

This night is a very important night. Imam Ja`far al-Şādiq ( `a) has narrated that when Imam Muḥammad al-Bāqir ( `a) 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 out of His conferral of benefits to them. Therefore, you should exert all efforts to seek nearness to Him at this night, because He—the Majestic and Honorable—has decided not to reject any seeker as long as he does not ask for an act of disobedience to Him. Almighty Allah has chosen this night for us, the Ahl al-Bayt, just as He has chosen the Qadr Night for our Prophet—peace be upon him and his Household. You should thus pray and thank Him diligently."

One of the blessings of this night is that it is the birth night of the Imam of the Age, Imam al-Mahdī ( `a)—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.

**First** Take [Ghusl \(Bath\)](#) with the thought of washing away sins & as if its your last Ghusl. Spend this **whole night** with acts of worship, prayers, supplications, invocations, and implorations for forgiveness. A tradition confirm that as for one who spends this whole night with acts of worship, his heart will not die when other hearts die.

Recite 100 times : *Subh'aanallah Walh'amdu Lillah Wa-Laa Ilaaha Illallah Ho Wal Allahu Akbar*

Recite 100 times 'Astaghfirullah ' with attention to [seeking forgiveness](#).

**Second)** Recite [Ziarat of Imam Husayn\(as\)](#) [http://www.duas.org/rajab/rajab\\_ziyarat.htm](http://www.duas.org/rajab/rajab_ziyarat.htm) as all the Prophets & Angels visit the Imam on this night. Second form is given at end here

As a short salutation ,one may go to the terrace/elevated place, look left, right & towards the sky & recite :-

Peace be upon you; O Aba-`Abdullah! Peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you. *Assalamu Alalika Ya Aba Abdillah Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah e wabarakatoh*

**Third** Recite [Namaz /Salaat of Jafar-e-Tayyar](#) <http://duas.org/jafar-tayyar.htm>

**Fourth:** It is recommended to say the following prayer, which stands for a form of Ziyārah for Imam al-Mahdī ( `a). This prayer has been mentioned by both Sayyid Ibn Tāwūs and Shaykh al-Ṭūsī:

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

allāhumma biḥaqqi laylatinā hādhihi  
wa mawlūdihā

اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ لَيْلَتِنَا هَذِهِ وَمَوْلُودِهَا

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.

wa ḥujjatika wa maw`ūdihā

وَحُجَّتِكَ وَمَوْعُودِهَا

So, Your Word has been accomplished truly and fairly.

allatī qaranta ilā faḍlihā faḍlan

الَّتِي قَرَنْتَ إِلَيَّ فَضْلِيهَا فَضْلًا

No one can change Your words

fatammat kalimatuka ṣidqan wa`adlan

فَتَمَّمْتَ كَلِمَتَكَ صِدْقًا وَعَدْلًا

or obscure Your signs.

lā mubaddila likalimātika

لَا مُبَدِّلَ لِكَلِمَاتِكَ

(He is) Your glowing Light,

wa lā mu`aqqiba li-āyātika

وَلَا مُعَقِّبَ لِيَايَاتِكَ

Your bring splendor,

nūruka almuta'alliqu

نُورِكَ الْمُتَأَلِّقُ

the luminous sign in the obscurity of darkness,

wa ḍiyā'uka almushriqu

وَضِيَاوُكَ الْمُشْرِقُ

the absent, and the concealed.

wal`alamu alnnūru fī ṭakhyā'i aldayjūri

وَأَلْعَلِمُ النُّورُ فِي طَخْيَاءِ الدَّيْجُورِ

Lofty is his birth and noble is his lineage.

alghā'ibu almastūru

الْغَائِبُ الْمَسْتُورُ

The angels are his witnesses

jalla mawliduhū wa karuma mahtiduhū

جَلَّ مَوْلِدُهُ وَكَرُمَ مَحْتِدُهُ

and Allah is his Supporter and Backer

walmalā'ikatu shuhhaduhū

وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ شُهَدَاؤُهُ

wallāhu nāshiruhū wa mu'ayyiduhū

وَاللَّهُ نَاصِرُهُ وَمُؤَيِّدُهُ

when his time comes and the angels shall be his sponsors.	idhā āna mī`āduhū walmalā'ikatu amdāduhū	إِذَا أَنْ مِيعَادُهُ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ أَمْدَادُهُ
He shall act as the sword of Allah that shall never miss the target,	sayfu allāhi alladhī lā yanbū	سَيْفُ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا يَنْبُو
His light that shall never be extinguished,	wa nūruhū alladhī lā yakhbū	وَنُورُهُ الَّذِي لَا يَخْبُو
and the forbearing person who shall never deviate the truth.	wa dhū alḥilmi alladhī lā yašbū	وَذُو الْجِلْمِ الَّذِي لَا يَصْبُو
He is the motive and reason of the course of events,	madāru alddahri	مَدَارُ الدَّهْرِ
the one for whom the laws of ages have been made,	wa nawāmīsu al`ašri	وَنَوَامِيسُ الْعَصْرِ
and one of the men in authority	wa wulātu al-amri	وَوَلَاةُ الْأَمْرِ
who receive that which is revealed on the Grand Night,	walmunazzalu `alayhim mā yatanazzalu fī laylati alqadri	وَالْمُنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَا يَتَنَزَّلُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ
and the managers of the Resurrection and the Account.	wa ašḥābu alḥashri walnashri	وَأَصْحَابُ الْحَشْرِ وَالنَّشْرِ
They are the interpreters of His revelations	tarājimatu waḥyihī	تَرَاجِمَةُ وَحْيِهِ
and in charge of what is deemed lawful and what is deemed unlawful by Him.	wa wulātu amrihī wa nahyihī	وَوَلَاةُ أَمْرِهِ وَنَهْيِهِ
O Allah, send blessings to their seal and their Riser	allāhumma faṣalli `alā khātimihim wa qā'imihim	اللَّهُمَّ فَصَلِّ عَلَى خَاتِمِهِمْ وَقَائِمِهِمْ
whom is hidden from their world.	almastūri `an `awalimihim	الْمَسْتُورِ عَنْ عَوَالِمِهِمْ
O Allah, (please) make us causes for the coming of him	allāhumma wa adrik binā ayyāmahū	اللَّهُمَّ وَأَدْرِكْ بِنَا أَيَّامَهُ
and causes for his advent and reappearance.	wa zuhūrahū wa qiyāmahū	وَزُطُورَهُ وَقِيَامَهُ
(Please) include us with his supporters,	waj`alnā min anṣārihī	وَأَجْعَلْنَا مِنْ أَنْصَارِهِ
join our vengeance to his vengeance,	waqrin tha'ranā bitha'rihī	وَأَقْرِنْ ثَارَتَنَا بِثَارِهِ
and decide us to be among his assistants and elite ones.	wāktubnā fī a`wānihī wa khulaṣā'ihī	وَأَكْتُبْنَا فِي أَعْوَانِهِ وَخُلَصَائِهِ
Make us live in bliss in his reign,	wa aḥyinā fī dawlatihī nā`imīna	وَأَحْيِنَا فِي دَوْلَتِهِ نَاعِمِينَ
win the ecstasy of his companionship,	wa biṣuḥbatihī ghānimīna	وَبِصُحْبَتِهِ غَانِمِينَ
among those who carry out our duty toward him,	wa biḥaqqihī qā'imīna	وَبِحَقِّهِ قَائِمِينَ
and save us from evil.	wa min alssū'i sālimīna	وَمِنَ السُّوءِ سَالِمِينَ
O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!	yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna	يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ
All praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds.	walḥamdu lillāhi rabbi al`ālamīna	وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
His blessings be upon our master, Muḥammad,	wa ṣalawātuhū `alā sayyidinā muḥammadin	وَصَلَوَاتُهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

the seal of the Prophets and the Messengers,	khātami alnabiyyīna walmursalīna	خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالْمُرْسَلِينَ
upon his Household the veracious,	wa `alā ahli baytihi alṣṣādiqīna	وَعَلَىٰ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ الصَّادِقِينَ
and upon his offspring, the spokespersons of the truth.	wa `itratihī alnnāṭiqīna	وَعِترَتِهِ النَّاطِقِينَ
Curse all the wrongdoers	wal`an jamī`a alzzālimīna	وَأَلْعَنُ جَمِيعَ الظَّالِمِينَ
and judge between them and us.	waḥkum baynanā wa baynahum	وَأَحْكُمُ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَهُمْ
O Most Just of all judges!	yā aḥkama alḥākimīna	يَا أَحْكَمَ الْحَاكِمِينَ

**Fifth:** Shaykh Ismā`il ibn Faḍl al-Hāshimī has narrated that Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (‘a) instructed him to say the following prayer at the fifteenth night of Sha`bān:

O Allah, You are verily the Ever-living, the Self-Subsisting,	allāhumma anta alḥayyu alqayyūmu	اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ
the Most High, the All-great,	al`aliyyu al`azīmu	الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ
the Creator, the Sustainer,	alkhāliq alrrāziq	الْخَالِقُ الرَّازِقُ
the Giver of live, the Causer of death,	almuḥyi almunītu	الْمُحْيِي الْمُمِيتُ
the Originator, the Maker.	albadī'u albadī`u	الْبَدِيءُ الْبَدِيءُ
To You is the Majesty	laka aljalālu	لَكَ الْجَلَالُ
to You is the favor,	wa laka alfaḍlu	وَلَكَ الْفَضْلُ
to You is all praise,	wa laka alḥamdu	وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ
to You is thanks,	wa laka almannu	وَلَكَ الْمَنُّ
to You is magnanimity,	wa laka aljūdu	وَلَكَ الْجُودُ
to You is generosity,	wa laka alkaramu	وَلَكَ الْكَرَمُ
to You do belong all affairs,	wa laka al-amru	وَلَكَ الْأَمْرُ
to You is glory,	wa laka almajdu	وَلَكَ الْمَجْدُ
and to You is gratitude.	wa laka alshshukru	وَلَكَ الشُّكْرُ
You are alone without having any partner with You.	waḥdaka lā sharīka laka	وَحْدَكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ
O One! O Absolute! O Besought of all!	yā wāḥidu yā aḥadu yā ṣamadu	يَا وَاحِدُ يَا أَحَدُ 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 lahū kufwan aḥadun	وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ
(Please do) bless Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad,	ṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin	صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
forgive me, have mercy upon me,	waghfir lī warḥamni	وَأَعْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْنِي

relieve me from whatever has aggrieved me,	wakfinī mā ahammanī	وَأَكْفِنِي مَا أَهْمَنِي
help me settle my debt,	waqdi daynī	وَأَقْضِ دَيْنِي
and expand my provisions,	wa wassi` `alayya fī rizqī	وَوَسِّعْ عَلَيَّ فِي رِزْقِي
for You, at this night, make distinct all affairs of wisdom,	fa'innaka fi hādhihī allaylati kulla amrin ḥakīmin tafruqu	فَإِنَّكَ فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ تَفْرُقُ
and You grant sustenance to whomever You wish among Your creatures.	wa man tashā'u min khalqika tarzuqu	وَمَنْ نَشَاءُ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ تَرْزُقُ
So, (please do) grant me sustenance and You are verily the Best of sustainers.	farzuqnī 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 وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْقَائِلِينَ الْنَاطِقِينَ:
“Ask Allah of His bounty.”	was'alū allāha min faḍlihi	(وَأَسْأَلُوا اللَّهَ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ)
I thus ask You of Your bounty,	famin faḍlika as'alu	فَمِنْ فَضْلِكَ أَسْأَلُ
to You do I turn my face,	wa iyyāka qaṣadtu	وَإِيَّاكَ قَصَدْتُ
the intercession of Your Prophet's son do I seek,	wabna nabīyyika i` tamadtu	وَأَبْنَ نَبِيِّكَ اعْتَمَدْتُ
and for You do I hope.	wa laka rajawtu	وَلَكَ رَجَوْتُ
So, (please do) have mercy upon me, O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!	farḥamnī yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna	فَارْحَمْنِي يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

**Sixth:** It is recommended to say this prayer, which the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) used to say at this night:

O Allah, (please do) grant us an amount of fearfulness of You that prevents us from committing acts of disobedience to You,	allāhumma iqsim lanā min khashyatika	اللَّهُمَّ أَقْسِمَ لَنَا مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ
an amount of obedience to You that makes us attain Your satisfaction,	mā yaḥūlu baynanā wa bayna mā ṣiyatika	مَا يَحُولُ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ مَعْصِيَتِكَ
and an amount of conviction that help us tolerate the vicissitudes of this worldly life.	wa min tā`atika mā tuballighunā bihī riḍwānaka	وَمِنْ طَاعَتِكَ مَا تَبْلُغُنَا بِهِ رِضْوَانَكَ
	wa min alyaqīni mā yahūnu `alaynā bihī muṣībātu alldunyā	وَمِنْ أَلْيَقِينِ مَا يَهُونُ عَلَيْنَا بِهِ مُصِيبَاتُ الدُّنْيَا
O Allah, (please do) make us enjoy our hearings, sights, and powers, as long as You decide to keep us alive, and (please do) make it the inheritor of us.	allāhumma amti` nā bi-asmā`inā wa abṣārīnā wa quwwatīnā	اللَّهُمَّ أَمْتِعْنَا بِأَسْمَاعِنَا وَأَبْصَارِنَا وَقُوَّتِنَا
(Please do) make us avenge ourselves against them who wrong us, back us against them who antagonize us,	mā aḥyaytanā waj` alhu alwāritha minnā	مَا أَحْيَيْتَنَا وَأَجْعَلُهُ الْوَارِثَ مِنَّا
do not make us suffer misfortunes in affairs of our religion,	waj` al tha'ranā `alā man ḡalamānā	وَأَجْعَلْ ثَأْرَنَا عَلَى مَنْ ظَلَمَنَا
	wanṣurnā `alā man `ādānā	وَأَنْصُرْنَا عَلَى مَنْ عَادَانَا
	wa lā taj` al muṣibatānā fī dīninā	وَلَا تَجْعَلْ مُصِيبَتَنَا فِي دِينِنَا

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

wa lā taj`al alddunyā akbara  
hamminā wa lā mablagha `ilminā

وَلَا تَجْعَلِ الدُّنْيَا أَكْبَرَ هَمِّنَا وَلَا مَبْلَغَ  
عِلْمِنَا

and do set one who does not have mercy upon us as master over us, in the name of Your mercy, O most Merciful of all those who show mercy!

wa lā tusalliḡ `alaynā man lā  
yarḡhamunā  
biraḡmatika yā arḡama  
alrrāḡimīna

وَلَا تُسَلِّطْ عَلَيْنَا مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُنَا  
بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

Actually, this prayer is one of the perfect, comprehensive prayers that may be said at all times. In the word of the book of `Awālī al-La`ālī, the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) used to say this prayer at all times.

**Seventh:** It is recommended to say the [Salwaat Shabania](http://www.duas.org/shaban1.htm) <http://www.duas.org/shaban1.htm>

**Eighth:** It is very much recommended to say the famous prayer known as [Du`ā' Kumayl](http://www.duas.org/kumayl.htm), <http://www.duas.org/kumayl.htm> as its is this night in which it was taught by Imam ali(as) to Kumayl

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

All glory be to Allah,

subḡāna allāhi

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ

all praise be to Allah,

walḡamdu lillāhi

وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

there is no god save Allah,

wa lā ilāha illā allāhu

وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

and Allah is the Greatest.

wallāhu akbaru

وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

**Tenth:** Shaykh al-Tūsī, in *Miṡbāḡ al-Mutahajjid*, has narrated a tradition about the merits of the night of mid-Sha`bān entailing that Abū-Yaḡyā asked Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (a) about the best of prayers to be said at this night. The Imam (a) instructed him, saying:

After you accomplish the obligatory `Ishā' Prayer, you may offer a two unit prayer in the first unit of which you should recite Sūrah *al-Fātiḡah* and Sūrah *al-Kāfirūn* and in the second Sūrah *al-Fātiḡah* and Sūrah *al-Tawḡīd*. When you accomplish the prayer, you may repeat (the phrase of) *subḡānallāh* thirty-three times, (the phrase of) *alḡamdulillāh* thirty-three times, and (the phrase of) *allāhu-akbar* thirty-four times. You may then say the following prayer:

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

yā man ilayhi malja'u al`ibādi fī  
almuhimmāti

يَا مَنْ إِلَيْهِ مَلْجَأُ الْعِبَادِ فِي الْمُهْمَمَاتِ

and to Whom the creatures turn in ordeals!

wa ilayhi yafza`u alkhalqu fī  
almulimmāti

وَالِيهِ يَفْزَعُ الْخَلْقُ فِي الْمَلِمَاتِ

O He Who knows the open and the hidden matters!

yā `ālima aljahri walkhafiyyāti

يَا عَالِمَ الْجَهْرِ وَالْخَفِيَّاتِ

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

yā man lā takhfā `alayhi  
khawāṡiru al-awḡāmi wa  
taṡarrufu alkhaṡarāti

يَا مَنْ لَا تَخْفَى عَلَيْهِ خَوَاطِرُ الْأَوْهَامِ  
وَتَصَرَّفُ الْخَطَرَاتِ

O Lord of creatures and beings!

yā rabba alkhalā'iqi walbariyyāti

يَا رَبَّ الْخَلَائِقِ وَالْبَرِيَّاتِ

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

yā man biyadiḡi malakūtu al-  
araḡīna walssamāwāti

يَا مَنْ بِيَدِهِ مَلَكُوتُ الْأَرْضِينَ  
وَالسَّمَاوَاتِ

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

anta allāhu lā ilāha illā anta

أَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

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

amuttu ilayka bilā ilāha illā anta

أَمْتُ إِلَيْكَ يَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ



so, O He save Whom there is no god,

fayā lā ilāha illā anta

فَيَا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

(please) include me at this night with those at whom You have looked and thus You have mercy upon them,

ij`alnī fī hādhihī allaylati mimman nazarta ilayhi farahimtahū

أَجْعَلْنِي فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ مِمَّنْ نَظَرْتَ إِلَيْهِ فَرَاحِمْتَهُ

with those whose prayers have been heard by You and thus You have responded to them,

wa sami`ta du`ā'ahū fa-ajabtahū

وَسَمِعْتَ دُعَاءَهُ فَأَجَبْتَهُ

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

wa `alimta istiqālatahū fa-aqaltahū

وَعَلِمْتَ اسْتِغْلَالَتَهُ فَأَقَلْتَهُ

and overlooked their past sins and enormous offenses.

wa tajāwazta `an sālifi khaṭī'atihī wa `azīmi jarīratihī

وَتَجَاوَزْتَ عَنْ سَالِفِ خَطِيئَتِهِ وَعَظِيمِ جَرِيرَتِهِ

verily, I am seeking Your shelter against my sins

faqad istajartu bika min dhunūbī

فَقَدِ اسْتَجَرْتُ بِكَ مِنْ ذُنُوبِي

and resorting to You so that You may conceal my defects.

wa laja'tu ilayka fī satri `uyūbī

وَلَجَأْتُ إِلَيْكَ فِي سَتْرِ عِيُوبِي

O Allah, (please) bestow generously upon me with Your generosity and Favor,

allāhumma fajud `alayya bikaramika wa faḍlika

اللَّهُمَّ فَجِدْ عَلَيَّ بِكَرَمِكَ وَفَضْلِكَ

condone my misdeeds out of Your forbearance and pardon,

waḥṭuṭ khaṭāyāya biḥilmika wa `afwika

وَاحْطُطْ خَطَايَايَ بِحِلْمِكَ وَعَفْوِكَ

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

wa taghammadnī fī hādhihī allaylati bisābighi karāmatika

وَتَعَمَّدْنِي فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ بِسَابِغِ كَرَامَتِكَ

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

waj`alnī fihā min awliyā'ika alladhīna ijtabaytahum liṭā`atika

وَأَجْعَلْنِي فِيهَا مِنْ أَوْلِيَائِكَ الَّذِينَ أَجْتَبَيْتَهُمْ لِطَاعَتِكَ

whom You have chosen for worshipping You,

wakhtartahum li`ibādatika

وَأَخْتَرْتَهُمْ لِعِبَادَتِكَ

and whom You have made Your elite and select people.

wa ja`altahum khāliṣataka wa ṣifwataka

وَجَعَلْتَهُمْ خَالِصَتَكَ وَصِفْوَتَكَ

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

allāhumma ij`alnī mimman sa`ada jadduhū

اللَّهُمَّ أَجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ سَعَدَ جَدُّهُ

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

wa tawaffara min alkhayrāti ḥazzuhū

وَتَوَفَّرَ مِنَ الْخَيْرَاتِ حَظُّهُ

and those who have been awarded excellently as they have won,

waj`alnī mimman salima fana`ima

وَأَجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ سَلِمَ فَنَعِمَ

rescue me from the evil consequences of what I have committed,

wa fāza faghanima

وَفَازَ فَغَنِمَ

save me from doing more acts of disobedience to You,

wakfinī sharra mā aslaftu

وَأَكْفِنِي شَرَّ مَا أَسْلَفْتُ

and make me love the acts of obedience to You and whatever draws me nearer to You and approaches me towards You.

wa `simnī min alizdiyādi fī ma`ṣiyatika

وَأَعْصِمْنِي مِنَ الْإِزْدِيَادِ فِي مَعْصِيَتِكَ

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

wa ḥabbib ilayya tā`ataka wa mā yuqarribunī minka wa yuzlifunī `indaka

وَحَبِّبْ إِلَيَّ طَاعَتَكَ وَمَا يُقَرِّبُنِي مِنْكَ وَيُزْلِفُنِي عِنْدَكَ

sayyidi ilayka yalja'u alhāribu

سَيِّدِي إِلَيْكَ يَلْجَأُ الْهَارِبُ

a needy begs none save You,

wa minka yaltamisu alttālibu

and only on Your generosity does a repentant and contrite depends.

wa `alā karamika yu`awwilu  
almustaqīlu alttā'ibu

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

addabta `ibādaka bilttakarrumi  
wa anta akramu al-akramīna

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

wa amarta bil`afwi `ibādaka wa  
anta alghafūru alrrahīmu

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

allāhumma falā tahrimnī mā  
rajawtu min karamika

do not make me despair of Your opulent bounties,

wa lā tu'yisnī min sābighi  
ni`amika

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

wa lā tukhayyibnī min jazīli  
qisamika fi hādhihī allaylati li-  
ahli ṭā`atika

and include me with Your protection against Your evil creatures.

waj`alnī fī junnatin min shirāri  
bariyyatika

O my Lord, if I do not deserve so,

rabbi in lam akun min ahli  
dhālika

then You are worth acting generously to me, pardoning, and forgiving me.

fa-anta ahlu alkarami wal`afwi  
walmaghfirati

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

wa jud `alayya bimā anta  
ahluhū lā bimā astaḥiqquhū

Verily, I carry an excellent opinion about You,

faqad ḥasuna ḥannī bika

I do hope for You,

wa taḥaqqqaqa rajā'i laka

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

wa `aliqat nafsī bikaramika

for You are verily the most Merciful of all those who show mercy

fa-anta arḥamu alrrahīmīna

and the most Generous of all those who are generous.

wa akramu al-akramīna

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

allāhumma wakhṣuṣnī min  
karamika bijazīli qisamika

I seek refuge with Your pardon against Your chastisement.

wa a`udhu bi`afwika min  
`uqubatika

(Please) forgive me the sin that prevents me from enjoying high morals

waghfir liya aldhhdhanba alladhī  
yaḥbisu `alayya alkuluqa

and suppresses my sustenance,

wa yuḍayyiqu `alayya alrrizqa

وَمِنْكَ يَلْتَمِسُ الطَّالِبُ

وَعَلَى كَرَمِكَ يُعَوَّلُ الْمُسْتَغِيثُ النَّائِبُ

أَدَّبْتَ عِبَادَكَ بِالتَّكْرُمِ وَأَنْتَ أَكْرَمُ

الْأَكْرَمِينَ

وَأَمَرْتَ بِالْعَفْوِ عِبَادَكَ وَأَنْتَ الْغَفُورُ

الرَّحِيمُ

اللَّهُمَّ فَلَا تَحْرِمْنِي مَا رَجَوْتُ مِنْ كَرَمِكَ

وَلَا تُؤْيِسْنِي مِنْ سَابِغِ نِعْمِكَ

وَلَا تُخَيِّبْنِي مِنْ جَزِيلِ قِسْمِكَ فِي هَذِهِ

الليَلةِ لِأَهْلِ طَاعَتِكَ

وَأَجْعَلْنِي فِي جَنَّةٍ مِنْ شِرَارِ بَرِيَّتِكَ

رَبِّ إِنْ لَمْ أَكُنْ مِنْ أَهْلِ ذَلِكَ

فَأَنْتَ أَهْلُ الْكَرَمِ وَالْعَفْوِ وَالْمَغْفِرَةِ

وَجُدْ عَلَيَّ بِمَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ لَأَبِمَا أَسْتَحِقُّهُ

فَقَدْ حَسُنَ ظَنِّي بِكَ

وَتَحَقَّقَ رَجَائِي لَكَ

وَعَلِقْتُ نَفْسِي بِكَرَمِكَ

فَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

وَأَكْرَمُ الْأَكْرَمِينَ

اللَّهُمَّ وَأَخْصُصْنِي مِنْ كَرَمِكَ بِجَزِيلِ

قِسْمِكَ

وَأَعُوذُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عُقُوبَتِكَ

وَأَعْفِرْ لِي الذَّنْبَ الَّذِي يَحْبِسُ عَلَيَّ

الْخُلُقَ

وَيُضَيِّقُ عَلَيَّ الرِّزْقَ

so that I will accomplish what excellently achieves Your satisfaction,	hattā aqūma biṣālihi riḍāka	حَتَّى أَقُومَ بِصَالِحِ رِضَاكَ
I will enjoy Your profuse granting,	wa an`ama bijazīli `aṭā'ika	وَأَنْعَمَ بِجَزِيلِ عَطَائِكَ
and I will be delighted by Your abundant bounties.	wa as`ada bisābighi na`mā'ika	وَأَسْعَدَ بِسَابِغِ نِعْمَائِكَ
I am having recourse to Your sanctity,	faqad ludhtu biḥaramika	فَقَدُّ لُدْتُ بِحَرَمِكَ
asking for Your generosity,	wa ta`arraḍtu likaramika	وَتَعَرَّضْتُ لِكَرَمِكَ
and taking shelter in Your pardon against Your punishment	wasta`adhtu bi`afwika min`uqūbatika	وَأَسْتَعَدْتُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عِقُوبَتِكَ
and in Your forbearance against Your ire.	wa biḥilmika min ghaḍabika	وَبِحِلْمِكَ مِنْ غَضَبِكَ
So, (please) bestow upon me generously with that which I have asked from You	fajud bimā sa'altuka	فَجِدْ بِمَا سَأَلْتُكَ
and confer upon me with that which I have begged from You.	wa anil mā iltamastu minka	وَأَنْلِ مَا أَلْتَمَسْتُ مِنْكَ
I beseech You in Your name, since there is nothing great that You are.	as'aluka bika lā bishay'in huwa a`zamu minka	أَسْأَلُكَ بِكَ لَا بِشَيْءٍ هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنْكَ

You may prostrate yourself and repeat the following phrase **twenty** times:

O my Lord!	yā rabb(i)	يَا رَبِّ
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And then repeat the following phrase seven times:

O Allah!	yā allāh(u)	يَا اللَّهُ
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And then repeat the following phrase seven times:

There is neither might nor power save with Allah.	lā ḥawla walā quwwata illā billāhi	لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ
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And then repeat the following phrase ten times:

Only that which Allah wants (will come to pass).	mā shā'a allāhu	مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ
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And then repeat the following phrase ten times:

There is no power save with Allah.	lā quwwata illā billāhi	لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ
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You may then invoke Almighty Allah's blessings upon the Holy Prophet and beseech Him to grant your requests.

By Allah I swear, even if you pray for things that are as many as raindrops, Almighty Allah, out of His generosity and favors, will grant them all.

**Eleventh:** Shaykh al-Tūsī and Shaykh al-Kaf`amī say: It is suitable to say the following prayer at this night:

O Allah! Tonight, the seekers of favors, restless and eager, present themselves to You,	ilāhī ta`arraḍa laka fī hādhā allayli almuta`arriḍūna	إِلَهِي تَعَرَّضَ لَكَ فِي هَذَا اللَّيْلِ الْمُتَعَرِّضُونَ
the determined aspirers have You in mind,	wa qaṣadaka alqāsidūna	وَقَصَدَكَ الْفَاصِدُونَ
and those who make requests look long and attentively at Your obligingness and kindness.	wa ammala faḍlaka wa ma`rūfaka alṭṭālibūna	وَأَمَّلَ فَضْلَكَ وَمَعْرُوفَكَ الطَّالِبُونَ
You, at this night, give gifts, bounties beyond measure,	wa laka fī hādhā allayli nafaḥātun wa jawā'izu	وَلَكَ فِي هَذَا اللَّيْلِ نَفَحَاتٌ وَجَوَائِزٌ



free donations, and favors	wa `aṭāyā wa mawāhibu	وَعَطَايَا وَمَوَاهِبُ
to those whom You will from among Your servants when they make a request,	tamunnu bihā `alā man tashā'u min `ibādika	تَمْنُ بِهَا عَلَيَّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ
and You say no to those who do not try to get in advance (i.e. remain behind) for obtaining the bounties from You.	wa tamna `uhā man lam tasbiq lahū al`ināiyatu minka	وَتَمْنَعُهَا مَنْ لَمْ تَسْبِقْ لَهُ الْعِنَايَةَ مِنْكَ
I, a modest needy bondman,	wa hā anā dhā `ubayduka alfaqīru ilayka	وَهَا أَنَا ذَا عُبَيْدِكَ الْفَقِيرُ إِلَيْكَ
am hopeful of Your obligingness and kindness.	almu'ammilu faḍlaka wa ma`rūfaka	الْمُؤَمِّلُ فَضْلِكَ وَمَعْرُوفِكَ
Indeed, if You, O My Master,	fa-in kunta yā mawlāya	فَإِنْ كُنْتَ يَا مَوْلَايَ
bestows a favor on any one, at this night,	tafaḍḍalta fī hādhihī allaylati	تَفَضَّلْتَ فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ
from among Your created beings,	`alā aḥādin min khalqika	عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ
and multiply profits and gains for him out of Your love and affection,	wa `udta `alayhi bi`ā'idatin min `aṭfika	وَعَدْتَ عَلَيْهِ بِعَائِدَةٍ مِنْ عَطْفِكَ
please send blessings to Muḥammad and the Household of Muḥammad:	faṣalli `alā muḥammadin wa āli muḥammadin	فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
the pure, the immaculate,	alṭṭayyibīna alṭṭāhirīna	الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ
the virtuous, and the righteous,	alkhayyirīna alfāḍilīna	الْخَيْرِينَ الْفَاضِلِينَ
and then give me abundantly on account of Your liberality and obligingness,	wa jud `alayya biṭawlika wa ma`rūfika	وَجُدْ عَلَيَّ بِطَوْلِكَ وَمَعْرُوفِكَ
O Lord of the worlds!	yā rabba al`ālamīna	يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ
May Allah send blessings to Muḥammad, the seal of the Prophets,	wa ṣallā allāhu `alā muḥammadin khātami alnabiyyīna	وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ
and upon his Household, the immaculate,	wa ālihī alṭṭāhirīna	وَأَلِيهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ
and may He exalt them very much.	wa sallama taslīman	وَسَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا
Verily, Allah is worthy of all praise, full of all glory.	inn allāha ḥamīdun majīdun	إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ
O Allah, I am praying You as You ordered me to do;	allāhumma innī ad`ūka kamā amarta	اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَدْعُوكَ كَمَا أَمَرْتَ
so, (please) respond to me as You promised.	fastajib lī kamā wa`adta	فَاسْتَجِبْ لِي كَمَا وَعَدْتَ
Verily, You never break Your promise.	innaka lā tukhlifu almī`āda	إِنَّكَ لَا تُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ

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

**Twelfth:** It is recommended to say the prayer narrated by Shaykh al-Ṭūsī and Sayyid Ibn Tāwūs after each two units of the Night Prayer (*Ṣalāt al-Layl*), the *Shaf` Prayer*, and the *Witr Prayer*.

**Thirteenth:** It is recommended to do the prostrations and say the prayers that are reported from the Holy Prophet (ﷺ). One of these is that Shaykh al-Ṭūsī has narrated on the authority of Ḥammād ibn `Īsā on the authority of Abān ibn Taghlib on the authority of Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (`a) recounted the following:

It was the fifteenth night of Sha`bān when the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) was with `Ā'ishah, his wife. At midnight, the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) left the bed. When `Ā'ishah woke up and could not find him, she felt jealous and thought that he had joined one of his other wives. She therefore left her bed and put on her cloak, `Ā'ishah searched for the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) in all of the rooms of his other wives but she found him prostrating himself on the ground. As she approached, she heard him saying:

Prostrating before You are my body and my shadow.	sajada laka sawādī wa khayālī	سَجَدَ لَكَ سَوَادِي وَخَيَالِي
My heart is full of faith of You.	wa āmana bika fu`ādī	وَأَمَّنَ بِكَ فَوَادِي
These are my two hands and this is what I have committed against myself.	hādhihī yadāya wa mā janaytuhū `alā nafsī	هَذِهِ يَدَايَ وَمَا جَنَيْتُهُ عَلَى نَفْسِي
O All-great! You are hoped for all enormous things.	yā `azīmu turjā likulli `azīmin	يَا عَظِيمُ تُرَجَى لِكُلِّ عَظِيمٍ
Please, forgive me my serious offences,	ighfir liya al`azīma	إِغْفِرْ لِي الْعَظِيمَ
Because none can forgive the serious sin except the All-great Lord.	fa'innahū lā yaghfiru aldhhanba al`azīma illā alrrabbu al`azīmu	فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذَّنْبَ الْعَظِيمَ إِلَّا الرَّبُّ الْعَظِيمُ

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

I seek the protection of the light of Your Face that has lit the heavens and the earth,	a`ūdhu binūri wajhika	أَعُوذُ بِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ
removed all darkness,	alladhī aḍā`at lahū alssamāwātu wal-araḍūna	الَّذِي أَضَاءَتْ لَهُ السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُونَ
and made active all the affairs of the past and the coming generations	wankashafat lahū alzzulumātu	وَأَنْكَشَفَتْ لَهُ الظُّلُمَاتُ
against Your sudden chastisement,	wa ṣalaḥa `alayhi amru al-awwalīna wal-ākhirīna	وَصَلَحَ عَلَيْهِ أَمْرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ
against withdrawing the good health that You have granted me,	min fuj'ati naqimatika	مِنْ فُجْأَةٍ نَقِمَتِكَ
and against the vanishing of Your bounties.	wa min taḥwīli `āfiyatika	وَمِنْ تَحْوِيلِ عَافِيَتِكَ
O Allah, (please) grant me a heart that is pious and pure,	wa min zawāli ni`matika	وَمِنْ زَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ
released from polytheism,	allāhumma irzuqnī qalban taqiyyan naqiyyan	اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي قَلْبًا تَقِيًّا نَقِيًّا
and neither atheist nor unhappy.	wa min alshshirki barī'an	وَمِنْ الشِّرْكِ بَرِيًّا
	lā kāfirān wa lā shaqiyyan	لَا كَافِرًا وَلَا شَقِيًّا

The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) then attached his face to the ground and said:

I am putting my face on the ground and it is my duty to prostrate myself before You.	`affartu wajhī fi altturābi	عَفَّرْتُ وَجْهِي فِي التُّرَابِ
	wa ḥuqqa lī an asjuda laka	وَحَقَّقَ لِي أَنْ أَسْجُدَ لَكَ

He then said, "Do you know what this night is ? This is the mid-Sha`bān night. At this night, shares of provisions are distributed, lifetimes are decided, and the pilgrims are appointed. Verily, Almighty Allah, at this night, forgives as many of His creatures as the hairs of the horses 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 Ja`far al-Ṭayyār's Prayer (*Ṣalāt Ja`far*) as is narrated by Shaykh al-Tūsī from Imam al-Riḍā (`a).

**Fifteenth** reported by Abū-Yaḥyā al-Ṣan`ānī, as well as other thirty trustworthy reporters, from Imam Muḥammad al-Bāqir (`a) and Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq (`a) as follows: At the mid-Sha`bān night, you may offer a four unit prayer in each unit of which you may recite *Sūrah al-Fātiḥah* once and *Sūrah al-Tawḥīd* one hundred times. After accomplishment, you may say the following prayer:

O Allah, I am in need for You	allāhumma innī ilayka faqīrun	اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي إِلَيْكَ فَاقِيرٌ
and I am fearful of You, seeking Your shelter against Your chastisement.	wa min `adhābika khā'ifun mustajīrun	وَمِنْ عَذَابِكَ خَائِفٌ مُسْتَجِيرٌ
O Allah, (please) do not erase my name,	allāhumma lā tubaddil ismī	اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَبَدِّلْ أَسْمِي
do not change my body,	wa lā tughayyir jismī	وَلَا تُغَيِّرْ جِسْمِي
do not increase my ordeals,	wa lā tajhad balā'ī	وَلَا تَجْهَدْ بِلَايِي
and do not make my enemies rejoice at my misfortune.	wa lā tushmit bī a`dā'ī	وَلَا تُشْمِتْ بِي أَعْدَائِي
I resort to Your pardon against Your punishment,	a`ūdhu bi`afwika min `iqābika	أَعُوذُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عِقَابِكَ
I resort to Your mercy against Your chastisement,	wa a`ūdhu biraḥmatika min `adhābika	وَأَعُوذُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِكَ
I resort to Your pleasure against Your wrath,	wa a`ūdhu biriḍāka min sakhaṭika	وَأَعُوذُ بِرِضَاكَ مِنْ سَخَطِكَ
and I resort to You against You.	wa a`ūdhu bika minka	وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْكَ
Enormous be the praise of You.	jalla thanā'uka	جَلَّ ثَنَاؤُكَ
You are as exactly as You have praised Yourself	anta kamā athnayta `alā nafsika	أَنْتَ كَمَا أَثْنَيْتَ عَلَيَّ نَفْسِكَ
and above all that which is said about You.	wa fawqa mā yaqūlu alqā'ilūna	وَفَوْقَ مَا يَقُولُ الْقَائِلُونَ

It is worth mentioning that traditions have decided a great reward for one who offers a one hundred unit prayer at this night; in each unit, *Sūrah al-Fātiḥah* is recited once and *Sūrah al-Tawḥīd* ten times.

It has been previously mentioned, within the rites of Rajab, that it is recommended to offer a prayer composing of six units in each of which *Sūrahs al-Fātiḥah, Yāsīn, al-Mulk, and al-Tawḥīd* are recited.

In the day His Ziyārah at the Vault (*sirdāb*) in Sāmarrā' is more favorable. Beyond any dispute, Imam al-Mahdī (a) shall appear, overcome, and fill the earth with justice and equality just as it would be filled with injustice and bias.

[http://www.duas.org/imamezaman/dua\\_sardaab.htm](http://www.duas.org/imamezaman/dua_sardaab.htm)

The first form is the same as Ziyarah on the first of Rajab, and the second as in the book of 'al-Balad al-Amin', Shaykh al-Kaf`amiy has reported Imam al-Sadiq (a.s) as saying that one may stop at the holy tomb of Imam al-Husayn (a.s) and say the following:

All praise be to Allah; the Most High, the All-great.

Peace be upon you; O the righteous, pure servant (of 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 (Shi`ah) are living on the hope of your being alive;

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.

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ  
وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْعَبْدُ الصَّالِحُ الزَّكِيُّ  
أُودِعُكَ شَهَادَةً مِنِّي لَكَ تَقْرُبُنِي إِلَيْكَ فِي يَوْمِ  
شَفَاعَتِكَ،

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ قُتِلْتَ وَلَمْ تَمُتْ  
بَلْ بِرَجَاءِ حَيَاتِكَ حَيَّتْ قُلُوبُ شِيعَتِكَ،  
وَبِضِيَاءِ نُورِكَ اهْتَدَى الطَّالِبُونَ إِلَيْكَ،  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ نُورُ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ يُطْفَأْ وَلَا يُطْفَأُ أَبَدًا،  
وَأَنَّكَ وَجْهُ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ يَهْلِكْ وَلَا يَهْلِكُ أَبَدًا،  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ هَذِهِ التُّرْبَةَ تُرْبَتُكَ،  
وَهَذَا الْحَرَمَ حَرَمُكَ،

وَهَذَا الْمَصْرَعُ مَصْرَعُ بَدَنِكَ  
لَا ذَلِيلَ وَاللَّهُ مُعِزُّكَ  
وَلَا مَغْلُوبَ وَاللَّهُ نَاصِرُكَ،  
هَذِهِ شَهَادَةٌ لِي عِنْدَكَ إِلَى يَوْمِ قَبْضِ رُوحِي  
بِحَضْرَتِكَ،  
وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ.

*alhamdu lillahi al`aliyy al`azimi wa alssalamu `alayka ayyuha al`abdu alSSalihu alzzakiyyudi`uka hahadatan minny laka tuqarribuny ilayka fi yawmi shafa`atika ash-hadu annaka qultu wa lam tamutbal biraja`i hayatika hayiyat qulubu shi`atikawa biziya`i nurika ahtada alttalibuna ilayka wa ash-hadu annaka nuru allahi alladhy lam yutfa wa la yutfa`u Abadan wa annaka wajhu allahi alladhy lam yahlik wa la yuh laku Abadan wa ash-hadu ann hadhihi altrbata turbatuka wa hadha alharama haramuka wa hadha almaSra`a maSra`u badanika la dhalila wallahu mu`izzuka wa la maghluba wallahu naSiruka hadhihi shahadatun li `indaka ila yawmi qabzi ruhy bihazratika wa alssalamu `alayka wa rahmatu allahi wa barakatuhu*

One must, **as a final act on this night**, take account for his own soul and the actions he has performed during the year. A person should sincerely and properly ponder and reflect upon his actions during this year and ask repentance for his previous acts of transgression since it is only those people whom Allah (Glorified and Exalted is He) has protected from committing sin and error

who are free of this pollution. If a person sees that he has little to no sins on his record then he should compare this to one of the most insignificant blessings that Allah (Glorified and Exalted is He) has given him and weigh the two on the scales of justice that with his trivial acts of good, has he been able to repay Allah (Glorified and Exalted is He) back for all the goodness He has provided?

If he realizes that he has sins and transgressions on his record, then he must resort to Tawassul to the Ma'sumin (blessings be upon all of them) to make up for his shortcomings. He should address the infallible ones by saying,

*O you who Allah has placed between Himself and His servants! O you who are the protectors of His revelation. I ask you by the position that you have that you look towards me, a sinful servant, with your eyes of mercy the one who has been lax in his worship, who possesses nothing and is nothing.*

*Have mercy upon me and request Allah to accept me and to be pleased with me on this night and to permit me to be benefit from your prayers and supplications and to permit me to take advantage of your intercession and to be classified as your Shi'a.*

*In addition, ask Allah to grant me with the reward of goodness and guidance from you. Pray that He makes me of strong will and that I am successful in performing good deeds for my religion, my life here and my next life.*

*In closing, please accept this from myself and ask Allah that to grant me the ability to know Him, be close to Him and permit me to earn His pleasure and that He join me both in this world and the next with all of you and that I am classified as one of your followers and close friends and companions. All of this is only in His hands.*

*May the blessings of Allah be upon all of you and whatever Allah wills will only happen and there is no power or strength save with Him.*