Help his Enemies :**
Once Mutawakkil happened to suffer from a serious malady which was eventually declared incurable by his physicians. When the Imam (as) was approached for some remedy, he prescribed an application which resulted in a spontaneous cure.

**Enmity of Rulers towards Ahlulbayt (as) :**
Once al-Mutawakkil was informed that the Imam (as) was preparing a revolt against him. Thereupon, he ordered a detachment of the army to launch a raid on the Imam's residence. When the soldiers entered his house, they found him sitting on a mat, reciting the Holy Qur'an.
Shahadat of Imam :
Not only Mutawakkil, but his successors' opposition to the Imam (as) was fierce. After the death of Mutawakkil, Mustansir, Mus'tain and Mu'tazz carried on the same mission of harassment against the family of the Imam. Mu‘tazz, understanding the uncontrollable and intense devotion of the people towards the Imam (as), eventually contrived the Imam's assassination. He got him poisoned through an ambassador which resulted in the Imam's death within a few hours. The martyrdom occurred on 3rd Rajab 254 AH, and his funeral prayer was conducted by his son, Imam Hasan al-Askari (as). The Imam (as) was only forty-two years old at the time of death. The period of his Imamate was thirty-five years. He is buried in Samarrah, Iraq.
A brief Life Sketch of 11th Imam (as)

Name : Al Hasan bin Ali (as)

Mother : Ummul Walad – Susan.

Kunniyat (Patronymic) : Abu Muhammad.

Laqab (Title) : Al Askari.

Birth : He was born at Samarrah in the year 232 A.H.

Martyrdom : He was poisoned in 260 A.H. at Samarrah and is buried there.

Biography :
His name is al-Hasan, Abu Muhammad. Being a resident of 'Asgar a suburb of Samarra', he is titled al-askari. His father was Imam 'Ali An-Naqi (as) and his mother was Salil Khatun, an ideal woman in piety, worship, chastity and generosity. He was born in Medina on the tenth of Rabi' al-Akhir, 232 A.H. (December 4, 846 AD).

Upbringing and Instruction :
He lived under the care of his respected father upto the age of 11. When his father had to leave for Samarra' he was to accompany him and thus share the hardships of the journey with the family. At Samarra', he passed his time with his father either in imprisonment or in partial freedom. He had, however, the chance to benefit from his father's teaching and instruction.

Imamate :
His father died in 254 A.H. (868 AD) when he was twenty-two. Four months before his death, the father declared his son to be his successor and executor of his will, asking his followers to bear witness to the fact. Thus the responsibilities of Imamate were vested upon him which he fulfilled even in the face of great difficulties and hostile environment.
In the early days of his Imamate, Al-Mu'tassam Al-'Abbasi was the caliph. When the latter was deposed, he was succeeded by al-Muhtadi. After his brief reign of only eleven months and one week, al-Mu'tamad came to the throne. During their regimes, Imam Hasan al-Askari (as) did not enjoy peace at all. Although the Abbaside dynasty was involved in constant complications and disorders, each and every king thought it necessary to keep the Imam (as) imprisoned.

One of the Holy Prophet's traditions ran that the Prophet (saw) would be succeeded by twelve successors, the last of whom would be the Mahdi, Qa'im 'Al-Muhammad (as). The 'Abbasides knew well that the true successors of the Prophet (saw) were these very Imams. Al-Hasan (as) being the eleventh, his son would surely be the 12th or the last. They, tried to put an end to his life in such a way, that it would ensure there would be nobody to succeed him. As the simple confinement inflicted on Imam 'Ali an-Naqi (as) was considered inadequate for Imam Hasan al-'Askari (as), so he was imprisoned, away from his family. No doubt the revolutionary intervals between two regimes gave him brief periods of freedom. Yet as soon as the new king came to the throne, he followed his predecessor's policy and imprisoned the Imam again. The Imam's brief life therefore was mostly spent inside dungeon cells.

**Imam Hassan Askari (as) Appointement of Deputies:**
Under all circumstances, the Imams carried out their duties of guiding the people. Imam Hasan Al-'Askari was subjected to numerous restrictions, and those who sought to learn the teachings of Ahl al-Bayt (as) and their Shi'ah point of view could not reach him. In order to solve this problem, the Imam appointed certain confidants as his deputies in view of their knowledge of jurisprudence. These persons satisfied the curiosity of inquirers as much as they could. But if they could not solve certain theological problems, they would keep them pending the acquisition of their solutions from the Imam (as) whenever they got the opportunity to see him. Of course the visit to
the Imam (as) by a few individuals could be allowed by the government but certainly not by groups who wished to see the Imam (as) on a regular basis.

The Khums (1/5 of total savings), which was being paid to the Imams (as) by the believers who cherished these Imams and regarded them as representatives of the Divine Law was spent by these sacred saints on religious matters, and to sustain the Prophet's descendants. This Khums was secretly collected by these deputies, who spent it according to the directives of the Imam. They accordingly were in constant danger of being identified as such by the governments’ secret intelligence service. In order to divert this danger, Uthman ibn Sa'id and his son Abu Ja'far Muhammad, two prominent deputies of the Imam (as) in the capital Baghdad, ran a big shop trading in oils. This provided them with free contact with the concerned people. It was thus that even under the very thumb of the tyrant regime that those devotees managed to run the system of the Divine law unsuspected.

**Imam Hassan askari(as) Character and Virtues:**

Imam Hasan Al-Askari (as) was one of that illustrious series of the immaculate infallible each member of whom displayed the moral excellence of human perfection. He was peerless in knowledge, forbearance, forgiveness, generosity, sacrifice and piety. Whenever Al-Mu'tamad asked anybody about his captive Imam Hasan al-'Askari (as), he was told that the Imam fasted during the day and worshipped during the night, and that his tongue uttered no word but remembrance of his creator. During the brief periods of freedom and stay at home, people approached him hoping to avail from his benevolence, and they went back well rewarded. Once when the 'Abbaside caliph asked Ahmed ibn 'Abd Allah ibn khaqan, his Minister for Charities (awqaf), about the descendants of Imam 'Ali (as), he reported: "I do not know anybody among them who is more distinguished than Hasan al-'Askari. None can surpass him in dignity, knowledge, piety and abstinence, nor
can anybody match him in the point of nobleness majestic grandeur, modesty and honesty.

**As Center of Learning:**

Imam Hasan al-'Askari (as) had a brief span of life, only twenty-eight years, but even in this short period, which was furled by a chain of troubles and tribulations, several high ranking scholars benefited from his ocean of knowledge. He also stemmed the flood of atheism and disbelief, which ensued, from the philosophers of that age, winning conspicuous success over them. One of those was Ishaq al-Kindi. He was writing a book on what he called 'self-contradictions' in the Holy Qur'an. When the news reached the Imam (as), he waited for an opportunity to refute and rebut him. By chance, some of Ishaq's students came to him. The Imam asked them: "Is there anyone among you who can stop Ishaq from wasting his time in this useless effort fighting the Holy Qur'an?" The students said: "Sir, we are his students: how can we object to his teaching?" The Imam urged that they could at least convey to their teacher what he had to tell them. They replied that they would be ready to cooperate as much as they could in that respect.

**Imam Hassan askari (as):**

The Imam (as) then recited a few verses from the Holy Qur'an, which the philosopher thought as contradictory of one another. He then explained to them thus: "Your teacher thinks that some of the words in these verses have only one meaning. But according to the Arabic language, these words have other meanings too which, when taken into consideration, indicate no contradiction in he overall meaning. Thus, your teacher is not justified for basing his objections and claim of contradictions on the premises of the "wrong meaning" he himself selects for such verses". He then put up some examples of such words before them so clearly that the students conceived the whole discussion and the precedents of more than one meaning.
When these students visited Ishaq al-Kindi and after routine talk, reproduced the disputed points, he was surprised. He was a fair-minded scholar and he listened to his students' explanations. Then he said: "What you have argued is beyond your capacity: tell me truly who has taught you these points?" The students said that it was their own reflection, but when he insisted that they could never have conceived those points, they admitted that, it was explained to them by Abu Muhammad Imam Hasan al-Askari (as). The instructor said: "Yes: this level of knowledge is the heritage of that House and only that House". Then he asked the students to set fire to all such works of his.

Imam Hasan al-Askari (as) was a reliable authority for traditionalists who had recorded several traditions in their collections on his authority. One tradition about drinking runs thus: "The wine drinking is like an idolater". It has been recorded by Ibn al-Jawzi in his book 'Tahrim al-Khamr' (prohibition of wine drinking) with continuous chain of references tracing its narrators. Abu Na'im Fadl ibn Waki states that the tradition is true as it has been narrated by his companions such as Ibn 'Abbas, Abu Hyrayra, Anas, AbdAllah ibn Awf al-Aslami and others.

Unfortunately, these storehouses of knowledge are not available.

Imam Hassan Askari(as) Imam Al-Hasan al-'Askari, peace be on him, said: Generosity has a limit, when crossed becomes extravagance; caution has a limit when crossed becomes cowardice; thriftiness has a limit, when crossed becomes miserliness; courage has a limit, when crossed becomes fool-hardiness. Let this moral lesson suffice: refrain from doing anything which you would disapprove of if done by someone else.

A Part of Imam Hasan Al-askari’s Commandments to His Shia:
Let piety be your provision, patience be your garment, and buy hardship in the path of Allah. Be true in your speech, trustworthy in performing your deeds, prolong your sajdah (prostration), deal with
others with best behavior, and treat your neighbor amicably. Perform your prayers even with those whom you think to be your opposition; attend their funeral ceremonies, visit their sick, and give them their rights. Verily I tell you that whosoever is honest and has good behavior in the eyes of others, he is the pious Shia whom I will be proud of. Therefore, fear Allah, be as adornment on behalf of us and be not as shame that defames our name. This is the only way by which others shall be attracted toward us [the Ahlul Bayt of the Holy Prophet (saw)].
A brief Life Sketch Nargis Khatoon (sa) –
the Mother of Imam Mahdi (as)

Almighty God chose from among the other nations, some pure and
chastised ladies who can be mixed with the pure waters of Imamate
(apostle hood), so that immaculate offspring will be born.

The Match Maker, makes matches, above the powers of the human?
Yes, lies the power of fate, when you thought it was astray The beloved
made it strait.

Two examples can be given, one of them is Shahr Banu (sa) the eldest
daughter of Yazdegerd III, the last Emperor of the Sassanid dynasty of
Persia (Iran), who was brought from Persia (Iran) to become the wife
of 3rd Imam, Imam Hussain (as), the master of martyrs, and thus the
mother of our 4th Imam, Imam Zainul Abideen (as).

Similarly, Nargis Khatoon (sa), the daughter of a great Roman Caesar,
was chosen by Almighty Allah to become the Mother of our 12th
Imam, Imam Mahdi (as). Nargis Khatoon (sa), the beautiful princess,
who was also the descendant of one of the disciples of Prophet Jesus
the son of Mary (as), was sent to Samarra, Iraq, to become the wife
of our 11th Imam, Imam Hassan Askari (as) so she can nourish in her
pure womb the shining joule, the awaited holy spirit, Al-Mahdi (the
Guided One) the son of Imam Hassan Askari (as).

Imam Hassan Askari (as), was imprisoned most of his life by Abbasid
Caliphs to prevent him from having a son whom they feared will
bring the justice and equity that was promised and remove tyranny
and tyrants from the face of the earth. The 11th Imam, Imam Hassan
Askari (as) was poisoned in prison at the age of 28 in the year 260 AH
by Al-Mu'tamid, the Abbasid Caliph.

The Awaited One, the 12th Imam, Imam Mahdi (as) is the only son
of his father, and he was 5 years old at the time of his father's death.
His mother was Nargis Khatoon (sa), for whom this article is being dedicated.

Nargis Khatoon (sa), the Mother of Imam Mahdi (as) was a Roman princess. She was the most pure offspring of the then European nations and races. It was destined that Nargis Khatoon (sa) would go to the streets of Baghdad to become owned by the most pure of men, the 11th Imam, Imam Hassan Askari (as) and become the mother of the 12th Imam, Imam Mahdi (as).

The story of how they met and joined is recorded in many history books as well as sparsely in the scriptures of holy traditions of the infallibles [the Prophet Mohammad (saw), his daughter Fatima (sa) and the twelve Imams (apostles)]. It is in fact a most amazing love story in history.

This love story would also give a glimpse of the personality of the offspring of their holy marriage, the master of the world, the Anointed One, the twelfth Imam. So to know better our master, the Awaited One Imam Mahdi (as), it would be appropriate to introduce his mother Nargis Khatoon (sa) and the amazing love story of her marriage.

Some Foreseen Events in the life of Nargis Khatoon (sa):
Shaikh Tabarsi, one of the great scholars and traditionists of the fifth century, in his book titled Al-Gaiba (Seclusion) reported Bishr Al-Ansari [a servant of 10th Imam, Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as)] as saying that one day, Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as) called him and said: "O' Bishr, you are from the Ansars [inhabitants of Madina who believed in and supported Prophet Mohammad (saw) when he migrated from Makkah to Madina in the early years of Islam] who have always been our loyal and our trustworthy through generations, therefore I want to exalt you and chasten you with the honor of carrying out a furtive mission."

Bishr Al-Ansari said that he became very anxious as Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as) wrote a letter in Roman language, closed it and affixed his seal on
it. Then he took out a yellow bundle containing 220 golden Dinars. Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as) handed me the gold bundle and the letter telling me to go to Baghdad and to be near the crossing of Euphrates there in the morning of so and so day. Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as) said: "When you see the arrival of ships with many captive women brought in for sale as slave girls, stay put as various panders for the Abbasid and a number of young Arab buyers gather around. Watch from distance a slave trader by the name of Umar bin Yazid Al-Nakhas, until he brings out a slave girls wearing silk and looks so and so. She will refuse to take the veil off her face, she will decline to show herself off or even let anyone touch her. She will cry out in Roman language to save her chastity from being attacked."

Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as) added: "One buyer will admire her chastity and offers the salve trader 300 Dinars to buy her from him. She will say to him: I have no desire for you even if you wore King Solomon's clothes and owned a kingdom like his, so do not waste your money on me. The slave trader will say to her: "What's the idea? You are to be sold anyhow. She would reply: Why the hurry? I will choose a buyer whom my heart likes and accepts his loyalty and honesty. Then you approach the slave trader and tell him that you have a letter from a nobleman written in Roman language and inscription describing his generosity, loyalty, benevolence and noblesse. Show her this letter, and that if she tends to accept the vices of the writer, then you could buy her for him."

The Foreseen Events Fulfilled One By One for Nargis Khatoon (sa) :
Bishr Al-Ansari said that he followed all the instructions as given to him by his master, Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as) with regard to this slave girl. All the events that his master foretold materialized. Bishr Al-Ansari added: When she read the letter, she started to cry and said to Umar bin Yazid Al-Nakhas sell me to the writer of this letter, swearing and threatening to kill herself if he did not. Bishr Al-Ansari started to bargain with the
slave trader on the price until he agreed to sell her at amount given to Bishr Al-Ansari by his master, Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as). Bishr Al-Ansari received the cheering and happy slave girl and accompanied her to the little room where he stayed in Baghdad. As she sat down, she took out the letter and started kissing it and swabbing with it her eyes, face and body.

**Failure Attempts of Marriage of Roman princess Malika:**

Astounded, Bishr Al-Ansari asked: You are kissing a letter of someone you do not know? Nargis Khatoon (sa) replied promptly: "You are incapable and little-knowing the position of descendants of Prophet Mohammed (saw). Listen to me carefully; I am Malika daughter of Yashoa, the son of Caesar the King of the Romans. My mother is a descendant of Shimeon the disciple of Jesus the son of Mary (sa). I shall reveal to you my incredible story.

Nargis Khatoon (sa) said: "My grandfather the Caesar wanted to marry me off to his nephew when I was 13 years old. He summoned to his palace the descendants of the disciples of Jesus, three hundred of them were monks and priests, and a further seven hundred were high dignitaries. He also called four thousand men of his high ranking officers, generals, knights, noblemen and tribal chiefs. A magnificent throne, adorned with jewels and gems, was erected in the palace and raised forty steps high."

Nargis Khatoon (sa) added: "As my grandfather's nephew went up the throne, surrounded by huge crosses and the bishops stood up and opened their bibles, the palace started to shake, the crosses fell to the ground and the throne crashed down as its pillars shattered. His nephew was knocked down unconscious. The bishops turned pale and trembled. A senior bishop said to my grandfather: O' King, relieve us from attending this ceremony and witness these signs which augur an evil omen of the end of Christianity and the Royal religion."
Nargis Khatoon (sa) said: "My grandfather was annoyed and severely disturbed by this. He angrily commanded that the crosses be lifted and the pillars fixed. He ordered to continue the ceremony and called upon the brother of his nephew to marry me instead, so that the good fortunes of the latter nephew would stave off the jinx of his brother. Once again a tremor hit the palace causing great fear among the guests who ran away leaving the palace. My grandfather was saddened by this and returned to his sleeping chamber."

The Marriage of the Roman princess Malika with Imam Hassan Askari (as):
Nargis Khatoon (sa) said: "That night, I had a vision as I saw Jesus (as) with Shimeon and a number of other disciples gathered in my grandfather's palace, where a high tribune of bright light was erected in the same place where my grandfather was enthroned.

I saw Prophet Mohammad (saw), his son-in-law and Imam Ali Al-Mortadha (as) with eleven of his sons entering the place. Jesus (as) advanced to receive them and embraced Prophet Mohammad (saw). Prophet Mohammad (saw) said to Jesus: "O' spirit of God, I came to you to betroth and engage your disciple Shimeon's daughter Malika to this son of mine, pointing out to Imam Hassan Askari (as), and the writer of this letter." Jesus (as) looked at Shimeon and said: "Honor has marched towards you. Relate your kin to the kinship of the progeny of Prophet Mohammad (saw)." Shimeon replied: "I did". Then Prophet Mohammad (saw) ascended the tribune and gave an eloquent speech and conducted my marriage ceremony to his son. Jesus (as) bore witness as well as Prophet Mohammad (saw) and the present disciples of Jesus (as).

Roman princess Malika Falls in Love with Imam Hassan Askari (as):
Nargis Khatoon (sa) elaborated: When I woke up, I could not relate the vision to my father or grandfather in fear of their persecution. I concealed this vision in my heart, but day by day I grew in love with
Imam Hassan Askari (as). I yearned and longed to meet with him. I lost my appetite and stopped eating and drinking. I grew thin and weak and became ill. There was not a doctor in cities of the Roman Empire that my grandfather did not bring to treat my illness and find my cure.

Desperate and despondent about my recovery, my grandfather asked if I had any wish or desire to be fulfilled in this life. I said: "Dear grandfather, I see the doors of relief and hope being closed in my face, but if you would stop the torture of Muslim captives and prisoners and promise to release them from your jails and set them free, then may be Jesus and his mother Mary will then grant me good health." When my grandfather accepted my request, I forced myself to eat and drink a little and pretended to recover. He was so delighted with these signs of improvement, that he became very kind to Muslim captives and prisoners.

Roman princess Malika Embraces Islam and become Nargis Khatoon (sa):

Roman princess Malika Embraces Islam and become Nargis Khatoon (sa). Nargis Khatoon (sa) then said: After fourteen nights, I saw another vision where I saw Fatima daughter of Prophet Mohammad (saw) and Mary mother of Jesus (sa) along with a number of maids of honor came to visit me. Mary said to me: "This is Fatima your husband's mother." I embraced her and cried and complained that Imam Hassan Askari did not come to see me. She said that her son would not visit me as long as I was of a different religion. I would have to embrace Islam to see him. She said: "If you were inclined to satisfy God and satisfy Jesus (as) and Mary (sa) and wanted Imam Hassan Askari (as) to visit you then you would have to say Ash'hado An La Ilaha Illa Allah, Wa Anna Mohammadan Rasoolul Allah (I bear witness that there is no God but Allah, and that Mohammad is His messenger).

I was willing heart and soul to accept Islam, and spoke those words: Ash'hado An La Ilaha Illa Allah, Wa Anna Mohammadan Rasoolul Allah.
Fatima daughter of Prophet Mohammad (saw) embraced me and said: "Now expect the visit of Imam Hassan Askari, I will send him to you".

I woke up very happy and eager for meeting my beloved. On the following night, I saw as if he came to see me and I am saying O' beloved, you have forsaken me, while I was suffering in your love. He said that my belief was the reason for his delay, but from now on he would visit me every night until Almighty Allah will join us together. He visited every night ever since.

The Captive Roman Princess Narjis:
Bishr Al-Ansari asked: "Then how you became a captive?" Nargis Khatoon (sa) said: "Imam Hassan Askari (as) told me one night that my grandfather will send out a big army to fight the Muslims on day so and so, and then he would join that army later on. When that happens, I am to follow them taking so and so route disguised as a maid with some of my maids. As I did what I was told, I found myself and the maids surrounded by the vanguard of the Muslim army. We were taken captives. No body knew that I was a Roman princess and I never told anyone. Even the old man, in whose bounty I became captive, the one you have bought me from, asked me my name. I said it was Narjis (meaning a narcissus flower). He said that it is a maid's name. The rest of the story you witnessed in the slave market."

Roman Princess Narjis learned Arabic:
Bishr Al-Ansari asked: "How come you are a Roman and you speak Arabic?" She said: "Yes, my grandfather loved me so much that he wanted me to study literature and languages. He appointed his royal female interpreter as my teacher. She came day and night to teach me Arabic until I became proficient with it."

In the Presence of the 10th Imam, Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as):
Bishr Al-Ansari said: When I returned with her to Samarra. She met my master Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as), her husband's father, who asked her: "How Allah showed you the dignity of Islam and the honor of
Mohammad and his progeny (as)?" She said: "What can I say O' son of the Messenger of Allah about what you know better than I do."

Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as) said: "I want to honor you. What shall you choose, ten thousand dinars or the news of good tidings of an everlasting honor?" She replied: "The good news of a son from me." Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as) said: "Glad tidings for you, for you shall beget a child who will rule over the East and the West and fill the earth with justice and equity as it is filled with injustice and tyranny." Nargis Khatoon (sa) asked: "By whom (I shall have this son)?" Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as) replied in Roman language: "By the one for whom Prophet Mohammad (saw) had betrothed you on the night of so and so, the month of so and so, and the year of so and so...."

Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as) described in detail the visions that she had. He added: "By the one to whom Jesus (as) and his disciple gave you in marriage." She said: "Your son Imam Hassan Askari (as)." Imam Ali Al-Naqi (as) said: "Do you know him?" She replied: "There was not a night, he has not visited me since the time I embraced Islam at the hands of Fatima daughter of Prophet Mohammad (SAW)."
Ziyarah of Lady Hakimah; daughter of Imam Muhammad al-Jawad Zayd al-Shahham is reported to have asked Imam al-Sadiq (‘a), “What is the reward of one who visits one of you (i.e. the Ahl al-Bayt)?”

The Imam (‘a) answered, “One will gain the reward of visiting the Messenger of Allah.”