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This night is extraordinarily honorable. Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (a.s) has narrated that when Imam Muhammad al-Bāqir (a.s) was asked about the merits of the fifteenth night of Sha`bān, he answered, "It is the most favorable night after the *Qadr* Night. At this night, Almighty Allah bestows upon His servants with His favors and grants them His pardon. Therefore, you should exert all efforts for seeking nearness to Almighty Allah at this night, because He—Majestic and Honorable is He—has decided not to reject any beggar. Almighty Allah has chosen this night for us, the Ahl al-Bayt, in the same way as He has chosen the *Qadr* Night for our Prophet—peace be upon him and his Family. You should thus pray Almighty Allah and thank Him diligently."

One of the marvelous blessings of this night is that it is the birth night of the Patron of the Age, namely Imam al-Mahdi (a.s),—may Allah accept our souls as ransoms for him. He was born in Surra-man-ra'ā (currently Sāmarrā') at the hour before daybreak in AH 255. This incident increases the merits of this honorable night.

**First**: It is highly recommended to do Ghusl at this night, for this act decreases the punishment on one's sins.

**Second**: It is highly recommended to imitate Imam `Alī ibn al-Ḥusayn Zayn al-`Ābidīn (a.s) who used to spend this whole night with acts of worship, prayers, supplications, invocations and prayers for forgiveness. A Ḥadīth has confirmed that as for one who spends this whole night with acts of worship, his heart will not die when other hearts die.

**Third:** It is highly recommended to visit the tomb of Imam al-Ḥusayn (a.s). As a matter of fact, this is the most favorable act at this night. It also brings about forgiveness of one's sins. If you desire that 124,000 Prophets shake hands with you, you may visit the holy tomb of Imam al-Ḥusayn (a.s) at this night. The least act of *Ziyārah* is to go up an elevated place, to look to the right and the left, and then to raise the head towards the heavens and say these following statements:

Peace be upon you; O Abū-`Abdullāh!

alssalāmu `alayka yā abā `abdi allāh

السَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّه،

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

alssalāmu `alayka wa rahmatu allāh wa barakātuhu السَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّه وَبَرَكَاتُهُ.

One who performs this Ziyārah is expected to win the reward of one Ḥajj and one `Umrah. In the section of Ziyārahs, we will mention further details about the peculiar merits of Ziyārah at this night.

## ZIYĀRAH OF IMAM AL-ḤUSAYN ON THE FIFTEENTH OF SHA`BĀN

There are two forms of visiting the holy tomb of Imam al-Ḥusayn (a.s) on the fifteenth of Sha`bān. The first form is the same as the one previously cited for the *Ziyārah* on the first of Rajab, and the second is as follows:In his book of 'al-Balad al-Amīn', Shaykh al-Kaf`amiy has reported Imam al-Ṣādiq (a.s) as saying that one may stop at the holy tomb of Imam al-Husayn (a.s) and say the following:

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All praise be to Allah; the Most High, the All-great. Peace be upon you; O the righteous, pure servant (of alḥamdu lillāhi al`aliyy al`aẓīmi

أَلْحَمْدُ للهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظيمِ والسَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّها الْعَبْدُ الصَّالِحُ

Allah).

I entrust with you a testimony of mine that takes me near you on the day of your intercession (for some people).

I bear witness that although you were slain, you have not died;

Rather the hearts of your adherents (Shī`ah) are living on the hope of your being alive;

wa alssalāmu `alayka ayyuhā al`abdu alssāliḥu alzzakiyy

ūdi`uka shahādatan minny laka tuqarribuny ilayka fi yawmi shafā`atika

ash-hadu annaka qutilta wa lam tamut

bal birajā'i ḥayātika ḥayiyat qulūbu shī`atika ً ٱودِعُكَ شَهادَةً مِنِّي لَكَ تُقَرِّبُني إلَيْكَ فِي يَوْمِ شَفاعَتِكَ،

أشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ قُتِلْتَ وَلَمْ تَمُتْ

ِّلْ بِرَجاءِ حَياتِكَ حَيِيَتْ قُلُوبُ شبعَتك، And by the light of your illumination have those seeking you been guided (to the right path).

And I bear witness that you are verily the Light of Allah that has not and shall never be extinguished.

And you are verily the Face of Allah that has not and shall never be perishing.

And I bear witness that this soil is yours,

And this holy precinct is yours.

And this death is the death of your body only,

While you have never been humiliated since Allah is the One Who is pouring honor upon you

And you have never been defeated since Allah is the One Who is supporting you. I would like you to keep this testimony of mine with you up to the day when my soul will be grasped in the presence of you.

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

wa biḍiyā'i nūrika ahtadā alṭṭālibūna ilayka

wa ash-hadu annaka nūru allāhi alladhy lam yuṭfa wa lā yuṭfa'u abadan

wa annaka wajhu allāhi alladhy lam yahlik wa lāyuhlaku abadan

wa ash-hadu ann hadhihi alttrbata turbatuka

wa hādhā alḥarama ḥaramuka

wa hādhā almaṣra`a maṣra`u badanika

lā dhalīla wallāhu mu`izzuka

wa lā maghlūba wallāhu nāṣiruka

hadhihi shahādatun lī `indaka ilā yawmi qabdi rūḥy biḥadratika

wa alssalāmu `alayka wa raḥmatu allāhi wa barakātuhu وَبِضِياءٍ نُورِكَ اهْتَدَى الطَّالِبُونَ إِلَيْكَ،

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ نُورُ اللهِ الَّذي لَمْ يُطْفَأُ وَلا يُطْفَأُ أَبَداً،

وَأَنَّكَ وَجْهُ اللهِ الَّذي لَمْ يَهْلِكُ وَلا يُهْلِكُ وَلا يُهْلِكُ أَنداً،

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ هَذِهِ التَّرْبَةَ تُرْبَتُكَ، وَهذا الْحَرَمَ حَرَمُكَ، وَهذا الْمَصْرَعَ مَصْرَعُ بَدَنِكَ لا ذَليلَ والله مُعِزُّكَ

وَلا مَغْلُوبَ واللهِ ناصِرُكَ،

هذِهِ شَهادَةٌ لي عِنْدَكَ إلى يَوْمَ قَبْضِ روُحي بِحَضْرَتِكَ،

والسَّلامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ.

**Fourth**: It is recommended to recite the following supplication, which stand for a form of *Ziyārah* for the Concealed Imam al-Mahdi (a.s). this supplication has been mentioned by both Sayyid Ibn Ṭāwūs and Shaykh al-Ṭūsiy: *Mp3* 

O Allah: I beseech You in the name of this night and in the name of him whom was born at it

and in the name of Your Argument and in the name of Your promise in it, the night that You have added a new merit to its many merits

So, Your Word has been accomplished truly and fairly;

no one can change Your words,

nor obscure Your signs,

(He is) Your glowing Light

allāhumma biḥaqqi laylatinā hadhihi wa mawlūdihā

wa ḥujjtika wa maw`ūdihā

allaty qaranta ilā faḍlihā faḍlan

fatammt kalimatuka şidqan wa `adlan

lā mubaddla likalimātika

wa lā mu`aqqba li-āyātika

nūruka almutalligu

اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ لَيْلَتِنَا هذِهِ وَمَوْلُودِهَا

وَحُجَّتِكَ وَمَوْعُودِهَا،

الَّتِي قَرَنْتَ إِلَى فَضْلِهَا فَضْلاً،

فَتَمَّتْ كَلِمَتُكَ صِدْقاً وَعَدْلاً،

لا مُبَدِّلَ لِكَلِمَاتِكَ،

وَلا مُعَقِّبَ لآيَاتِك،

نُورُكَ الْمُتَأَلِّقُ،

and Your bring splendor and the luminous sign in the obscurity of darkness and the absent and the concealed, Lofty is his birth and noble is his lineage and the angels are his witnesses and Allah is his Supporter and Backer when his time comes and the angels shall be his sponsors; (He shall act as) the sword of Allah that shall never miss the target. and His light that shall never be extinguished And the forbearing person who shall never deviate the truth. and the motive and reason of the course of events, and the one for whom the laws of ages have been made and (one of) the men of authority who receive that which is revealed on the Grand Night. and the managers of the Resurrection and the Account; (They are) the interpreters of His revelations and in charge of what is deemed lawful and what is deemed unlawful by Him. O Allah: send blessings on their seal and their Riser whom is hidden from their world. O Allah: (please) make us causes for the coming of him,

and causes for his advent and reappearance and (please) include us with his supporters and join our vengeance to his

wa dīāu 'uka almushrigu wal-`alamu alnnūru fī ţakhyā'i alddayjūri alghā'ibu almastūru jalla mawliduhu wa karuma mahtiduhu wal-malā'ikatu shuhhaduhu wallāhu nāşiruhu wa mu'ayyduhu idhā āna mī`āduhu wal-malā'ikatu amdāduhu sayfu allāhi alladhy lā yanbū wa nūruhu alladhy lā yakhbū wa dhu alḥilmi alladhy lā yaşbū madāru alddhri wa nawāmīsu al`asri wa wulatu alamri wal-munazzalu `alayhim mā yatanazzalu fī laylati alqadri

wa ashābu alhashri wal-nnashri tarājimatu waḥyihi wa wulatu amrihi wa nahīihi allāhumma faşalli `alā khātimihim wa qā'imihim almastūri `an `awalimihim

allāhumma wa adrik binā ayyāmahu wa zuhūrahu wa giyāmahu waj`alnā min anṣārihi wagrin tha'ranā bitha'rihi

وَضِيَاوًكَ الْمُشْرِقُ، وَالْعَلَمُ النَّورُ فِي طَخْيَاءِ الدَّيْ الْغَائِبُ الْمَسْتُورُ حَا ۗ مَوْلِدُهُ، وَكَرُمَ مَحْتِدُهُ، وَالْمَلائِكَةُ شُهَّدُهُ، وَاللَّهُ نَاصِرُهُ وَمُؤَيِّدُهُ، إِذَا آنَ مِيعَادُهُ وَالْمَلائِكَةُ ٱمْدَادُهُ، سَيْفُ اللّهِ الَّذِي لا يَنْبُو، وَنُورُهُ الَّذِي لا يَخْبُو، وَذُو الْحِلْمِ الَّذِي لا يَصْبُو، وَنُوامِيسُ الْعَصْرِ، لمَسْتور عَنْ عَوَالِمِهمْ. هُمَّ وَأَدْرِكُ بِنَا أَيَّامَهُ وَظُهُورَهُ وَقِبَامَهُ، وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنْ أُنْصَارِهِ،

وَاقْرِنْ ثَأْرَنَا بِثَأْرِهِ،

and decide us to be among his assistants and retinue.

and make us live in bliss in his reign, and make us win the ecstasy of his companionship, and make us of those who carry out our duty toward him, and save us from evil.

O the most Merciful of all those who show mercy.
All praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds.

His blessings be upon our master, Muḥammad the seal of the Prophets and the

Messengers,

and upon his Household, the veracious, and his offspring, the spokespersons of the truth,

and curse all the wrongdoers

and judge between them and us

O the Most Just of all judges.

and to You is all praise,

and to You is thanks,

wāktubnā fī a`wānihi wa khulasā'ihi

wa aḥīinā fī dawlatihi nā`imīna

wa bisuhbatihi ghānimīna

wa biḥaqqhi qā'imīna

wa mina alssū'I sālimīna

yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna

walḥamdu lillāhi rabbi al`ālamīna

wa şalawātuhu `alā sayydinā muḥammadin khātami alnnabiyyīna walmursalīna

wa `alā ahli baytihi alşşādiqīna

wa `itratihi alnnāṭiqīna

wal-`an jamī`a alzzālimīna

wāḥkum baynanā wa baynahum

yā aḥkama alḥākimīna

وَاكْتُبْنَا فِي أَعْوَانِهِ وَخُلَصَائِهِ، وَأُحْيِنَا فِي دَوْلَتِهِ نَاعِمِينَ، وَبِصُحْبَتِهِ غَانِمِينَ، وَبِحَقِّهِ قَائِمِينَ، وَمِنَ السُّوء سَالِمِينَ،

> يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ،

وصَلَواتُهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدِ

خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالْمُرْسَلِينَ

وَعَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ الصَّادِقِينَ

وَعِتْر َتِهِ النَّاطِقِينَ، عَنْ مَا مَا مِنْ النَّاطِ

وَالْعَنْ جَمِيعَ الظَّالِمِينَ،

وَاحْكُمْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَهُمْ

يَا أُحْكَمَ الْحَاكِمِينَ.

**Fifth:** Shaykh Ismā'īl ibn Faḍl al-Hāshimiy has narrated that Imam Ja'far al-Ṣādiq (a.s) instructed him to recite the following supplication at the fifteenth night of Sha'bān: <u>Mp3</u>

wa laka almann

O Allah: You are verily the Ever-living, the Self-Subsisting, allahuming the Self-Subsisting, allahuming the Most High, the All-great, allahuming the Creator, the Sustainer, alkhā the Giver of live, the Causer of death, almust the Originator, the Maker. albae To You is the Majesty later and to You is the favor, was

allāhumma anta alḥayyu
alqayyūmu

al`aliyyu al`azīmu

alkhāliqu alrrāziqu

almuḥīy almumītu

albadī`u albadī`u

laka aljalālu

wa laka alfaḍlu

wa laka alḥamdu

اللّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ الْخَالِقُ الرَّازِقُ الْمُحْيِي الْمُمِيتُ الْبَدِيءُ الْبَدِيعُ، لَكَ الْجَلالُ، وَلَكَ الْفَضْلُ، وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ، وَلَكَ الْمَنَّ،

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and to You is magnanimity,	wa laka aljūdu	وَلَكَ الْجُودُ،
and to You is generosity,	wa laka alkaramu	وَلَكَ الْكَرَمُ،
and to You do belong all affairs,	wa laka alamru	وَلَكَ الأَمْرُ،
and to You is glory,	wa laka almajdu	وَلَكَ الْمَجْدُ،
and to You is gratitude;	wa laka alshshkru	وَلَكَ الشُّكْرُ،
You are alone without having any partner with You.	wa ḥdaka lā sharīka laka	وَحْدَكَ لا شَرِيكَ لَكَ،
O the One: O the Absolute: O the Besought of all:	yā wāḥidu yā aḥadu yā ṣamadu	يَا وَاحِدُ يَا أُحَدُ يَا صَمَدُ
O He Who neither begets nor is He begotten,	yā man lam yalid wa lam yūlad	يَا مَنْ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ
and there is none like to Him.	wa lam yakun lahu kufwan aḥadun	وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُواً أُحَدٌ،
(please do) bless Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad	şalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin	صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
and forgive me; and have mercy upon me;	waghfir lī warḥamny	وَاغْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْني
and relieve me from whatever has aggrieved me;	wākfiny mā ahammany	ً وَاكْفِنِي مَا أُهَمَّنِي
and help me settle my debt;	waqḍi daynī	وَاقْضِ دَيْنِي،
and expand my provisions;	wa wassi``alayy fī rizqī	وَوَسِّع ْ عَلَيَّ فِي رِزْقِي،
for You, at this night, make distinct all affairs of wisdom;	fa'innaka fī hadhihi allaylati kull amrin ḥakīmin tafruqu	فَإِنَّكَ فِي هذهِ اللَّيْلَةِ كُلَّ أُمْرٍ حَكِيم تَفْرُقُ،
and You grant sustenance to whomever You wish among Your creatures.	wa man tashā`u min khalqika tarzuqu	وَمَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ تَرْزُقُ،
So, (please do) grant me sustenance and You are verily the Best of sustainers.	fārzuqny wa anta khayru alrrāziqīna	فَارْزُقْنِي وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ،
You have said—and You are the Best of those who speak and utter—	fa'innaka qulta wa anta khayru alqā'ilīna alnnāṭiqīna:	فَإِنَّكَ قُلْتَ وَأُنْتَ خَيْرُ الْقَائِلِينَ النَّاطِقِينَ:
"Ask Allah of His bounty."	"was-alū allāha min faḍlihi"	(وَاسْأُلُواَ اللَّهَ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ)
I thus ask You of Your bounty;	famin faḍlika as-alu	فَمِنْ فَضْلِكَ ٱسْأُلُ،
and to You do I turn my face;	wa 'iyyāka qaşadtu	وَإِيَّاكَ قَصَدْتُ،
and the intercession of Your Prophet's son do I seek;	wābna nabiyyka a`tamadtu	ِ وَابْنَ نَبيِّكَ اعْتَمَدْتُ،
and for You do I hope.	wa laka rajawtu	وَلَكَ رَجَوْتُ،

So, (please do) have mercy upon me; O the most Merciful of all those who show mercy.

farḥamny yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna

فَارْحَمْنِي يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

**Sixth**: It is recommended to say this supplication, which the Holy Prophet (a.s) used to recite at this night: Mp3

O Allah: (please do) grant us an amount of fearfulness of You

that prevents us from committing acts of disobedience to You;

and an amount of obedience to You that makes us attain Your satisfaction;

and an amount of conviction that help us tolerate the vicissitudes of this worldly life.

O Allah: (please do) make us enjoy our hearings, sights, and powers

so long as You decide to keep us alive; and (please do) make it the inheritor of us.

And (please do) make us avenge ourselves against them who wrong us;

and back us against them who antagonize us;

and do not suffer misfortunes in affairs of our religion;

and do not make our worldly affairs happen to be our greatest concern or our utmost knowledge;

and do not set him who does not have mercy upon us, as master over us;

in the name of Your mercy; O the most Merciful of all those who show mercy. allāhumma aqsim lanā min khashiyatika

mā yaḥūlu baynanā wa bayna ma`ṣiyatika

wa min ṭā`atika mā tuballghunā bihi riḍwānaka

wa mina aliyaqīni mā yahūnu `alaynā bihi muşībātu alddunyā

> allāhumma amti`nā biasmā`inā wa abṣārinā wa quwwatinā

mā aḥiyaytanā waj`alhu alwāritha minnā

waj`al tharanā `alā man zalamanā

wānsurnā `alā man `ādānā

wa lā taj`al muṣībatanā fī dīninā

wa lā taj`ali alddunyā akbara hammnā wa lā mablagha `ilminā

wa lā tusallţ `alaynā man lā yarḥamunā

biraḥmatika yarḥama alrrāḥimīna

اللَّهُمَّ اقْسِمْ لَنَا مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ مَا مِنْ هُ مُنْ مَنَا مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ

مَا يَحُولُ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ مَعْصِيَتِكَ،

وَمِنْ طَاعَتِكَ مَا تُبَلِّغُنَا بِهِ . ضْمَانَكَ،

وَمِنَ الْيَقِينِ مَا يَهُونُ عَلَيْنَا بِهِ مُصىنَاتُ الدُّنْنَا.

اللّهُمَّ أَمْتِعْنَا بِأَسْمَاعِنَا وَأَبْصَارِنَا وَقُوَّتِنَا

مَا أُحْيَيْتَنَا وَاجْعَلْهُ الْوَارِثَ مِنَّا،

وَاجْعَلْ ثَأْرَنَا عَلَى مَنْ ظَلَمَنَا، وَانْصُرْنَا عَلَى مَنْ عَادَانَا،

وَلا تَجْعَلْ مُصِيبَتَنَا فِي دِينِنَا،

وَلا تَجْعَلِ الدُّنْيَا أَكْبَرَ هَمِّنَا وَلا مَنْلَغَ عِلْمِنَا،

وَلا تُسَلِّطْ عَلَيْنَا مَنْ لا يَرْحَمُنَا،

برَحْمَتِكَ يَا أُرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

Actually, this supplication is one of the perfect, comprehensive prayers that may be recited at all times. In the word of the book of ' $Aw\bar{a}l\bar{i}$  al- $La'\bar{a}l\bar{i}'$ , the Holy Prophet (a.s) used to recite this supplication at all times.

**Seventh**: It is recommended to say the prayers that are preferably recited at midday everyday in Sha`bān. These prayers, previously mentioned, begins with the following statement:

O Allah: (please do) send blessings upon Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad—

allāhumma şalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin اللّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

the tree of Prophethood...

shajarati alnnbuwwati...

## EIGHTH V IMPORTANT FOR TONIGHT DU'Ā KUMAYL CLICK HERE

**Ninth:** It is recommended to mention Almighty Allah by the following invocation one hundred times so that one's past acts of disobedience to Almighty Allah will be forgiven and one's worldly and religious needs will be settled:

All glory be to Allah; subḥāna allāhi, subḥāna allāhi, all praise be to Allah; walḥamdu lillāhi, walhamdu lillāhi, there is no god save Allah; wa lā ilāha illā allāhu, وَلا إِلهَ إِلاَّ اللّهُ أَكْتُرُ، Allah is the Greatest; wallāhu akbaru,

**Tenth**: Shaykh al-Ṭūsiy, in '*Miṣbāḥ al-Mutahajjid*', has narrated a Ḥadīth about the merits of the fifteenth night of Sha'bān entailing that Abū-Yaḥyā asked Imam Ja'far al-Ṣādiq (a.s) about the best of supplications at this night. The Imam (a.s) instructed him saying, "After you accomplish the obligatory 'Ishā' Prayer, you may offer a two Rak'ah prayer in the first of which you should recite Sūrah of *al-Fātiḥah* and Sūrah of *al-Fātiḥah* and Sūrah of *al-Tawḥīd*. When you accomplish the prayer, you may repeat (the phrase of) 'subḥānallāh' thirty-three times, (the phrase of) 'alḥamdulillāh' thirty-three times, and (the phrase of) 'allāhu-akbar' thirty-four times. You may then say the following supplication: *Mp3* 

O He to Whom the servants (of Him) resort in urgencies

and to Whom the creatures turn in ordeals;

O He Who knows the open and the hidden matters;

O He from Whom neither the ideas of illusions nor the initiatives of delusions can be concealed;

O the Lord of creatures and beings;

O He Who grasps the kingdoms of the earth and the heavens;

You are verily Allah; there is no god save You;

I thus try to connect with you in the name of 'There is no god save You'

So, O He save Whom there is no god: (please) include me at this night with those at whom You have looked and thus You have mercy upon them;

yā man ilayhi malja'u al`ibādi fī almuhimmāti

wa ilayhi yafza`u alkhalqu fī almulimmāti

yā `ālima aljahri wal-khafiyyāti

yā man lā takhfā `alayhi khawāţiru alawhāmi wa taşarrfu alkhatarāti

yā rabbi alkhalā'iqi wal-bariyyāti

yā man biyadihi malakūtu alaraḍīna wal-ssamāwāti

anta allāhu lā ilāha illā anta

amutt ilayka bilā ilāha illā anta

fayā lā ilāha illā anta aj`alny fī hadhihi allaylati mimmn nazarta ilayhi faraḥimtahu يًا مَنْ إِلَيْهِ مَلْجَاً الْعِبَادِ فِي الْمُهِمَّاتِ،

وَإِلَيْهِ يَفْزَعُ الْخَلْقُ فِي الْمُلِمَّاتِ، يَا عَالِمَ الْجَهْرِ وَالْخَفِيَّاتِ،

يَا مَنْ لا تَخْفَى عَلَيْهِ خَوَاطِرُ الْأُوْهَامِ وَتَصَرُّفُ الْخَطَرَاتِ،

يَارَبَّ الْخَلائِقِ وَالْبَرِ يَّاتِ،

يًا مَنْ بِيَدِهِ مَلَكُوتُ الأَرَضِينَ وَالسَّمَاوَاتِ،

أنْتَ اللَّهُ لا إِلهَ إِلاَّ أَنْتَ،

أُمُتُّ إِلَيْكَ بِلا إِلهَ إِلاَّ أُنْتَ،

فَيَا لا إِلهَ إِلاَّ أُنْتَ اجْعَلْنِي فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ مِمَّنْ نَظَرْتَ الَيْه

فَرَحِمْتُهُ،

and with those whose prayers have been heard by You and thus You have responded to them; and with those whose true repentance

and with those whose true repentance has been admitted by You and thus You have accepted it;

and You have thus overlooked their past sins and enormous offenses.

verily, I am seeking Your shelter against my sins, and I am resorting to You so that You may conceal my defects.

O Allah: (please) bestow lavishly upon me with Your generosity and Favor;

and condone my misdeeds out of Your forbearance and pardon,

and encompass me, at this night, with Your opulent honoring,

and include me at this night with Your intimate servants whom You have selected for obeying You,

and whom You have chosen for worshipping You,

and whom You have made Your elite and select people.

O Allah: (please) make me of those whose efforts are of a happy end, and those whose shares of good things are big,

and make me of those who enjoy blissful life as they have been safe (from sins)

and those who have been awarded excellently as they have won, and rescue me from the evil consequences of what I have committed,

and save me from doing more acts of disobedience to You,

wa sami`ta du`ā'ahu fa-ajabtahu

wa `alimta astiqālatahu faagaltahu

wa tajāwazta `an sālifi khaţīiatihi wa `azīmi jarīratihi

faqadi astajartu bika min dhunūbī

wa lajatu ilayka fī satri `uyūbī

allāhumma fajud `alayy bikaramika wa faḍlika

wāḥṭuṭ khaṭāīāiya biḥilmika wa `afwika

wa taghammdny fi hadhihi allaylati bisābighi karāmatika

waj`alny fīhā min awlīā'ika alladhīna ajtabaytahum liṭā`atika

wākhtartahum li`ibādatika

wa ja`altahum khāliṣataka wa ṣifwataka

allāhumma aj`alny mimmn sa`ada jadduhu

wa tawaffra mina alkhayrāti ḥazzuhu

waj`alny mimmn salima fana`ima

wa fāza faghanima

wākfiny sharr mā aslaftu

wā`ṣimny mina alāzdīādi fī ma`ṣiyatika وَسَمِعْتَ دُعَاءَهُ فَأَجَبْتَهُ،

وَعَلِمْتَ اسْتِقَالَتَهُ فَأُقَلْتَهُ،

وَتَجَاوَزْتَ عَنْ سَالِفِ خَطِيئَتِهِ وَعَظِيمِ جَرِيرَتِهِ،

فَقَدِ اسْتَجَرْتُ بِكَ مِنْ ذُنُوبِي، وَلَجَأْتُ إِلَيْكَ فِي سَتْرِ عُيُوبِي. اللّهُمَّ فَجُدْ عَلَيَّ بِكَرَمِكَ

وَاحْطُطْ خَطَايَايَ بِحِلْمِكَ وَعَفْوكَ،

وَتَغَمَّدْنِي فِي هذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ بِسَابِغِ كَرَامَتِكَ،

وَاجْعَلْنِي فِيهَا مِنْ أُولِيَائِكَ الَّذِينَ اجْتَبَيْتَهُمْ لِطَاعَتِكَ،

وَاخْتَرْتَهُمْ لِعِبَادَتِكَ،

وَجَعَلَتهُمْ خالِصَتكَ وَصِفُوتكَ. اللّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ سَعَدَ جَدَّهُ، وَتَوَفَّرَ مِنَ الْخَبْرَاتِ حَظَّهُ،

وَاجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ سَلِمَ فَنَعِمَ،

وَفَازَ فَغَنِمَ،

وَاكْفِنِي شَرَّ مَا أُسْلَفْتُ،

وَاعْصِمْنِي مِنَ الإِزْدِيَادِ فِي مَعْصىتكَ، and make me love the acts of obedience to You and whatever draws me near You and approaches me toward You.

O my Master: a fugitive resorts to none save You,

and a needy begs none save You,

and only on Your generosity does a repentant, contrite one depends

You have disciplined Your servants by means of generosity; and You are verily the most Generous of all those who are generous.

and You have instructed Your servants to pardon; and You are verily the Allforgiving, the All-merciful.

O Allah: (please) do not deprive me of Your generosity for which I hope,

and do not make me despair of Your opulent bounties,

and do not disappoint me of Your abundant sustenance that You decide, this night, for those who are obedient to You.

and include me with Your protection against Your evil creatures.

O my Lord: If I do not deserve so, then You are worthy of acting generously to me, and pardoning and forgiving me,

and (please) bestow upon me magnanimously according to that which befits You, not according to what I deserve,

verily, I carry an excellent opinion about You,

and I do hope for You,

and my self is hanged to the rope of Your generosity,

wa ḥabbib ilayya ṭā`ataka wa mā yuqarribuny minka wa yuzlifuny `indaka

sayyidy ilayka yalja'u alhāribu

wa minka yaltamisu alţţālibu

wa `alā karamika yu`awwilu almustagīlu alttā'ibu

addabta `ibādaka bilttakarrumi wa anta akramu alakramīna

wa amarta bil`afūi `ibādaka wa anta alghafūru alrraḥīmu

allāhumma falā taḥrimny mā rajawtu min karamika

wa lā tu´īisny min sābighi ni`amika

wa lā tukhayybny min jazīli qisamika fī hadhihi allaylati liahli tā`atika

waj`alny fī junnatin min shirāri bariyyatika

rabbi in lam akun min ahli dhalika fanta ahlu alkarami wal-`afūi walmaghfirati

wa jud `alayya bimā anta ahluhu lā bimā astaḥiqquhu

faqad ḥasuna ẓannī bika

wa taḥaqqaqa rajāiy laka

wa `aligat nafsī bikaramika

وَحَبِّبْ إِلَيَّ طَاعَتَكَ وَمَا يُقَرِّبُنِي مِنْكَ وَيُزْلِفُنِي عِنْدَكَ. سَيِّدِي إِلَيْكَ يَلْجَأُ الْهَارِبُ، وَمِنْكَ يَلْتَمِسُ الطَّالِبُ،

وَعَلَى كَرَمِكَ يُعَوِّلُ الْمُسْتَقِيلُ الْمُسْتَقِيلُ التَّائِبُ،

ٱدَّبْتَ عِبَادَكَ بِالتَّكَرُّمِ وَٱنْتَ ٱكْرَمُ الأَكْرَمِينَ،

وَأُمَرْتَ بِالْعَفْوِ عِبَادَكَ وَأُنْتَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

اللَّهُمَّ فَلا تَحْرِمْنِي مَا رَجَوْتٌ مِنْ كَرَمِكَ،

وَلا تُؤْيِسْنِي مِنْ سَابِغِ نِعَمِكَ،

وَلا تُخَيِّبْنِي مِنْ جَزِيلِ قِسَمِكَ فِي هِنْ جَزِيلِ قِسَمِكَ فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ لأهْلِ طَاعَتِكَ،

وَاجْعَلْنِي فِي جُنَّةٍ مِنْ شِرَارِ بَرِيَّتِكَ،

رَبِّ إِنْ لَمْ أَكُنْ مِنْ أَهْلِ ذَلِكَ فَأَنْتَ أَهْلُ الْكَرَمِ وَالْعَفْوِ وَالْمَغْفِرَةِ،

وَجُدْ عَلَيَّ بِمَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ لا بِمَا أَسْتَحقُّهُ،

فَقَدْ حَسُنَ ظَنِّي بِكَ، وَتَحَقَّقَ رَجَائِي لَكَ، وَعَلِقَتْ نَفْسِي بِكَرَمِكَ for You are verily the most Merciful of all those who show mercy, and You are the most Generous of all those who are generous.

O Allah: (please) confer upon me exclusively with an abundant share of what You decide, out of Your generosity,

and I seek refuge with Your pardon against Your chastisement,

and (please) forgive me the sin that prevents me from enjoying high morals,

and suppresses my sustenance,

so that I will do that which excellently achieves Your satisfaction

and I will enjoy Your profuse granting,

and I will be delighted by Your abundant bounties.

I am having recourse to Your sanctity,

and I am asking for Your generosity,

and I am taking shelter in Your pardon against Your punishment,

and in Your forbearance against Your ire.

So, (please) bestow upon me generously with that which I have asked from You, and confer upon me with that which I have begged from You,

I beseech You in Your name, since there is nothing great that You are.

fa-anta arḥamu alrrāḥimīna

wa akramu alakramina

allāhumma wākhṣuṣny min karamika bijazīli qisamika

wa a`ūdhu bi`afwika min `ugūbatika

wa ghfir liya aldhdhanba alladhy yaḥbisu `alayya alkhuluga

wa yudayyiqu `alayya alrrzqa

ḥattā aqūma biṣāliḥi riḍāka

wa an`ama bijazīli `aţā'ika

wa as`ada bisābighi na`mā'ika

faqad ludhtu biharamika

wa ta`arradtu likaramika

wāsta`adhtu bi`afwika min `ugūbatika

wa bihilmika min ghadabika

fajud bimā sa-altuka

wa anil mā altamastu minka

aşaluka bika lā bishay'in huwa a`zamu minka فَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ، وَأَكْرَمُ الأَكْرَمِينَ. اللَّهُ الشَّهُ عَاهُمُ مُنْ اللَّهُ عَالَمُ عَالَمُ

اللهُمَّ وَاخصصنِي مِنْ كَرَمِكَ بِجَزِيلِ قِسَمِكَ،

وَٱعُوذُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عُقُوبَتِكَ، وَاغْفِرْ لِيَ الذَّنْبَ الَّذِي يَحْبِسُ عَلَيَّ الْخُلُقَ،

> وَيُضَيِّقُ عَلَيَّ الرِّزْقَ حَتَّى اُقُومَ بِصَالِحِ رِضَاكَ، وَأُنْعَمَ بِجَزِيلِ عَطَائِكَ، وَأُسْعَدَ بِسَابِغِ نَعْمَائِكَ، فَقَدْ لُذْتُ بِحَرَمِكَ،

وَتَعَرَّضْتُ لِكَرَمِكَ، وَاسْتَعَذْتُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عُقُوبَتِكَ

> وَبِحِلْمِكَ مِنْ غَضَبِكَ، فَجُدْ بِمَا سَأَلْتُكَ،

> وَأُنلْ مَا الْتَمَسْتُ مِنْكَ

أَسْأُلُكَ بِكَ لا بِشَيْءٍ هُوَ أَعْظَمُ

You may prostrate yourself and repeat the following twenty times:

O my Lord!

O Allah!

with Allah.

And then repeat the following seven times:

And then repeat the following seven times:

There is neither might nor power save

And then repeat the following ten times:

Only that which Allah wants (will be).

And then repeat the following ten times:

yā rabb(i)

yā allāh(u)

lā ḥawla walā quwwata illā billāh(i)

mā shā'allāh(u)

لا حَوْلَ وَلا قُوَّةَ إِلاَّ بِاللَّهِ.

مَا شَاءَ اللهُ.

اَ للهُ .

There is no power save with Allah.

lā guwwata illā billāhi

You may then pray Almighty Allah for sending blessings upon the Holy Prophet and ask for settling your requests. By Allah I swear, even if you pray for needs as many as raindrops, Almighty Allah, out of His generosity and favors, will settle them all."

Eleventh: Shaykh al-Tūsiy and Shaykh al-Kaf amiy say: It is suitable to say the following supplication at this night: Mp3

O Allah: tonight the seekers of favors, restless and eager, present themselves to You;	ilāhy ta`arraḍa laka fī hādhā allayli almuta`arriḍūna	إلهِي تَعَرَّضَ لَكَ فِي هذَا اللَّيْلِ الْمُتَعَرِّضُونَ،
the determined aspirers have You in mind;	wa qaşadaka alqāşidūna	وَقَصَدَكَ الْقَاصِدُونَ،
those who make requests look long and attentively at Your obligingness and kindness;	wa ammla faḍlaka wa ma`rūfaka alṭṭālibūna	وَأُمَّلَ فَضْلَكَ وَمَعْرُوفَكَ الطَّالِبُونَ،
You, in this night, give gifts, bounties beyond measure,	wa laka fī hādhā allayli nafaḥātun wa jawā'izu	وَلَكَ فِي هذا اللَّيْلِ نَفَحَاتٌ وَجَوَائِزُ
free donations, and favors,	wa `aṭāyā wa mawāhibu	وَعَطَايَا وَمَوَاهِبٌ
to those whom You will from among Your servants when they make a request,	tamunnu bihā `alā man tashā`u min `ibādika	تَمُنُّ بِهَا عَلَى مَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ،
and say no to those who do not try to get in advance (remain behind) for obtaining the bounties from You.	wa tamna`uhā man lam tasbiq lahu al`ināiyatu minka	وَتَمْنَعُهَا مَنْ لَمْ تَسْبِقْ لَهُ الْعِنَايَةُ مِنْكَ،

I, a modest needy bondman,

am hopeful of Your obligingness and kindness.

Indeed if You, O My Master, bestows a favor on any one, in this night, from among Your created beings,

and multiply profits and gains for him out of love and affection,

please send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad:

the pure, the immaculate, the virtuous, and the righteous;

and then let me have enough and be contented on account of Your liberality and obligingness,

lahu al inalyatu minka

wa hā anā dhā `ubayduka alfaqīru ilayka almu 'ammilu fadlaka wa ma`rūfaka

fain kunta yā mawlāiya tafaḍḍalta fī hadhihi allaylati `alāaḥadin min khalqika

wa `udta `alayhi bi`ā'idatin min `atfika

faşalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin

alttiyyibina alttahirina alkhayyrina alfādilīna

wa jud `alayya biţawlika wa ma`rūfika

وَهَا أَنَا ذَا عُبَيْدُكَ الْفَقِيرُ إِلَيْكَ الْمُؤَمِّلُ فَضْلَكَ وَمَعْرُوفَكَ، فَإِنْ كُنْتَ يَا مَوْلايَ تَفَضَّا هذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ عَلَى أُحَدِ مِنْ خَلْقِ وَعُدْتَ عَلَيْهِ بِعَائِدَةٍ مِنْ عَه الطّاهِرينَ

وَجُدْ عَلَى ً بطَوْلِكَ وَمَعْرُوفِكَ

مًا رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ، O Lord of the worlds! yā rabba al`ālamīna وَصَلَّم، اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ خَاتَم May Allah send blessings upon wa şallā allāhu `alā muḥammadin Muḥammad, the seal of the Prophets, khātami alnnabiyyīna and upon his Household, the wa ālihi alttāhirīna immaculate, and may He exalt them very much. wa sallama tasliman verily, Allah is worthy of all praise, full inn allāha ḥamīdun majīdun

verily, You never break Your promise.

of all glory. allāhumma innī ad`ūka اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَدْعُوكَ كَمَا أُمَرْتَ O Allah: I am praying You as You ordered me to do, kamā amarta So, (please) respond to me as You فَاسْتَجِبْ لِي كَمَا وَعَدْتَ fastajib lī kamā wa`adta promised.

It is worth mentioning that this supplication is advisably said immediately after the accomplishment of the Shaf Prayer at the last hours of night.

innaka lā tukhlifu almī`āda

إنَّكَ لا تُخْلِفُ الْمِعَادَ.

السَّ الْعَظييُ.

Twelfth: It is recommended to say the supplication narrated by Shaykh al-Tusiy and Sayyid Ibn Tawus after each two Rak'ahs of the Night Prayer (Salāt al-Layl), the Shaf' Prayer, and the Witr Prayer.

**Thirteenth**: It is recommended to do the prostrations and say the supplications that are reported from the Holy Prophet (a.s). One of these is that Shaykh al-Tūsiy has narrated on the authority of Hammād ibn `Īsā on the authority of Abān ibn Taghlib that Imam Ja'far al-Sādiq (a.s) recounted the following:

It was the fifteenth night of Sha'ban when the Holy Prophet (a.s) was with 'Ā'ishah, his wife. At midnight, the Holy Prophet (a.s) left the bed. When 'A'ishah woke up and could not find the Holy Prophet (a.s), she felt jealous and Thought that he joined one of his other wives. She therefore left her bed and put on her cloak, which was made of neither silk, not linen, nor cotton; rather it was made of camel hair. In any event, 'Ā'ishah searched for the Holy Prophet (a.s) in all the rooms of his other wives but she found him prostrating himself on the ground like a thrown dress. As she approached, she heard him saying: Mp3

Prostrating before You are my body and سَجَدَ لَكَ سَوَادِي وَخَيَالِي، sajada laka sawādy wa khayālī my shadow وَآمَنَ بكَ فُؤَادِي، wa āmana bika fu 'ādī and my heart is in full faith of You hadhihi yadaiya wa ma janaytuhu These are my two hands and this is what I have committed against myself, `alā nafsī O the All-great: You are hoped for all

yā `azīmu turjā likulli `azīmin enormous things; aghfir liya al`azīma Please, forgive me my serious offences فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذَّنْبَ الْعَظِيمَ إِلاَّ fa'innhu lā yaghfiru aldhdhanba because none can forgive the serious sin except the All-great Lord.

al`azīma illā alrrabbu al`azīmu

The Holy Prophet (a.s) then raised his head and then prostrated himself again, saying:

I seek the protection of the light of Your	a`ūdhu binūri wa jhika alladhy	أَعُوذُ بِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ الَّذِي أَضَاءَتْ
Face that has lit the heavens and the earth	aḍā`at lahu alssamāwātu wal- araḍūna	لَهُ السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالأَرَضُونَ،
and has removed all darkness	wānkashafat lahu alzzulumātu	وَانْكَشَفَتْ لَهُ الظُّلُمَاتُ،
and has made active all the affairs of the past and the coming generations	wa ṣalaḥa `alayhi amru al- awwalīna wal-ākhirīna	وصلَحَ عَلَيْهِ أُمْرُ الأُولِّلِينَ وَالآخِرِينَ وَالآخِرِينَ
against Your sudden chastisement	min fuj-ati naqimatika	مِنْ فُجْأَةِ نَقِمَتِكَ،
and against withdrawing the good health that You have granted me	wa min taḥwīli `āfiyatika	وَمِنْ تَحْوِيلِ عَافِيَتِكَ،
and against the vanishing of Your bounties.	wa min zawal-i ni`matika	وَمِنْ زَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ.
O Allah: (please) grant me a heart that is pious and pure,	allāhumma arzuqny qalban taqiyyan naqiyyan	اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي قَلْباً تَقِيّاً نَقِيّاً
and is released from polytheism,	wa mina alshshirki barī'an	وَمِنَ الشِّرْكِ بَرِيئاً
and is neither atheist nor unhappy.	lā kāfiran wa lā shaqiyyan	لا كَافِراً وَلا شَقِيّاً.
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The Holy Prophet (a.s) then attached his face to the ground and said:

I am putting my face on the ground `affartu wajhy fī altturābi عَفَّرْتُ وَجْهِي فِي التَّرَابِ and it is my duty to prostrate myself before You wa ḥuqqa lī an asjuda laka وَحُقَّ لِي أَنْ أُسْجُدَ لَكَ

When the Holy Prophet (a.s) accomplished these acts of worship and directed towards his bed, 'Ā'ishah ran before him until she reached the bed before he did. When he heard her speedy breathes, the Holy Prophet (a.s) asked her about it. He then said, "Do you know what this night is? This is the night of the half of Sha`bān. At this night, shares of provisions are distributed, ages are decided, and the pilgrims are appointed. Verily, Almighty Allah, at this night, forgives as many of His creatures as the hairs of the goats of Kalb Tribe. Almighty Allah also orders angels to descend to the earth, to Makkah, at this night."

**Fourteenth**: It is recommended to offer the famous <u>Ja`far al-Ṭayyār's Prayer (*Ṣalāt Ja`far*)</u> as is narrated by Shaykh al-Ṭūsiy from Imam al-Riḍā (a.s).

**Fifteenth**: It is recommended to offer the prayers that are dedicated to this night. As a matter of fact, these prayers are many. One of them is that which is reported by Abū-Yaḥyā al-Ṣan'āniy, as well as other thirty trustworth individuals, from Imam Muhammad al-Bāgir (a.s) and Imam Ja'far al-Sādiq (a.s) as follows:

At the night of the half of Sha'bān, you may offer a four Rak'ah prayer in each Rak'ah of which you may recite the Sūrah of al-Fātiḥah once and the Sūrah of al-Tawḥīd one hundred times. After accomplishment, you may say the following supplication: Mp3

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and do not increase my ordeals,

and do not make my enemies rejoice at my misfortune.

I resort to Your pardon against Your punishment,

and I resort to Your mercy against Your chastisement,

and I resort to Your pleasure against Your wrath,

and I resort to You from You

Enormous be the praise of You

You are as exactly as You have praised Yourself,

and above all that which is said about You.

wa lā tajhad balā'y

wa lā tushmit by a`dā'y

a`ūdhu bi`afwika min `iqābika

wa a`ūdhu biraḥmatika min `adhābika

wa a`ūdhu biriḍāka min sakhaţika

wa a`ūdhu bika minka

jalla thanāu 'uka

anta kamā athnayta `alā nafsika

wa fawqa mā yaqūlu algā'ilūna

وَلا تَجْهَدْ بَلائِي، وَلا تُشْمِتْ بِي أَعْدَائِي، أَعُوذُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عِقَابِكَ، وَأَعُوذُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِكَ، وَأَعُوذُ بِرِضَاكَ مِنْ سَخَطِكَ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْكَ،

أَنْتَ كَمَا أُثْنَيْتَ عَلَى نَفْسِكَ

وَفَوْقَ مَا يَقُولُ الْقَائِلُونَ.

It is worth mentioning that Ḥadīths have decided a great reward for him who offers a one hundred Rak`ah prayer at this night; in each Rak`ah of which the Sūrah of *al-Fātiḥah* is recited once and the Sūrah of *al-Tawḥīd* is repeated ten times. It has been previously mentioned, within the acts of the month of Rajab, that it is recommended to offer a prayer composing of six Rak`ahs in each of which the Sūrahs of *al-Fātiḥah*, *Yāsīn*, *al-Mulk*, and *al-Tawḥīd* are recited