



## 1<sup>st</sup> 10 Nights and Days of Dhul-Hijjah

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-ayyam al-ma`lumat* (The Stated Days) by the Holy Qur'an. (22:28)

About these highly honorable days, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings upon him and his family) 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.

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## 2 Raka' Salaah Between Maghrib and 'Isha

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

وَوَاعَدْنَا مُوسَىٰ ثَلَاثِينَ لَيْلَةً

wa wa`adna musa thalathina laylatan  
And We appointed with Moses a time  
of thirty nights

وَأَتَمَمْنَاهَا بِعَشْرِ

wa atmamnaha bi`ashrin

and completed them with ten more,

فَتَمَّ مِيقَاتُ رَبِّهِ أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً

fatamma miqatu rabbihi arba`ina laylatan  
so the appointed time of his Lord was  
complete forty nights,

وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِأَخِيهِ هَارُونَ أَخْلُفْنِي فِي قَوْمِي

wa qala musa li'akhihi haruna ikhlufni fi qawmi  
and Moses said to his brother Aaron:  
Take my place among my people,

وَأَصْلِحْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ الْمُفْسِدِينَ

wa aslih wa la tattabi` sabila almufsidina  
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-Tusi and Sayyid Ibn Tawus from Imam Ja`far al-Sadiq (peace be upon him), 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

allahumma hadhihi al-ayyamu allati faḍḍaltaha  
`ala al-ayyami wa sharraftaha

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

قَدْ بَلَّغْتَنِيهَا بِمَنَّكَ وَرَحْمَتِكَ

qad ballaghtaniha bimannika wa rahmatika  
You have allowed me to attain them  
out of Your favor and mercy;

فَأَنْزِلْ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ بَرَكَاتِكَ

fa'anzil `alayna min barakatika  
so, (please) descend on us Your  
blessings

وَأَوْسِعْ عَلَيْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ نِعْمَائِكَ

wa awsi `alayna fiha min na`ma'ika  
and expand for us Your boons.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ

مُحَمَّدٌ

allahumma inni as'aluka an tuṣalliya `ala  
muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

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

وَأَنْ تَهْدِيَنَا فِيهَا لِسَبِيلِ الْهُدَىٰ

wa an tahdiyana fiha lisabili alhuda  
and to guide us on these days to the  
path of guidance,

وَأَلْعَافٍ وَالْغِنَىٰ

wal`afafi walghina  
chastity, sufficiency,

وَأَلْعَمَلِ فِيهَا بِمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَىٰ

wal`amali fiha bima tuhibbu wa tarḍa

and doing that which You like and  
please.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ يَا مَوْضِعَ كُلِّ شَكْوَى

allahumma inni as'aluka ya mawḍi`a kulli  
shakwa

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

وَيَا سَامِعَ كُلِّ نَجْوَى

wa ya sami`a kulli najwa

O Hearer of all confidential talks,

وَيَا شَاهِدَ كُلِّ مَلَأٍ

wa ya shahida kulli mala'in

O Attendant in all sessions,

وَيَا عَالِمَ كُلِّ خَفِيَّةٍ

wa ya `alima kulli khafiyyatin



O Knower of all hidden matters,

أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

an tuṣalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali  
muhammadin

to send blessings to Muhammad and  
the Household of Muhammad,

وَأَنْ تَكْشِفَ عَنَّا فِيهَا أَلْبَاءَ

wa an takshifa `anna fiha albala'a  
relieve us from all hardships on these  
days,

وَتَسْتَجِيبَ لَنَا فِيهَا أَلدُّعَاءَ

wa tastajiba lana fiha alddu`a'a  
respond to our prayers,

وَتُقَوِّينَا فِيهَا وَتُعِينَنَا

wa tuqawwiyana fiha wa tu`inana

grant us power, aid us,

وَتُوَفِّقُنَا فِيهَا لِمَا تُحِبُّ رَبَّنَا وَتَرْضَىٰ

wa tuwaffiqana fiha lima tuhibbu rabbana wa  
tarḍa

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

وَعَلَىٰ مَا أَفْتَرَضْتَ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ طَاعَتِكَ

wa `ala ma iftaradta `alayna min ṭa`atika  
and to do acts of obedience to You that  
which You have made obligatory upon  
us

وَطَاعَةِ رَسُولِكَ وَأَهْلِ وِلَايَتِكَ

wa ṭa`ati rasulika wa ahli wilayatika  
as well as acts of obedience to Your  
Messenger and to the men of Your  
leadership.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

allahumma inni as'aluka ya arhama alrrahimina  
O Allah, I beseech You, O most  
Merciful of all those who show mercy,

أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

an tuşalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali  
muhammadin  
to send blessings to Muhammad and  
the Household of Muhammad

وَأَنْ تَهَبَ لَنَا فِيهَا الرِّضَا

wa an tahaba lana fiha alrriḍa  
and grant us [Your] pleasure on these  
days.

إِنَّكَ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ

innaka sami`u alddu`a'i

You are verily Hearer of prayers.

وَلَا تَحْرِمْنَا خَيْرَ مَا تُنَزِّلُ فِيهَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ

wa la tahrimna khayra ma tunzilu fiha min  
alssama'i

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

وَطَهَّرْنَا مِنَ الذُّنُوبِ

wa ṭahhirna min aldhhdhunubi  
purify us from sins,

يَا عَلَّامَ الْغُيُوبِ

ya `allama alghuyubi

O Knower of all unseen things,

وَأَوْجِبْ لَنَا فِيهَا دَارَ الْخُلُودِ

wa awjib lana fiha dara alkhuludi

and make certain for us the abode of  
immortality.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

allahumma ṣalli `ala muhammadin wa ali  
muhammadin

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

وَلَا تَتْرُكْ لَنَا فِيهَا ذَنْبًا إِلَّا غَفَرْتَهُ

wa la tatrak lana fiha dhanban illa ghafartahu  
and do not leave for us a sin but that  
You forgive it,

وَلَا هَمًّا إِلَّا فَرَّجْتَهُ

wa la hamman illa farrajtahu  
no depression but that You relieve it,

وَلَا دَيْنًا إِلَّا قَضَيْتَهُ

wa la daynan illa qaḍaytahu  
no debt but that You help us settle it,

وَلَا غَائِبًا إِلَّا أَدَيْتَهُ

wa la gha'iban illa addaytahu  
no absent but that You make join us,

وَلَا حَاجَةً مِنْ حَوَائِجِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

wa la hajatan min hawa'iji alddunya wal-akhirati  
and no need in this world and the Next  
World

إِلَّا سَهَّلْتَهَا وَيَسَّرْتَهَا

illa sahhaltaha wa yassartaha  
but that You make it easy and  
obtainable.

إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

innaka `ala kulli shay'in qadirun

You, verily, have power over all things.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا عَالِمَ الْخَفِيَّاتِ

allahumma ya `alima alkhafiyati  
O Allah! O Knower of all hidden  
things!

يَا رَاحِمَ الْعَبْرَاتِ

ya rahima al`abarati  
O Merciful of all tears!

يَا مُجِيبَ الدَّعَوَاتِ

ya mujiba aldda`awati  
O Answerer of all prayers!

يَا رَبَّ الْأَرْضِينَ وَالسَّمَاوَاتِ

ya rabba al-araḍina walssamawati  
O Lord of the [layers of the] earth and  
the heavens!

يَا مَنْ لَا تَتَشَابَهُ عَلَيْهِ الْأَصْوَاتِ

ya man la tatashabahu `alayhi al-aṣwatu  
O He Who is not confused by various  
sounds!

صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

ṣalli `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin  
(Please) send blessings to Muhammad  
and the Household of Muhammad

وَأَجْعَلْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ عُنُقَائِكَ وَطَلْقَائِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ

waj`alna fiha min `utaqa'ika wa ṭulaqa'ika min  
alnnari

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

وَالْفَائِزِينَ بِجَنَّتِكَ



walfa'izina bijannatika  
 those whom You make win Your  
 Paradise,

وَالنَّاجِينَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ

walnnajina birahmatika  
 and those whom You save, out of Your  
 mercy.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

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

وَصَلَّىٰ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ

wa şalla allahu `ala sayyidina muhammadin wa  
 alihi ajma`ina  
 Allah may send blessings to our master,  
 Muhammad, and to his entire  
 Household.

## Dua for the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 Days of Dhul-Hijjah

It is recommended to say the following five supplications that were brought for Prophet 'Isa as a gift from Allah to be recited in the first ten days of Dhu'l-Hijjah:

(1) أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

ashhadu an la ilaha illa allahu

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

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

wahdahu la sharika lahu

alone without having any partner.

لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ

wa lahu alhamdu

His is the kingdom and His is all  
praise.

بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ

biyadihi alkhayru

In His Hand is all goodness,

وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

wa huwa `ala kulli shay'in qadirun  
and He has power over all things.

(2) أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

ashhadu an la ilaha illa allahu

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

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

wahdahu la sharika lahu  
alone without having any partner.

أَحَدًا صَمَدًا

ahadan şamadan  
One and Only and Besought of all.

لَمْ يَتَّخِذْ صَاحِبَةً وَلَا وُلْدًا

lam yattakhidh şahibatan wa la waladan  
He has not taken to Himself wife nor  
son.

(3) أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

ashhadu an la ilaha illa allahu  
(3) I bear witness that there is no god  
save Allah,

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

wahdahu la sharika lahu  
alone without having any partner,

أَحَدًا صَمَدًا

ahadan şamadan  
One and Only and Besought of all.

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ

lam yalid wa lam yulad  
He begets not, nor is He begotten,

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

wa lam yakun lahu kufwan ahadun  
and there is none comparable to Him.

(4) أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

ashhadu an la ilaha illa allahu

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

وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

wahdahu la sharika lahu  
alone without having any partner.

لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ

lahu almulku wa lahu alhamdu  
His is the kingdom and His is all  
praise.

يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ

yuhyi wa yumitu  
He brings to life and causes to die,

وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ

wa huwa hayyun la yamutu  
and He is Ever-living and never dies.

بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ

biyadihi alkhayru

In His Hand is all goodness

وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

wa huwa `ala kulli shay'in qadirun  
and He has power over all things.

(5) حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ وَكَفَىٰ

hasbiya allahu wa kafa

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

سَمِعَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ دَعَا

sami`a allahu liman da`a

May Allah listen from him who prays  
to Him.

لَيْسَ وَرَاءَ اللَّهِ مُنْتَهَىٰ

laysa wara'a allahi muntaha  
There is no end beyond Allah.

أَشْهَدُ لِلَّهِ بِمَا دَعَا

ashhadu lillahi bima da`a  
I bear witness to Allah for all that He  
has declared,

وَأَنَّهُ بَرِيءٌ مِّمَّنْ تَبَرَّأَ

wa annahu bari'un mimman tabarra'a  
He is clear of all that from which He  
has declared clearness,

وَأَنَّ لِلَّهِ الْآخِرَةَ وَالْأُولَىٰ

wa anna lillahi al-akhirata wal-ula  
and Allah's is the end and the  
beginning of all things.



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.

## Tahlilaat for the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 Days of Dhul-Hijjah

It is recommended to say the following tahlilaat (hymns of God's Unity) , which is reported from Imam `Ali Amir al-Mu'minin (peace be upon him), on the first ten days of Dhu'l-Hijjah. An excellent reward has been reported for those saying this doxology, which should preferably be repeated ten times a day:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ اللَّيَالِي وَالذُّهُورِ

la ilaha illa allahu `adada allayali waldduhuri  
There is no god save Allah as often as  
nights and ages.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ أَمْوَاجِ الْبُحُورِ

la ilaha illa allahu `adada amwaji albhuri  
There is no god save Allah as often as  
the waves of oceans.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَرَحْمَتُهُ خَيْرٌ مِمَّا يَجْمَعُونَ

la ilaha illa allahu wa rahmatuhu khayrun  
mimma yajma`una  
There is no god save Allah and His  
mercy is better than what they amass.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ الشَّوْكِ وَالشَّجَرِ

la ilaha illa allahu `adada alshshawki  
walshshajari  
There is no god save Allah as often as  
thorns and trees.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ الشَّعْرِ وَالْوَبَرِ

la ilaha illa allahu `adada alshsha`ri walwabari

There is no god save Allah as often as  
hairs and furs.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ الْحَجَرِ وَالْمَدَرِ

la ilaha illa allahu `adada alhajari walmadari

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

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ لَمَحِ الْعُيُونِ

la ilaha illa allahu `adada lamhi al`uyuni

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

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ فِي اللَّيْلِ إِذَا عَسَسَ وَالصُّبْحِ

إِذَا تَنَفَّسَ

la ilaha illa allahu fi allayli idha `as`asa  
walşsubhi idha tanaffasa

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

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ الرِّيحِ فِي الْبَرَارِي  
وَالصُّحُورِ

la ilaha illa allahu `adada alrriyahi fi albarari  
walsshukhuri

There is no god save Allah as often as  
the wind blows over deserts and rocks.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مِنْ الْيَوْمِ إِلَى يَوْمِ يُنْفَخُ فِي  
الصُّورِ

la ilaha illa allahu min alyawmi ila yawmi  
yunfakhu fi alsshuri

There is no god save Allah from this  
day up to the day when the Trumpet

will be blown.