



## **1<sup>st</sup> 10 Nights and Days of Dhu'l-Hijjah**

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In the blessed month of Dhu'l-Hijjah, the pious companions of the Holy Prophet and their followers used to do acts of worship extraordinarily. The first ten days of this month are called *al-ayyaam al-malumaat* (The Stated Days) by the Holy Quran.

About these highly honorable days, the Holy Prophet (saws)

is reported to have said that nothing is more preferable to Almighty Allah than practicing acts of worship on these ten stated days.

It is recommended to observe fasting on the first nine days of Dhu'l-Hijjah, for it is equal to the fasting of one's whole lifetime.

According to a narration, fasting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Dhu'l-Hijjah erases sins of 60 years.

## Salaah for 1<sup>st</sup> 10 Nights of Dhu'l-Hijjah

At each of these ten nights, it is recommended to offer a **2 Raka'** prayer between the Maghrib and `Isha' obligatory prayers and to recite at each unit Surah *al-Fatihah* once, Surah *al-Tawheed* once, and the following verse (7/142):

وَوَاعَدْنَا مُوسَىٰ ثَلَاثِينَ لَيْلَةً

And We appointed with Moses a time of thirty nights

وَأَتَمَمْنَاهَا بِعَشْرٍ

and completed them with ten more,

فَتَمَّ مِيقَاتُ رَبِّهِ أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً

so the appointed time of his Lord was complete forty nights,

وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِأَخِيهِ هَارُونَ أَخْلُفْنِي فِي قَوْمِي

and Moses said to his brother Aaron: Take my place among my people,

وَأَصْلِحْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ الْمُفْسِدِينَ

and act well and do not follow the way of the mischief-makers.

The **reward** of offering this prayer is to participate in the rewards of **those who go on Hajj**.

## Dua After Fajr and Maghrib Prayers

It is recommended to say the following supplicatory prayer, which is reported by Shaykh al-Tusy and Sayyid Ibn Tawus from Imam Ja`far al-Sadiq (a), after the obligatory Fajr and Maghrib Prayers since the first day of Dhu'l-Hijjah and up to the eve of the `Arafat Night, the ninth of Dhu'l-Hijjah:

اللَّهُمَّ هَذِهِ الْأَيَّامُ الَّتِي فَضَّلْتَهَا عَلَيَّ الْأَيَّامِ وَشَرَّفْتَهَا

O Allah, these days that You have preferred and favored on  
other days,

قَدْ بَلَّغْتَنِيهَا بِمَنِّكَ وَرَحْمَتِكَ

You have allowed me to attain them out of Your favor and  
mercy;

فَأَنْزِلْ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ بَرَكَاتِكَ

so, (please) descend on us Your blessings

وَأَوْسِعْ عَلَيْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ نِعْمَائِكَ

and expand for us Your boons.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah, I beseech you to send blessings to Muhammad and  
the Household of Muhammad

وَأَنْ تَهْدِينَا فِيهَا لِسَبِيلِ الْهُدَىٰ

and to guide us on these days to the path of guidance,

وَالْعِفَافِ وَالْغِنَىٰ

chastity, sufficiency,

وَالْعَمَلِ فِيهَا بِمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَىٰ

and doing that which You like and please.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ يَا مَوْضِعَ كُلِّ شَكْوَىٰ

O Allah, I beseech You, O object of all complaints,

وَيَا سَامِعَ كُلِّ نَجْوَىٰ

O Hearer of all confidential talks,

وَيَا شَاهِدَ كُلِّ مَلَأٍ

O Attendant in all sessions,

وَيَا عَالِمَ كُلِّ خَفِيَّةٍ

O Knower of all hidden matters,

أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

to send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of  
Muhammad,

وَأَنْ تَكْشِفَ عَنَّا فِيهَا أَلْبَاءَ

relieve us from all hardships on these days,

وَتَسْتَجِيبَ لَنَا فِيهَا الدُّعَاءَ

respond to our prayers,

وَتُقَوِّينَا فِيهَا وَتُعِينَنَا

grant us power, aid us,

وَتُوفِّقُنَا فِيهَا لِمَا تُحِبُّ رَبَّنَا وَتَرْضَىٰ

and lead us successfully to all that which You, O our Lord,  
like and please

وَعَلَىٰ مَا أَفْتَرَضْتَ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ طَاعَتِكَ

and to do acts of obedience to You that which You have made  
obligatory upon us

وَطَاعَةِ رَسُولِكَ وَأَهْلِ وَوَلَايَتِكَ

as well as acts of obedience to Your Messenger and to the men  
of Your leadership.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

O Allah, I beseech You, O most Merciful of all those who show  
mercy,

أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

to send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of  
Muhammad

وَأَنْ تَهَبَ لَنَا فِيهَا الرِّضَا

and grant us [Your] pleasure on these days.

إِنَّكَ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ

You are verily Hearer of prayers.

وَلَا تَحْرِمْنَا خَيْرَ مَا تُنَزِّلُ فِيهَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ

Do not deprive us of the good that You cause to come down from the heavens on these days,

وَطَهِّرْنَا مِنَ الذُّنُوبِ

purify us from sins,

يَا عَلَّامَ الْغُيُوبِ

O Knower of all unseen things,

وَأَوْجِبْ لَنَا فِيهَا دَارَ الْخُلُودِ

and make certain for us the abode of immortality.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

وَلَا تَتْرُكْ لَنَا فِيهَا ذَنْبًا إِلَّا غَفَرْتَهُ

and do not leave for us a sin but that You forgive it,

وَلَا هَمًّا إِلَّا فَرَجْتَهُ

no depression but that You relieve it,

وَلَا دَيْنًا إِلَّا قَضَيْتَهُ

no debt but that You help us settle it,

وَلَا غَائِبًا إِلَّا أَدَيْتَهُ

no absent but that You make join us,

وَلَا حَاجَةً مِنْ حَوَائِجِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

and no need in this world and the Next World

إِلَّا سَهَّلْتَهَا وَيَسَّرْتَهَا

but that You make it easy and obtainable.

إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

You, verily, have power over all things.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا عَالِمَ الْخَفِيَّاتِ

O Allah! O Knower of all hidden things!

يَا رَاحِمَ الْعَبْرَاتِ

O Merciful of all tears!

يَا مُجِيبَ الدَّعَوَاتِ

O Answerer of all prayers!

يَا رَبَّ الْأَرْضِينَ وَالسَّمَاوَاتِ

O Lord of the [layers of the] earth and the heavens!

يَا مَنْ لَا تَتَشَابَهُ عَلَيْهِ الْأَصْوَاتِ

O He Who is not confused by various sounds!

صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

(Please) send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

وَأَجْعَلْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ عُنُقَائِكَ وَطُلُقَائِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ

and include us, on these days, with those whom You release and discharge from Hellfire,

وَالْفَائِزِينَ بِجَنَّتِكَ

those whom You make win Your Paradise,

وَالنَّاجِينَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ

and those whom You save, out of Your mercy.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!

وَصَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ

Allah may send blessings to our master, Muhammad, and to his entire Household.

## Dua To Be Recited on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 Days of Dhu'l-Hijjah

It is recommended to say the following five testaments on the first ten days of Dhu'l-Hijjah:

(1) اَشْهَدُ اَنْ لَا اِلَهَ اِلَّا اللهُ

(1) I bear witness that there is no god save Allah,

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

alone without having any partner.

لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ

His is the kingdom and His is all praise.

بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ

In His Hand is all goodness,

وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

and He has power over all things.

(2) اَشْهَدُ اَنْ لَا اِلَهَ اِلَّا اللهُ

(2) I bear witness that there is no god save Allah,

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

alone without having any partner.

احِداً صَمِداً

One and Only and Besought of all.

لَمْ يَتَّخِذْ صَاحِبَةً وَلَا وُلْدًا

He has not taken to Himself wife nor son.

(3) اشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

(3) I bear witness that there is no god save Allah,

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

alone without having any partner,

احِداً صَمِداً

One and Only and Besought of all.

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ

He begets not, nor is He begotten,

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

and there is none comparable to Him.

(4) اشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

(4) I bear witness that there is no god save Allah,

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

alone without having any partner.

لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ

His is the kingdom and His is all praise.

يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ

He brings to life and causes to die,

وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ

and He is Ever-living and never dies.

بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ

In His Hand is all goodness

وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

and He has power over all things.

(5) حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ وَكَفَىٰ

(5) Sufficient to me is Allah and nothing else.

سَمِعَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ دَعَا

May Allah listen from him who prays to Him.

لَيْسَ وَرَاءَ اللَّهِ مُنْتَهَىٰ

There is no end beyond Allah.

أَشْهَدُ لِلَّهِ بِمَا دَعَا

I bear witness to Allah for all that He has declared,

وَأَنَّهُ بَرِيءٌ مِّمَّنْ تَبَرَّأَ

He is clear of all that from which He has declared clearness,

وَأَنَّ لِلَّهِ الْآخِرَةَ وَالْأُولَىٰ

and Allah's is the end and the beginning of all things.

Archangel Gabriel has conveyed these five testaments as gift of Almighty Allah to Prophet Jesus (a) and instructed him to say them on the first ten days of Dhu'l-Hijjah.

An excellent reward has been mentioned to be for whoever repeats these five statements one hundred times each day. However, `Allamah al-Majlisi says that it is not improbable that each of these five testaments is repeated ten times each day. Yet, to repeat them one hundred times is better.

## Tasbih for 1<sup>st</sup> 10 Days of Dhu'l-Hijjah

It is recommended to say the following Tasbih, which is reported from Imam `Ali Ameer al-Mu'mineen (a), on the first ten days of Dhu'l-Hijjah. An excellent reward has been reported for those saying this Tasbih, which should preferably be repeated ten times a day:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ اللَّيَالِي وَالْأَهْوَالِ

There is no god save Allah as many as nights and ages.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ أَمْوَاجِ الْبُحُورِ

There is no god save Allah as many as the waves of oceans.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَرَحْمَتُهُ خَيْرٌ مِمَّا يَجْمَعُونَ

There is no god save Allah and His mercy is better than what they amass.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ الشُّوكِ وَالشَّجَرِ

There is no god save Allah as many as thorns and trees.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ الشَّعْرِ وَالْوَبْرِ

There is no god save Allah as many as hairs and piles.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ الْحَجَرِ وَالْمَدْرِ

There is no god save Allah as many as stones and loams.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ لَمَحِ الْعُيُونِ

There is no god save Allah as many as sights of eyes.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ فِي اللَّيْلِ إِذَا عَسَسَ وَالصُّبْحِ إِذَا تَنَفَّسَ

There is no god save Allah in the night when it departs and in the morning when it brightens.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ الرِّيَّاحِ فِي الْبَرَاري وَالصُّخُورِ

There is no god save Allah as much as wind in lands and rocks.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مِنْ الْيَوْمِ إِلَى يَوْمِ يُنْفَخُ فِي الصُّورِ

There is no god save Allah from this day up to the day when the Trumpet will be blown.

## The First Day of Dhu'l-Hijjah

A number of devotional acts may be practiced on this blessed day:

It is recommended to observe **fasting** on this day, for its reward is equal to the reward of **80-month worship**.

It is recommended to offer Salah Fatimah. According to Shaykh al-Tusi, this prayer consists of four units each couple of which are offered separately. At each unit, Surah *al-Fatihah* is recited once and Surah *al-Tawheed* repeated fifty times. After the *Tasleem* statement, recite *Tasbih al-Zahra'*. Then recite the following Tasbeeh:

سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْعِزِّ الشَّامِخِ الْمُنِيفِ

Glory be to the Lord of Honor and Sublime Authority.

سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْجَلَالِ الْبَازِخِ الْعَظِيمِ

Glory be to the Lord of Majesty and Exalted Greatness.

سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْمَلِكِ الْفَاخِرِ الْقَدِيمِ

Glory be to the Lord of eternal, splendid sovereignty.

سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يَرَىٰ أَثَرَ النَّمْلِ فِي الصَّفَا

Glory be to Him Who makes out the footprints of the ant on the stone.

سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يَرَىٰ وَقَعَ الطَّيْرُ فِي الْهَوَاءِ

Glory be to Him Who knows the exact time and place of the bird dipping down through the air.

سُبْحَانَ مَنْ هُوَ هَكَذَا لَا هَكَذَا غَيْرُهُ

Glory be to Him Who is like this and no one other than Him is like this.

It is recommended to offer a two unit prayer half an hour before midday. At each unit, Surah *al-Fatihah* is recited once and Surah *al-Tawheed*, *Ayah al-Kursi*, and Surah *al-Qadr* repeated 10 times each.

One who fears an oppressor and says the following words on this day will be saved, by Almighty Allah:

حَسْبِي حَسْبِي حَسْبِي

Sufficient, sufficient, sufficient,

مِنْ سُؤَالِي عِلْمُكَ بِحَالِي

unto my prayer is Your knowledge with my status.

## **The Seventh of Dhu'l-Hijjah- Shahadat of 5<sup>th</sup> Imam** **- Ziyarah**

السلام عليك يا إمام الهدى

Peace be on you, O Imam of Sound advice!

السلام عليك يا بدر الدجى

Peace be on you, O moon in Darkness!

السلام عليك يا كهف التقى

Peace be on you, O shelter Of piety!

السلام عليك يا قائد أهل التقوى

Peace be on you, O leader of Pious ones!

السلام عليك يا باقر علم النبيين

Peace be on you, O revealer Of the knowledge of Prophets!

السلام عليك يا زين لسموات والأرضين ،

Peace be on you, O prestige Of the skies & the earths!

اللهم كما جعلته علما لعبادك ومستودعا لحلمك  
ومترجما لوحيك

O Allah! In The same way as You made Him as the protector  
of Your beings and the Trustee of Your tolerance And the  
translator of Your messages,

فصلي عليه أفضل ما صليت

على أحد من ذرية أنبيائك وأصفياك

Send the Choicest blessings on him-blessings sent by You On  
the descendants of Your Prophets and on Your select Beings

ورسلك وأمنائك يا رب العلمين

& on Your Apostles and on Your trustees. O Lord of the  
Worlds!