

This night is called *laylat dahw al-arz* (the night at which the earth was spread on the water where the Holy Ka`bah is now situated). At this night the mercy of Almighty Allah is poured on people.

Great rewards are mentioned for who practice acts of worship at this night. Imam al-Riza (`a) said, "At the twenty-fifth night of Dhu'l-Qa`dah, Prophet Abraham was born, Prophet Jesus the son of Mary was born, and the earth was spread on the water where the Holy Ka`bah is now situated. "

If **one observes fasting on this day**, he will be given the reward of observing fasting in sixty months."

According to another narration, Imam al-Riza (`a) added, "Verily, on this day, Imam al-Mahdi(ajtf) will appear." According to another narration, to observe fasting on this day and to practice acts of worship at its night is equal (in reward) to one hundred year worship. Everything that is between the sky and the earth will ask God's forgiveness for one who does these rites. On this day, the mercy of Almighty Allah has been spread. To practice acts of worship and hold sessions for mentioning Almighty Allah on this day bring about an abundant reward.

Ghusl /bathing, is recommended & then there are two other acts that are done on this day:

In the morning after sunrise , a prayer consisting of two units, reciting in the each unit Surah *al-Fatihah* once and repeating **Surah al-Shams (No. 91)** five times. After salat is finished the following is said: once

There is no power and no strength except with Allah, the Most High, the All-great.

la hawla wa la quwwata
illa billahi al`aliyyi
al`azimi

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

Then,

O He Who overlooks slips, (please) overlook my slip.

ya muqila al`atharati
aqilni`athrati

يَا مُقِيلَ الْعَثَرَاتِ اِقْلِنِي عَثْرَتِي

O He Who responds to prayers, (please) respond to my prayer.

ya mujiba aldda`awati
ajib da`wati

يَا مُجِيبَ الدَّعَوَاتِ اجِبْ دَعْوَتِي

O He Who hears all sounds, (please) listen to mine,

ya sami`a al-aşwati
isma`şawti

يَا سَامِعَ الْأَصْوَاتِ أَسْمَعْ صَوْتِي

have mercy on me, and excuse my wrongdoings and whatever I have committed.

warhamni wa tajawaz
`an sayyi'ati wa ma`indi

وَأَرْحَمْنِي وَتَجَاوَزْ عَن سَيِّئَاتِي وَمَا عِنْدِي

O Lord of majesty and honor!

ya dha aljalali wal-
ikrami

يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

Sura Shams 91 بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالشَّمْسِ وَضُحَاهَا ﴿١﴾ وَالْقَمَرِ إِذَا تَلَّهَا ﴿٢﴾ وَالنَّهَارِ إِذَا جَلَّاهَا ﴿٣﴾ وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا

يَعْشَاهَا ﴿٤﴾ وَالسَّمَاءِ وَمَا بَنَاهَا ﴿٥﴾ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا طَحَاهَا ﴿٦﴾ وَنَفْسٍ وَمَا سَوَّاهَا ﴿٧﴾ فَأَلْهَمَهَا فُجُورَهَا

وَتَقْوَاهَا ﴿٨﴾ قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا ﴿٩﴾ وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهَا ﴿١٠﴾ كَذَّبَتْ ثَمُودُ بِطَغْوَاهَا ﴿١١﴾ إِذِ

انْبَعَثَ أَشْقَاهَا ﴿١٢﴾ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ نَاقَةَ اللَّهِ وَسُقْيَاهَا ﴿١٣﴾ فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَعَقَرُوهَا فَدَمْدَمَ عَلَيْهِمْ رَبُّهُمْ

بِذَنبِهِمْ فَسَوَّاهَا ﴿١٤﴾ وَلَا يَخَافُ عُقْبَاهَا ﴿١٥﴾

I CALL TO witness the sun and his early morning splendour, (1) And the moon as she follows in his wake, (2) The day when it reveals his radiance, (3) The night when it covers him over, (4) The heavens and its architecture, (5) The earth and its spreading out, (6) The soul and how it was integrated (7) And given the faculty of knowing what is disruptive and what is intrinsic to it. (8) He who nourishes it will surely be successful, (9) And he who confines it will surely come to grief. (10) The Thamud denied (the truth) in their perverseness (11) When among them the great wretch arose, (12) And the apostle of God had to tell them: "This is God's she-camel, let her drink." (13) But they called him a liar and hamstringed her. So God obliterated them for their crime, and (destroyed) all of them alike. (14) He does not fear the consequence. (15)

Second: In *Misbah al-Mutahajjid*, Shaykh al Tusi has mentioned that it is recommended to say the following prayer on this day: **Mp3** -

| | | |
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| O Allah Who spread the Ka`bah, | allahumma dahiya alka`bati | اللَّهُمَّ دَاحِيَا الْكَعْبَةِ |
| split the kernel, | wa faliqa alhabbati | وَفَالِقَا الْحَبَّةِ |
| removes troubles, | wa sharifa allazbati | وَصَارِفَا اللَّزْبَةِ |
| and relieves from all distresses! | wa kashifa kulli kurbatin | وَكَاشِفَا كُلِّ كُرْبَةٍ |
| I beseech You on this day, which is one of Your days | as'aluka fi hadha alyawmi min ayyamika | اسْأَلُكَ فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ مِنْ أَيَّامِكَ |
| whose standing You have deemed great, | allati a`zamta haqqaha | الَّتِي اعْظَمْتَ حَقَّهَا |
| whom You have given preference, | wa aqdamta sabqaha | وَأَقْدَمْتَ سَبْقَهَا |
| and whom You have put as trust with the believers | wa ja`altaha `inda almu'minina wadi`atan | وَجَعَلْتَهَا عِنْدَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَدِيْعَةً |
| and as means to approaching to You; | wa ilayka dhari`atan | وَإِلَيْكَ ذَرِيْعَةً |
| and [I beseech You] in the name of Your ample mercy | wa birahmatika alwasi`ati | وَبِرَحْمَتِكَ الْوَسِيْعَةِ |
| to send blessings to Muhammad, | an tuşalliya `ala muhammadin | أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ |
| Your servant that You have selected in the Nigh Covenant | `abdika almuntajabi fi almithaqi alqaribi | عَبْدِكَ الْمُتَنَجَّبِ فِي الْمِيثَاقِ الْقَرِيبِ |
| on the Meeting Day, | yawma alttalaqi | يَوْمِ التَّلَاقِ |
| the splitter of all joined things | fatiqi kulli ratqin | فَاتِقِ كُلِّ رَتْقٍ |
| and the caller to all truths, | wa da`in ila kulli haqqin | وَدَاعٍ إِلَى كُلِّ حَقٍّ |
| and to his Household, the pure, | wa `ala ahli baytihi al- athari | وَعَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ الْأَطْهَارِ |
| the guides, the lanterns, | alhudati almanari | الْهُدَاةِ الْمَنَارِ |
| the pillars of the Omnipotent (Lord), | da`a'imi aljabbari | دَعَائِمِ الْجَبَّارِ |
| and the supervisors on Paradise and Hell, | wa wulati aljannati walnari | وَوُلَاةِ الْجَنَّةِ وَالنَّارِ |
| to give us on this day from Your stored gifts, | wa a`tina fi yawmina hadha min `ata'ika almakhzuni | وَاعْطِنَا فِي يَوْمِنَا هَذَا مِنْ عَطَائِكَ |
| gifts that are neither interrupted nor prohibited | ghayra maqtu`in wa la mamnu`in | الْمَخْزُونِ غَيْرِ مَقْطُوعٍ وَلَا مَمْنُوعٍ |

by which You join for us both
repentance and acceptable return
[to You].

O He Who is the best of all
supplcated ones

and the most generous of all
hoped ones!

O All-sufficer! O All-true!

O He Whose grace is gentle!

(Please) treat me gracefully with
Your graciousness,

make me feel happy with Your
pardon,

aid me with Your support,

never make me inattentive of
Your noble mention through Your
Representatives

and the keepers of Your secret,

protect me against the
vicissitudes of time

up to the day of resurrection and
raising (the dead to life),

and make Your Representatives
attend at the hour of the departure
of my souls,

the time of my entry to my grave,

when my deed will be interrupted

and my lifetime will come to its
end.

O Allah, (please) remember me
all over the stages of trial

when I will reside between the
layers of the earth

and the forgetful people will forget
me.

Allow me to dwell in the abode of
eternity,

settle me in the residence of
honor,

make me of the companions of
Your intimate servants

tajma`u lana bihi
alattawbata wa husna al-
awbati

ya khayra mad`uwwin

wa akrama marjuwwin

ya kafiiyyu ya wafiiyyu

ya man luṭfuhu khafiiyyun

ulṭuf li biluṭfika

wa as`idni bi`afwika

wa ayyidni binaṣrika

wa la tunsini karima
dhikrika biwulati amrika

wa hafazati sirrika

wahfazni min shawa'ibi
alldahri

ila yawmi alhashri
walnashri

wa ashhidni awliya'aka
`inda khuruji nafsi

wa hululi ramsi

wa inqita`i`amali

wa inqiza'i ajali

allahumma wa idhkurni
`ala ṭuli albila

idha halaltu bayna aṭbaqi
alththara

wa nasiyani alnnaṣuna min
alwara

wa ahlilni dara almuqamati

wa bawwi'ni manzila
alkaramati

waj`alni min murafiqi
awliya'ika

تَجْمَعُ لَنَا بِهِ التَّوْبَةَ وَحُسْنَ الْاَوْبَةِ

يَا خَيْرَ مَدْعُوٍّ

وَاَكْرَمَ مَرْجُوٍّ

يَا كَفِيٍّ يَا وَفِيٍّ

يَا مَنْ لَطْفُهُ خَفِيٌّ

الطُّفُّ لِي بِلَطْفِكَ

وَاسْعِدْتِي بِعَفْوِكَ

وَإَيْدْتِي بِنَصْرِكَ

وَلَا تُنْسِنِي كَرِيمَ ذِكْرِكَ بِوَلَاةِ امْرِكَ

وَحَفْظَةَ سِرِّكَ

وَاحْفَظْنِي مِنْ شَوَائِبِ الدَّهْرِ

إِلَى يَوْمِ الْحَشْرِ وَالنَّشْرِ

وَاشْهَدْنِي اَوْلِيَاءَكَ عِنْدَ خُرُوجِ نَفْسِي

وَخُلُولِ رَمْسِي

وَأَنْقِطَاعِ عَمَلِي

وَأَنْقِضَاءِ اجْلِي

اللَّهُمَّ وَأَذْكُرْنِي عَلَى طَوْلِ الْبَلَى

إِذَا حَلَلْتُ بَيْنَ اطْبَاقِ الثَّرَى

وَتَسِيْنِي النَّاسُونَ مِنْ اَلْوَرَى

وَأَخْلِلْنِي دَارَ الْمَقَامَةِ

وَبَوِّنِي مَنْزِلَ الْكِرَامَةِ

وَأَجْعَلْنِي مِنْ مُرَافِقِي اَوْلِيَاءِكَ

and the people of Your choice
and selection,

wa ahli ijtiba'ika wa
iṣṭifa'ika

وَأَهْلِ اجْتِبَائِكَ وَأَصْطَفَائِكَ

bless me by meeting You,

wa barik li fi liqa'ika

وَبَارِكْ لِي فِي لِقَائِكَ

and grant me good-doing before
the end of my lifetime,

warzuqni husna al`amali
qabla hululi al-ajali

وَأَرْزُقْنِي حُسْنَ الْعَمَلِ قَبْلَ حُلُولِ الْأَجْلِ

making me free from slips and
foolish doing.

bari'an min alzzalali wa su'i
alkhaṭali

بَرِيئاً مِنَ الزَّلَلِ وَسَوْءِ الْخَطَلِ

O Allah, allow me to enter the
Pool of Your Prophet,
Muhammad,

allahumma wa awridni
hawza nabiiyika
muhammadin

اللَّهُمَّ وَأُورِدْنِي حَوْضَ نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ

Allah's blessings be upon him and
his Household,

ṣalla allahu `alayhi wa alihi

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

allow me to drink from it a
quenching drink

wasqini minhu mashraban
rawiyyan

وَأَسْقِنِي مِنْهُ مَشْرَباً رَوِيّاً

that is palatable and salubrious

sa'ighan hani'an

سَائِغاً هَنِيئاً

after which I will never be thirsty, I
will never be prevented from
reaching it,

la aẓma'u ba`dahu wa la
uhalla'u wirdahu

لَا أَظْمَأُ بَعْدَهُ وَلَا أَحَلُّوْ وَرَدَهُ

and I will never be disallowed to
approach it.

wa la `anhu udhadu

وَلَا عَنْهُ إِذَا دُ

Make for me the best nourishment

waj`alhu li khayra zadin

وَأَجْعَلْهُ لِي خَيْرَ زَادٍ

and the most fulfilling promise on
the day when the Witnesses will
rise.

wa awfa mi`adin yawma
yaqumu al-ashhadu

وَأَوْفَىٰ مِيعَادِ يَوْمِ يَقُومُ الْأَشْهَادُ

O Allah, curse the tyrants from the
past and the last generations

allahumma wal`an
jababirata al-awwalina wal-
akhirina

اللَّهُمَّ وَالْعَن جَبَابِرَةَ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ

who usurped the dues of Your
Representatives.

wa bihuquqi awliya'ika
almusta'thirina

وَبِحَقُوقِ أَوْلِيَائِكَ الْمُسْتَأْثِرِينَ

O Allah, demolish their posts,

allahumma waqsim
da`a'imahum

اللَّهُمَّ وَأَقْصِمْ دَعَائِمَهُمْ

annihilate their allies and their
assistants,

wa ahlik ashya`ahum wa
`amilahum

وَأَهْلِكَ أَشْيَاعَهُمْ وَعَامِلَهُمْ

and hasten their perdition,

wa `ajzil mahalikahum

وَعَجِّلْ مَهَالِكَهُمْ

seize their estates,

waslubhum mamalikahum

وَأَسْلُبْهُمْ مَمَالِكَهُمْ

make narrow their ways,

wa zayyiq `alayhim
masalikahum

وَضَيِّقْ عَلَيْهِمْ مَسَالِكَهُمْ

and curse their helpers and aides.

wal`an musahimahum wa
musharikahum

وَالْعَن مُسَاهِمَهُمْ وَمُشَارِكَهُمْ

Allah, (please) hasten the relief of
Your Representatives,

allahumma wa `ajzil faraja
awliya'ika

اللَّهُمَّ وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَ أَوْلِيَائِكَ

restore to them their usurped
rights,

wardud `alayhim
maẓalimahum

وَأَرُدْ عَلَيْهِمْ مَظَالِمَهُمْ

cause their Riser to prevail with
the truth,

and make him support Your
religion

and carry out Your
commandments about Your
enemies.

O Allah, make the angels of
victory surround him

and so are the commandments
that You addressed to him

at the Night of Destiny

so that he will punish Your
enemies on behalf of You until
You are pleased,

Your religion will recover its
freshness and bloom at his
hands,

he will clean the truth with
thorough cleaning,

and he will reject the wrong with
absolute rejection.

O Allah, send blessings to him
and to all of his forefathers,

include us with his companions
and group,

and resurrect us during his return

so that we will live in his age and
become of his helpers.

O Allah, make us reach his
advent,

make us witness his days,

bless him, and convey to us his
greetings.

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

wa aẓhir bilhaqqi
qa'imahum

waj`alhu lidinika
muntashiran

wa bi'amrika fi a`da'ika
mu'tamiran

allahumma ihfufhu
bimala'ikati alnnaṣiri

wa bima alqayta ilayhi min
al-amri

fi laylati alqadri

muntaqiman laka hatta
tarza

wa ya`uda dinuka bihi wa
`ala yadayhi jadidan
ghazzan

wa yamhaza alhaqqa
mahzan

wa yarfuzu albatila rafzan

allahumma ṣalli `alayhi wa
`ala jami`i aba'ih

waj`alna min ṣahbihi wa
usratihi

wab`athna fi karratihi

hatta nakuna fi zamanihi
min a`wanihi

allahumma adrik bina
qiyamahu

wa ashhidna ayyamahu

wa ṣalli `alayhi wardud
ilayna salamahu

wa alssalamu `alayhi wa
rahmatu allahi wa
barakatuhu

وَإِظْهِرْ بِالْحَقِّ قَائِمَهُمْ

وَأَجْعَلْهُ لِدِينِكَ مُنْتَصِرًا

وَبِأَمْرِكَ فِي أَعْدَائِكَ مُؤْتَمِرًا

اللَّهُمَّ أَحْفُفْهُ بِمَلَائِكَةِ النَّصْرِ

وَبِمَا أَلْقَيْتَ إِلَيْهِ مِنَ الْأَمْرِ

فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ

مُنْتَقِمًا لَكَ حَتَّى تَرْضَىٰ

وَيَعُودَ دِينُكَ بِهِ وَعَلَىٰ يَدَيْهِ جَدِيدًا

غَضًّا

وَيَمْحُضَ الْحَقَّ مَحْضًا

وَيَرْفُضَ الْبَاطِلَ رَفْضًا

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ جَمِيعِ آبَائِهِ

وَأَجْعَلْنَا مِنْ صَحْبِهِ وَأَسْرَتِهِ

وَأَبْعَثْنَا فِي كَرَّتِهِ

حَتَّىٰ نَكُونَ فِي زَمَانِهِ مِنْ أَعْوَانِهِ

اللَّهُمَّ ادْرِكْ بِنَا قِيَامَهُ

وَأَشْهَدْنَا أَيَّامَهُ

وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ وَأَرْدُدْ إِلَيْنَا سَلَامَهُ

وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Recite 2 rakat Salat of Ziarat of Imam Reza(as) & then the **Recite [Ziarat of Imam Reza \(as\)](#)**

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