

The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم used to say, "Sha`ban is my month; hence,
Paradise will be incumbently decided for him who observe fasting on one day of my month."

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It is recommended to repeat as much as possible the invocation of blessings (salwaat) upon the Holy Prophet and his Household.

It is also recommended to **observe fasting on Thursdays** in Sha`ban. In this respect, a hadith reads that the skies decorate themselves each Thursday in Sha`ban and the angels pray Almighty Allah, saying, "O our God, (please do) forgive those who observe fasting on this day and respond to their prayers."

The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم is also reported as saying, "If one observes fasting each Monday and Thursday in Sha`ban, Almighty Allah will grant

forty of his needs—twenty appertained to the worldly life and twenty to the Hereafter."

According to narrations, the best words that are advisably said in Sha`ban are the implorations for the forgiveness of Almighty Allah (i.e. *istighfar*). Hence, to implore for Almighty Allah's forgiveness seventy times a day in Sha`ban is equal to imploring for His forgiveness seventy thousand times a day in the other months.

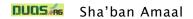
It is recommended to give alms in this month even if it is as small as a half date. Almsgiving in this month brings about rescue from Hellfire.

In this respect, it has been narrated that when Imam al-Sadiq عليه السلام was asked about the merits of observing fasting in Rajab, he answered, "Why do you not ask about the merits of observing fasting in Sha`ban?"

"What is then the reward of one who observes fasting on one day in Sha`ban?" asked the narrator. The Imam عليه السلام answered, "The reward will be Paradise. I swear it by Allah."

The narrator then asked again, "What are the best deeds that should be done in Sha`ban." The Imam عليه السلام answered, "Almsgiving and imploring for forgiveness are the best deeds in Sha`ban. Verily, if anyone of you gives

alms in Sha`ban, Almighty Allah will breed that alms in the very same way as you breed your small camels. Hence, this alms will be as huge as Mount Uhud on the Resurrection Day."

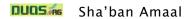


General Invocations for the Month of Sha'ban

It is recommended to say the following imploration for forgiveness 70 times each day in Sha`ban:

I implore for the forgiveness of Allah and I pray Him for approval of my repentance.

It is recommended to recite the following imploration for forgiveness 70 times each day in Sha`ban:



I implore for the forgiveness of Allah. There is no god save Whom,

the All-beneficent, the All-merciful,

the Ever-living, the Everlasting,

and to Him I turn repentant.

It is recommended to repeat the following litany 1000 times in Sha`ban: The reward of one who repeats this





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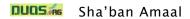
litany in Sha`ban is that one is awarded the reward of serving (Almighty Allah) for 1000 years.

There is no god save Allah

and we serve none save Him,

being sincere to Him in obedience,

though the unbelievers are averse.



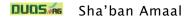
Salwaat Sha'baaniyah

It is recommended to say the following form of invocation of blessings upon the Holy Prophet and his Household that is reported from Imam `Ali ibn al-Husain al-Sajjad عليه السلام each midday (Dhuhr) in Sha`ban and on the fifteenth night of it:

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O Allah, (please do) send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad;

the tree of Prophethood,



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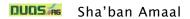
the trustees of the (Divine) Mission,

the frequently visited by the angels,

the core of knowledge,

and the Household of the Divine Revelation.

O Allah, (please do) send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,



ٱلْفُلْكِ ٱلْجَارِيَةِ فِي ٱللَّجَجِ ٱلْغَامِرَةِ

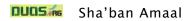
the sailing ships through the abysmal waves.

He who embarks on will be saved

but he who abandons will be drowned.

He who precedes them will miss the Right Path

and he who misses them will lose,



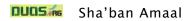
but he who adheres to them will win.

O Allah, (please do) send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

the impregnable shelter,

the supporters of the helpless, distressed ones,

the haven of the fugitives,



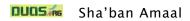
وَعِصْمَةِ ٱلْمُعْتَصِمِينَ

and the asylum of those who seek refuge.

O Allah, (please do) send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

so many blessings that please them

and settle all (our) duties towards
Muhammad and the Household of
Muhammad,



بِحَوْلٍ مِنْكَ وَقُوَّةٍ يَا رَبَّ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ

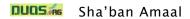
by Your might and power, O Lord of the worlds!

O Allah, (please do) send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

ٱلطُّيِّبِينَ ٱلأَبْرَارِ ٱلأَخْيَارِ

the pure, pious, and righteous

whose rights have been made incumbent upon us by You

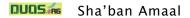


and the obedience to whom and whose (divinely ordained) leadership have been (also) deemed obligatory upon us by You.

O Allah, (please do) send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

and fill my heart with obedience to You,

do not disgrace me due to my acts of disobedience to You,



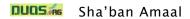
and grant me the feeling of sympathy towards those whom You have decided to straighten their sustenance

by means of Your favors that You have decided to make expansive for me

and by means of that with which You have covered me out of Your fairness.

Make me live under Your shade.

This is the month of Your Prophet and the Master of Your Messengers.



شَعْبَانُ ٱلَّذِي حَفَفْتَهُ مِنْكَ بِٱلرَّحْمَةِ وَٱلرَّضْوَانِ

It is Sha`ban, which You have encompassed with Your mercy and pleasure

ٱلَّذِي كَانَ رَسُولُ ٱللَّهِ صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

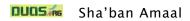
and on which the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him and his Household,

يَدْأُبُ فِي صِيَامِهِ وَقِيَامِهِ

used to observe fasting painstakingly and used to spend it with acts of worship

فِي لَيَالِيهِ وَأَيَّامِهِ

on all of its days and nights



بُخُوعاً لَكَ فِي إِكْرَامِهِ وَإِعْظَامِهِ

on account of Your honoring and dignifying this month,

up to his death.

O Allah, (please do) help us follow the example of him (i.e. the Holy Prophet as regards the honoring of this month)

and help us attain his intercession for us.

O Allah, (please do) decide him as my interceder (before You) whose intercession for me is acceptable

وَطَرِيقاً إِلَيْكَ مَهْيَعاً

and as my clear path toward You,

وَٱجْعَلْنِي لَهُ مُتَّبِعاً

and make me follow him

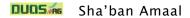
حَتَّىٰ أَلْقَاكَ يَوْمَ ٱلْقِيَامَةِ عَنِيّ رَاضِياً

until I meet You on the Resurrection Day enjoying Your pleasure with me

وَعَنْ ذُنُوبِي غَاضِياً

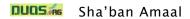
and Your overlooking my sins

قَدْ أَوْجَبْتَ لِي مِنْكَ ٱلرَّحْمَةَ وَٱلرِّضْوَانَ



and thus You will confer upon me with Your mercy and pleasure

and allow me to reside in the Eternal Abode and the Place of the Righteous.

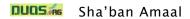


Munajat Sha'baniyah

It is recommended to say the following confidential prayer (munajat) that has been narrated by Ibn Khalawayh who commented on it, saying, "This is the confidential prayer of Imam `Ali Amir al-Mu'minin عليه السلام and the Holy Imams who used to say it in the month of Sha`ban."

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O Allah, (please do) send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,



وَٱسْمَعْ دُعَائِي إِذَا دَعَوْتُكَ

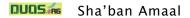
listen to my prayer whenever I pray You,

listen to my call whenever I call upon you,

and accept from me whenever I confidentially whisper to You,

for here I am fleeing into You,

standing before You, showing submission to You,



مُتَضَرِّعاً إِلَيْكَ

imploring You,

رَاجِياً لِمَا لَدَيْكَ ثَوَابِي

and hoping for the reward that You have.

وَتَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِي

You do know what is in my inner self,

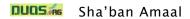
وَتَخْبُرُ حَاجَتِي

recognize my needs,

وَتَعْرِفُ ضَمِيرِي

recognize my hidden affairs,

وَلاَ يَخْفَىٰ عَلَيْكَ أَمْرُ مُنْقَلِبِي وَمَثْوَايَ



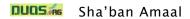
and all my moves and stillness are known by You.

So are all the utterance which I want to begin with,

all the requests that I want to express,

and all the expectation that I hope for my future.

All that which You, O my Master, have decided for me



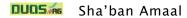
فِيمَا يَكُونُ مِنِّي إِلَىٰ آخِرِ عُمْرِي

up to the end of my life,

including my secret and open matters, shall be experienced by me.

And it is in Your Hand, not anybody else's, are all increase and decrease,

and all my benefits and harms that come upon me.

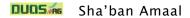


O my God, if You deprive me (of Your sustenance), then who else can ever provide me with sustenance?

If You disappoint me, then who else can ever back me?

O my God, I do seek Your protection against Your wrath and against the befalling of Your ire upon me.

O my God, if I do not deserve Your mercy,



You are still expected to confer upon me with Your expansive favor.

O my God, I now imagine how I will stand before You,

shaded by my good idea about You on account of my trust in You,

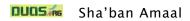
and You will decide for me that which befit You and You will include me with Your forgiveness.

O my God, if you pardon me, then who else is worthier than You are in pardoning.

If my time of death is approaching while my deeds are still too short to approach me to You,

I am then considering my confession of being guilty to be my means towards You.

O my God, I have wronged myself when I allowed myself to behave unrestrainedly;



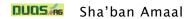
فَلَهَا ٱلْوَيْلُ إِنْ لَمْ تَغْفِرْ لَهَا

therefore, woe will betide me if You do not forgive.

O my God, You have never ceased Your favors from me all over my lifetime;

so, (please) do not stop Your favors from covering me after my death.

O my God, how can I despair of Your nice custody over me after my death

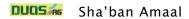


while You have not shown me but the good throughout my lifetime?

O my God, (please) manage my affairs in the very way that befits You,

and confer upon me—a sinful who is covered by his ignorance—with Your favors.

O my God, You have concealed my sins in my worldly life,

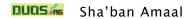


but I need Your concealment more urgently in the Next Life.

You have thus not disclosed my sins before any of Your righteous servants;

therefore, (please) do not expose me on the Resurrection Day before all the witnesses.

O my God, it is Your magnanimity that expanded my hope,

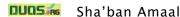


وَعَفْوُكَ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ عَمَلِي

and surely Your pardon is more preferable than my deeds.

O my God, so (please) delight me when I meet You on the day when You shall judge between Your servants.

O my God, I submit to You the apology of one who cannot dispense with the acceptance of his excuse;

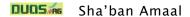


so, (please) accept my excuse, O most Magnanimous of all those before whom the guilty make an apology.

O my God, (please) do not reject my request,

do not fail my big hope for You,

and do not disappoint my desire and expectation for You.

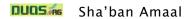


O my God, had You wanted to humiliate me, You would not have guided me (to You).

Had You decided to disclose me, You would not have saved me.

O my God, I do not expect You to reject my request that I spent my whole lifetime asking for it from You.

O my God, all praise be to You, forever, forever, perpetually, everlastingly,



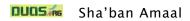
يَزِيدُ وَلاَ يَبِيدُ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَىٰ

increasingly, and unperishably, as exactly as You like and please.

O my God, if You punish me for my offense, I shall demand with Your pardon,

if You punish me for my sins, I shall demand with Your forgiveness,

and if You decide to send me to Hell, I shall declare to its inhabitants that I love You.



O my God, if my deed is too little when compared to the true obedience to You,

then my hope for You is too big when compared to my prospect from You.

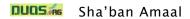
O my God, how can it be that I return from You with disappointment and deprivation

while I expect, depending upon Your magnanimity, that You will endow me with safety and mercy?

O my God, I have spent my whole lifetime with the vigor of being negligent to You

and I have spent my whole youth with the inebriety of being far away from You.

O my God, I have not thus woken up to myself during the period when I seductively felt safe from Your punishment



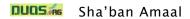
وَرُكُونِي إِلَىٰ سَبِيلِ سَخَطِكَ

and when I was taking the path that ends with Your ire.

O my God, nevertheless, I am—Your servant and the son of Your servant now standing before You

and begging You in the name of Your generosity.

O my God, I am, being Your servant, disowning all that with which I used to face You;

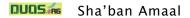


namely, my shameless inconsideration of You,

and I am hereby appealing for Your pardon since pardon is one feature of Your generosity.

O my God, I had no strength by which I would rid myself of the acts of disobedience to You

except after You aroused me to love You.



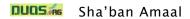
وَكُمَا أَرَدْتَ أَنْ أَكُونَ كُنْتُ

Hence, I have become as exactly as You want me to be.

I have thus thanked You, for You have included me with Your generosity

and You have purified my heart from the filths of being inattentive to You.

O my God, (please) look at me in the same way as You have looked at one whom You called and he has responded to You



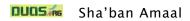
وَٱسْتَعْمَلْتَهُ بِمَعُونَتِكَ فَأَطَاعَكَ

and whom You have conferred with Your aid and he thus has obeyed You.

O He Who is too close to depart from one who is inadvertent to Him!

O He Who is too magnanimous to deprive one who hopes for His reward!

O my God, (please) grant me a heart whose longing for You will approach it to You,



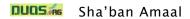
وَلِسَاناً يُرْفَعُ إِلَيْكَ صِدْقُهُ

a tongue whose truthfulness is directed to You,

and a sight whose righteousness advances towards You.

O my God, he who recognizes You shall never be anonymous,

he who seeks Your shelter shall never be disappointed,

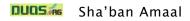


and he whom is attended by You shall never be boring.

O my God, he who abides by Your Path shall be enlightened,

and he who resorts to You shall be succored.

I am thus having recourse to You, O my God! So, (please) do not disappoint me as regards Your having mercy upon me



وَلاَ تَحْجُبْني عَنْ رَأْفَتِكَ

and do not divest me of Your kindness.

O my God, grant me, among those who show servitude to You,

the position of one who (incessantly) longs for more love for You.

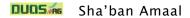
O my God, (please) inspire me with passionate love for ceaseless reference to You,

and (please) devote all my pursuit to my attaining the delight of the success that is achieved through Your Names and the amount of Your Holiness.

O my God, I beseech You in Your name to put me in the position of those who are obedient to You

and in an honorable standing of Your pleasure,

for I, verily, have no power to rescue



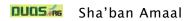
or to benefit myself.

O my God, I am Your servant—the feeble and sinful—

and Your slave—the penitent.

So, (please) do not include me with those against whom You have turned Your face

or those whom are deprived of Your pardon because of their inattentiveness to You.



O my God, (please) grant me absolute devotion to You

and illuminate the sights of our hearts with the light of observing of You

so that the sights of the hearts will penetrate the Screens of Light

and arrive at the Core of Magnificence,

and that our souls hang to the Majesty of Your Holiness.

O my God, (please) make me of those who responded to You when You called at them,

those who were shocked for Your Majesty when You observed them

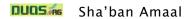
and You have thus taken into their confidence and they acted for You openly.

O my God, I have shaded neither despair nor gloom over my good idea about You

and I have never lost hope in Your excellent magnanimity.

O my God, if my sins have overthrown me in Your sight,

then please pardon me for my excellent trust in You.

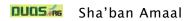


O my God, if my wrongdoings have caused me to lose Your honorable kindness,

then my belief in You has called my attention to the generosity of Your sympathy.

O my God, if my inadvertence has screened me against readying myself for meeting You,

then my recognition of the generosity of Your bounties has awakened me.

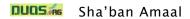


O my God, if Your grave chastisement has drawn me to Hellfire,

then Your opulent reward has drawn me to Paradise.

O my God, You alone do I pray and You alone do I implore and desire.

I beseech You to bless Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad



and to include me with those who always mention You,

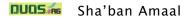
who never breach their covenant to You,

who never fail to thank You,

and who never belittle Your Affairs.

O my God, (please do) take in me with the most brilliant Light of Your Dignity

so that I will recognize You



وَعَنْ سِوَاكَ مُنْحَرِفاً

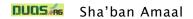
and I will leave everybody else,

and that I will be fearful of and careful with You.

O Lord of Majesty and Honor!

May Allah send blessings to Muhammad, His Messenger, and upon his Household the Infallible,

and exalt them very much.



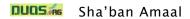
Salaah for Every Thursday in Sha'ban

It is recommended to offer a two unit prayer each Thursday in Sha`ban.

In each unit, it is recommended to recite Surah *al-Fatihah* once and repeat Surah *al-Tawhid* one hundred times.

After accomplishment, one should invoke God's blessings upon the Holy Prophet and his Household 100 times.

This rite achieves the granting of all worldly and religious needs.



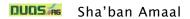
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sha'ban

On the Night of 1st Sha'ban recite a 12 unit prayer in each unit of which Surah *al-Fatihah* is recited once and Surah *al-Tawhid* repeated 11 times.

A great reward is gained from fasting on the first day of Sha`ban. Imam Ja`far al-Sadiq عليه السلام is reported as saying, "Paradise will be incumbently decided for one who observes fasting on the first day of Sha`ban."

Likewise, Sayyid Ibn Tawus has narrated on the authority of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم that an abundant

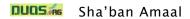
reward will be conferred to one who observes fasting on three days in Sha`ban at the nights of which a 2 unit prayer is offered. In each unit of this prayer, one should recite Surah *al-Fatihah* once and Surah *al-Tawhid* 11 times.



Dua for Day of 3rd Sha'ban

About this blessed day, Shaykh al-Tusi says in *Misawsbah al-Mutahajjid*: Imam al-Husain ibn `Ali عليه السلام was born on the third of Sha`ban. Abu'l-Qasim ibn `Ala' al-Hamadani, the representative of Imam al-Hasan al-`Askari عليه السلام, received a document saying that our master, Imam al-Husain ibn `Ali عليه السلام, was born on the third of Sha`ban; therefore, you should observe fasting on this day and say the following supplicatory prayer:

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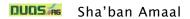
O Allah, I beseech You in the name of the one born on this day,

the promised with martyrdom before the beginning of his lifetime and before his birth,

the heavens and all their inhabitants wept for him;

and so did the earth and those living one it

before his feet stepped on it,



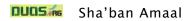
قَتِيلِ ٱلْعَبْرَةِ

the mourned slain one,

the master of the Family (of Prophethood),

the one who shall be backed with victory on the Day of Return,

the one whom has been awarded the favor of the Imams' being from his offspring as recompense of his being slain,



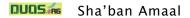
وَٱلشِّفَاءَ فِي تُرْبَتِهِ

the one awarded the favor of the soil of his grave carrying cure,

the one awarded the favor that he will be triumphing when he will be returned

and the Prophet's Successors from his offspring will be returned

after the advent of their Rising Imam and after his occultation



so that they shall take revenge,

وَيَثْأَرُوا ٱلثَّارَ

retaliate,

وَيُرْضُوا ٱلْجُبَّارَ

please the Omnipotent Lord,

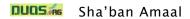
وَيَكُونُوا خَيْرَ أَنْصَارٍ

and be the best supporters.

صَلَّىٰ ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَعَ ٱخْتِلافِ ٱللَّيْلِ وَٱلنَّهَارِ

May Allah's blessings be perpetually upon them whenever night and day succeed each other.

اَللَّهُمَّ فَبِحَقِّهِمْ إِلَيْكَ أَتَوسَّلُ



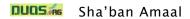
O Allah, I thus beg You in the name of them

and implore You with the imploration of a sinful one who confesses of his sin,

and who has done evil to himself

due to his violations—the past and the present.

He thus beseeches You for Your protection up to the place of his grave.



اَللَّهُمَّ فَصَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعِثْرَتِهِ

O Allah, (please) send blessings to Muhammad and his Offspring,

include us with his group (on the Resurrection Day),

and allow us to dwell in the House of Honor with him

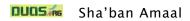
and in the abode of residence.

O Allah, as You have conferred upon us with the honor of our recognition of him, so (please) confer upon us with the honor of being near to him,

bestow upon us with the bliss of accompanying him and enjoying a close rank to him,

and include us with those who submit to him totally

and those who invoke Your blessings upon him whenever they mention him,



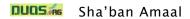
وَعَلَىٰ جَمِيعِ أَوْصِيَائِهِ وَأَهْلِ أَصْفِيَائِهِ

and upon all his Successors and Selected Ones,

whom are defined by You as twelve persons,

being the luminous stars,

and the Arguments against all humankind.



O Allah, and (please) grant us on this day the best of grants,

make all our prayers on this day responded,

just as You gifted al-Husain to Muhammad, his grandfather,

just as the angel Futrus sought refuge with his (i.e. al-Husain) cradle,

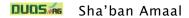
we are thus seeking refuge with his tomb after him (i.e. his martyrdom),

نَشْهَدُ تُرْبَتَهُ وَنَنْتَظِرُ أَوْبَتَهُ

as we are witnessing the soil of him and expecting his return.

Respond to us, O Lord of the worlds.

After that, you may say *Du`a' al-Husain* (Supplicatory prayer of Imam al-Husain عليه السلام), which is the last supplicatory prayer he said when his enemies surrounded him in large numbers on the Day of `Ashura (the tenth of Muharram):



O Allah, You are verily the Elevated in position,

the Magnificent in omnipotence,

the Mighty in prowess,

the Self-Sufficient from the creatures,

the Ample in pride,

the Powerful over all that which You want,

אם Sha'ban Amaal

قَرِيبُ ٱلرَّحْمَةِ

the Close in mercy,

صَادِقُ ٱلْوَعْدِ

the Truthful in promise,

سَابِغُ ٱلنِّعْمَةِ

the Opulent in favors,

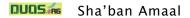
حَسَنُ ٱلْبَلاَءِ

the Sympathetic in ordeals,

قَرِيبٌ إِذَا دُعِيتَ

the Nigh when Your are prayed,

مُحِيطٌ بِمَا خَلَقْتَ



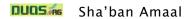
the All-encompassing of all that which You have created,

the Accepter of the repentance of him who repents to You,

the Powerful to do whatever You want,

the Taker in all that which You decide,

the Thankful for those who thank You,



and the Rememberer of those who mention You.

أَدْعُوكَ مُحْتَاجاً

I pray You for I need You,

وَأَرْغَبُ إِلَيْكَ فَقِيراً

I desire for You for I am in want of You,

وَأَفْزَعُ إِلَيْكَ خَائِفاً

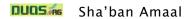
I resort to You for I am terrified,

وَأَبْكِي إِلَيْكَ مَكْرُوباً

I weep before You for I am distressed,

وأَسْتَعِينُ بِكَ ضَعِيفاً

I seek Your aid for I am weak,



وَأَتَوَكُّلُ عَلَيْكَ كَافِياً

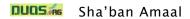
and I depend upon You for I trust in none save You.

(Please do) decide between our people and us with the truth,

for they have deceived us, cheated us,

disappointed us, betrayed us, and killed us.

We are the progeny of Your Prophet



وَوَلَدُ حَبِيبِكَ

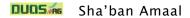
and the sons of Your beloved one;

namely, Muhammad the son of `Abdullah,

whom You have chosen for the Divine Mission

and for keeping Your Revelation.

So, (please) prepare a way out and a relief for us,



بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ ٱلرَّاحِينَ

out of Your mercy, O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!

Ziyarah of Imam Ali Zayn ul Abideen عليه السلام

السلام عليك يا سيد الساجدين

Peace be on you, O leader of Those who prostrate!

السلام عليك يا زين العابدين

Peace be on you, O prestige of Worshipping ones!

السلام عليك يا حليف الحسرات

Peace be on you, O participant Of unhappiness and sadness!

السلام عليك يا ذا الثفنات

Peace be on you, O the Imam, Who got sores on spots which Touched during Sajda!

السلام عليك يا صاحب العبرات

Peace be on you, O one who Wept and mourned!

Peace be on you, one who was Captive of hardships!

Peace be on you, O one from The great worshippers!

السلام عليك يا ابن خامس أهل الكساء أصحاب

Peace be on you, O the son of The fifth of the people of the Cloak (Husayn)

السلام عليك يا ابن سيد الشهداء

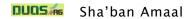
Peace be on you, O son of the Leader of the martyrs!

السلام عليك يا عماد الأتقياء

Peace be on you, O support of Pious ones!

السلام عليك ورحمة الله وبركاته

Peace be on you, and Allah's Blessings and bounties on you!



Salaah for Night of 13th, 14th and 15th Sha'ban

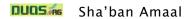
It is recommended to offer a certain prayer on each of the White Nights (i.e. the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth nights of each Arabic month) in Rajab, Sha`ban, and Ramadan.

On the 13th Night, recite a 2 Raka' Salaah, in each unit after Sura Fatihah recite Sura Yasin, Sura Mulk and Sura Tawheed once each.

On the 14th Night recite a 4 Raka' and on the 15th Night recite a 6 Raka' Salaah with the same method as mentioned above.

Imam Ja`far al-Sadiq عليه السلام is reported

as saying, "Whoever offers these prayers, will be awarded the merits of these three months (namely, Rajab, Sha`ban, and Ramadan) and will have all his sins forgiven, except polytheism.



Last 3 Days of Sha'ban

Imam al-Ridha عليه السلام is reported as saying: If one observes fasting on the last three days of Sha`ban and attaches it to the obligatory fasting of Ramadhan, Almighty Allah will decide him as having observed fasting for two consecutive months.

Abu'l-Salt al-Harawi has narrated that when he visited Imam al-Ridha عليه السلام on the last Friday of Sha`ban, the Imam عليه said to him:

Abu'l-Salt, the days of Sha`ban have almost passed. This is the last Friday. You should thus settle what you have missed in this month by working harder in the

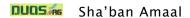
rest of it. You may supplicate God, implore for His forgiveness, recite the Holy Qur'an, and repent to Him from your sins so that you receive the month of Ramadhan with pure sincerity to Him. You must fulfill all the trusts that you are liable to settle, do not bear malice against any of your brethren-in-faith, you must give up any sin that you commit. Fear Almighty Allah and trust in Him in secret and openly, for 'If any one puts his trust in Allah, sufficient is (Allah) for him. For Allah will surely accomplish his purpose. Verily, for all things has Allah appointed a due proportion. 65/3'

In the rest days of Sha'ban, you may

repeat the following supplicatory prayer very much for Almighty Allah saves many people from Hellfire on account of the sanctity of this month:

O Allah, if You have not forgiven us in the past days of Sha`ban,

(please do) forgive us in the rest of it.



Dua for Last Night of Sha'ban

Shaykh al-Tusi has narrated on the authority of Harith ibn Mughirah al-Nadhri on the authority of Imam al-Sadiq who used to say the following supplicatory prayer at the last night of Sha`ban and the first night of Ramadan:

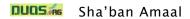
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اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هٰذَا الشَّهْرَ الْمُبَارَكَ

O Allah, this blessed month

in which the Qur'an was revealed

and was made guidance for people



وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِنَ ٱلْهُدَىٰ وَٱلْفُرْقَانِ

and clear proofs of the guidance, and the Criterion (of right and wrong),

قَدْ حَضَرَ

has commenced.

فَسَلِّمْنَا فِيهِ

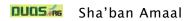
So, (please) keep us out of blemish during it,

وَسَلَّمْهُ لَنَا

keep it sound for us,

وَتَسَلَّمْهُ مِنَّا فِي يُسْرِ مِنْكَ وَعَافِيَةٍ

and receive it from us with means of easiness and good health from You.



يَا مَنْ أَخَذَ ٱلْقَلِيلَ وَشَكَرَ ٱلْكَثِيرَ

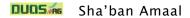
O He Who has accepted the little (deed) and thanked for the much,

(please) accept from me the little (deed).

O Allah, I beseech You

to make for me a path to every decency,

and to make for me a barrier against everything that You do not like.



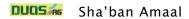
O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!

O He Who has pardoned me and overlooked the misdeeds that I have committed secretly!

O He Who has not punished me for my committing acts of disobedience to Him!

I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon, O All-generous!

O my God, You advised me, but I have not followed Your advice



وَزَجَرْتَنِي عَنْ مُحَارِمِكَ فَلَمْ أَنْزَجِرْ

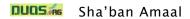
and You rebuked me for violating that which You have deemed forbidden, but I have not stopped.

Now, what is my excuse?

So, (please) pardon me, O All-generous!

I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon!

O Allah, I beseech You



for rest at death

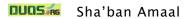
and for pardon at calling to account.

Great is the sin of Your servant;

so, let Your overlooking him be excellent.

O He Who is worth being feared and is worth forgiving!

I seek Your pardon, I seek Your pardon.



اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ عَبْدُكَ آبْنُ عَبْدِكَ آبْنُ أَمْتِكَ

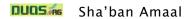
O Allah, I am Your servant and the son of Your servant and Your she-servant

and I am weak and in need for Your mercy;

while You are the Pourer of wealth and bless on the servants (of You),

You are omnipotent and full of power,

You have recorded all their (i.e. Your servants) deeds,



وَقَسَمْتَ أَرْزَاقَهُمْ

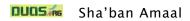
decided the sustenance of each one them,

and made them of different languages and colors

in different stages of creation.

Your servants can never attain Your knowledge

and Your servants can never recognize the real estimate that is due to You.



وَكُلُّنَا فَقِيرٌ إِلَىٰ رَحْمَتِكَ

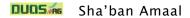
All of us are needy for Your mercy.

So, (please) do not turn Your Face away from me

and include me with the virtuous creatures of You

in deeds, hopes,

and Your decisions (for me).



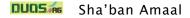
O Allah, (please) keep me alive in the best manner of living,

decide for me to die in the best manner of death keeping loyal to Your representatives,

incurring the enmity of Your enemies,

keeping desiring for You, fearing from You,

and submitting to You, being loyal to You, complying with You,



وَٱلتَّصْدِيقِ بِكِتَابِكَ

believing in Your Book,

وَٱتِّبَاعِ سُنَّةِ رَسُولِكَ

and following Your Prophet's instructions.

اَللَّهُمَّ مَا كَانَ فِي قَلْبِي

O Allah, as for whatever I bear in my heart,

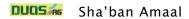
مِنْ شَكٍّ أَوْ رِيبَةٍ

including suspicion, doubt,

أَوْ جُحُودٍ أَوْ قُنُوطٍ

denial, despair,

أَوْ فَرَحٍ أَوْ بَذَخٍ أَوْ بَطَرٍ



(excessive) joy, lavish expenditure or recklessness,

أَوْ خُيلاءَ أَوْ رِيَاءٍ أَوْ شُعْعَةٍ

pride, arrogance, ostentation,

أَوْ شِقَاقٍ أَوْ نِفَاقٍ

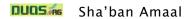
discord, hypocrisy,

أَوْ كُفْرِ أَوْ فُسُوقٍ أَوْ عِصْيَانٍ

unbelief, licentiousness, disobedience,

conceit, or anything else that You do not like;

فَأَسْأَلُكَ يَا رَبِّ أَنْ تُبَدِّلَنِي مَكَانَهُ إِيمَاناً بِوَعْدِكَ



I thus beseech You, O my Lord, to substitute all that with belief in Your promise,

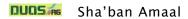
fulfillment of my covenant to You,

satisfaction with what You decide for me,

indifference to the worldly pleasures,

desire for that which You have,

altruism, tranquility,



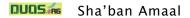
وَتَوْبَةً نَصُوحاً

and sincere repentance.

I beseech You for all that, O Lord of the worlds!

O my God, because You are so forbearing, You are disobeyed as if You are not present,

and because You are so generous and magnanimous, You are obeyed as if You have not been disobeyed at all.



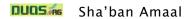
Both those who have not disobeyed You and I are the inhabitants of Your lands;

so, (please) confer magnanimously upon us with Your favors

and always refer to us with Your goodness.

O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!

May Allah bless Muhammad and his Household with endless blessings



that are innumerable, uncountable,

and none can do it save You.

O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!