

Q Calendar



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INTRODUCTION

A lunar calendar is a calendar that is based on cycles of the lunar phase. The Hijri Qamari calendar is a purely lunar calendar. The months are not linked with the seasons and differs with the solar year by 11 to 12 days. It comes back to the position it had in relation to the solar year approximately every 33 Islamic years. There are 354 or 355 days in the Lunar Calendar.

The first year was the Islamic year beginning in AD 622 during which the emigration of the Prophet (pbuh) from Makka to Madina, known as the Hijra, occurred. Each numbered year is designated either H for Hijra or AH for the Latin Anno Hegirae (in the year of the Hijra), hence, we typically call their calendar the Hijri calendar.



QCALENDAR

“Indeed the number of months with Allah is twelve months in Allah’s book...”

Suratut Tawba 9:36

From Muharram through to the month of Ramadhan to Dhulhijja, observances and commemorations of calendar events are the touchstones of Muslim life. The rituals evoke history and theology, and engender feelings of joy, sorrow and introspection.

The lunar month cannot be less than 29 days, nor can it be more than 30. The beginning of each lunar month is recognised by the sighting of the new moon, the crescent.



SALATUL RU'YATIL HILAL

On the 1st of every month, it is mustahab to recite a 2 rakat salaa and give out sadaqa, Allah will take care of You and keep you safe throughout the whole month.

Method of salaa as under: -

- In the **1st rakat**, after the recitation of **Suratul Fatiha**, recite **Suratul Ikhlas 30 times**.
- In the **2nd rakat**, after the recitation of **Suratul Fatiha**, recite **Suratul Qadr 30 times**.
- After the salaam recite the following ayat of the Qur'an:



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ رِزْقُهَا
وَيَعْلَمُ مُسْتَقَرَّهَا وَمُسْتَوْدَعَهَا كُلٌّ فِي كِتَابٍ
مُبِينٍ

There is not a “moving creature” in the earth but the sustenance thereof depends on Allah; He knows its habitation and its repository. All is in a manifest Book.



وَإِنْ يَمْسَسْكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ

وَإِنْ يُرِدْكَ بِخَيْرٍ فَلَا رَادَّ لِفَضْلِهِ يُصِيبُ بِهِ مَنْ

يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَهُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

If Allah touches you with affliction, there is none that can relieve it save He; And if He wills good for you, there is none who could take away His grace. He makes it available to whom He wills of his 'abd. He is the oft forgiving, the merciful.

سَيَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ بَعْدَ عُسْرٍ يُسْرًا

Allah will soon bring ease after hardship.

مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

That which Allah wills (will come to pass), There is no strength save in Allah.



حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ

Allah is sufficient for us! Most excellent is He in whom we trust!

وَأَفَوِّضُ أَمْرِي إِلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَصِيرٌ بِالْعِبَادِ

And I entrust my affairs to Allah. Verily Allah keeps an eye on (His) 'abd.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

There is no God save You. Glory be to You. Verily, I was of the unjust.

رَبِّ إِنِّي لِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ

My Lord! Verily, I am needy of whatever good You send down for me.



رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِي فَرْدًا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْوَارِثِينَ

*My Lord! Do not leave me alone (childless) though
You are the best of inheritors.*



THE MONTH OF MUHARRAM

It is the opening month of the Islamic year. This is one of the four months declared as sacred by Allah.

The month is of mourning and sorrow. In this month on the tenth day 'Ashura' 61 A.H. (680 C.E.), Imam Husayn (pbuh) his family, relatives and companions were martyred. Majalis are held in this month to commemorate the tragedy of Karbala reminding us that the values of Islam taught by the Prophet (pbuh) must be maintained in their original form under all circumstances.

RECOMMENDED 'AMAL

- 1st night of Muharram – (2 Rakats – 11x Suratul Ikhlas after Suratul Hamd in each rakaat)
- Fasting on 1st day of Muharram (Al-Muraqibat – Mirza Tabrisi) is like spending the entire year in good actions; there is protection until



the following year and if one dies within the year, he/she secures a place in Janna. In Nafasul Mahamoon (Shaykh Abbas Qummi) quotes: Imam Ridha (pbuh) asks his companion, Ar Rayyan ibn Shabeeb – “Are you fasting?” He answers no. Imam then says: “Yabna Shabeeb! This is the day when Zakariyya at 75 years prayed to his Rabb (3:38) for a child. Allah accepts his dua and commands angel to go to his mihraab and announce the good news of a son Yahya (3:39). One who fasts and invokes Allah He will accept as the dua of Zakariyya”

- It is mustahab to fast on the first nine days of the month.
- On the day of ‘Ashura, it is recommended to remember the martyrs of Karbala, recite Suratul Ikhlas 1000 times and recite the Ziyara of Imam Husayn (pbuh)



EVENTS OF THE MONTH OF MUHARRAM

1st - Prophet Idris (pbuh) was raised to the heaven. He was sent as a Prophet after Adam with two hundred years. Prophet Idris settled in the mosque of Sahla in the holy city of Kufa.

2nd - Imam Husayn (pbuh), his progeny and companions arrived at Karbala in year 60 A.H.

3rd - Salvation of Prophet Yusuf (pbuh) from the well occurred on this day.

Umar bun Sa'ad arrived in Karbala on the third of Muharram with four thousand warriors to fight Imam Husayn (pbuh).

5th - Prophet Musa (pbuh) crossed the sea in this month when it had been parted for him and Firawn and his army drowned in it.

7th - It was on this day Allah spoke to Prophet Musa son of Imran (pbuh) on the mountain. Umar ibn Sa'ad authorized Amr bun Al-Hajaj to



take charge of guarding the river Al-Alqami for preventing Imam Husayn (pbuh) from reaching to it.

9th - Imam Husayn (pbuh) was surrounded like a circle from all sides by the horses of people of Sham. This was done with the leadership of Umar ibn Sa'ad.

It was on this day Prophet Yunus (pbuh) came out from the belly of the whale.

Prophet Musa, Yahya & Sayyida Maryam were born on this day.

10th - ASHURA – 61 A.H.

11th - Umar ibn Sa'ad's soldiers marched the captives of the Holy Prophecy's progeny - from Karbala to Kufa.

16th - Qibla changed from Jerusalem to the Ka'ba in Makka.



17th - The punishment fell on the people of the elephant (soldiers of Abraha) when they wanted to destroy Ka'ba.

25th - Imam Zaynul Aabideen (pbuh) achieved martyrdom on this date and was buried in Baqee'. But another report says he died in on the twelfth of Muharram in year 95 A.H.

The judge Muhsin bin Ali At-Tanukhi, who answered on the poem by ibn Al-Mu'taz which he formed concerning prides of Abbasids, died in year 354 A.H.

27th - Soldiers of Sham entered in Madina under the leadership of Haseen bun Nameer; they entered Madina with the intention of killing Ibn Zubair. This incident occurred on a day called (Yawmul Hurrah) in year 64 A.H.



SAFAR

The second month of the Islamic year sees the wafat of the Prophet (pbuh) and Imam Ali Ar-Ridha (pbuh). It is a month in which the battle of Siffeen was fought by Imam Ali (pbuh)

The ‘arba’een of Imam Husayn (pbuh) falls in this month. Imam Hasan Al-Askari (pbuh) has said:
10 things identify a mu’min –

1. One who prays 51 raka’ts of salaa in a day.
2. **One who recites Ziyarat Arba’een**
3. One who wears a ring in the right hand.
4. One who uses a ‘turbat’ for sajda.
5. One who recites:
Bismillahirrahmanirraheem loudly in Salaa.

RECOMMENDED ‘AMAL

It is recommended to give sadaqa in this month and pray to Allah taking refuge in Him from trials and tribulations.



It is recommended to recite the following dua, 10x daily:

يَا شَدِيدَ الْقُوَى وَيَا شَدِيدَ الْمَحَالِ
يَا عَزِيزُ يَا عَزِيزُ يَا عَزِيزُ
ذَلَّتْ بِعَظَمَتِكَ جَمِيعُ خَلْقِكَ فَاكْفِنِي شَرَّ
خَلْقِكَ
يَا مُحْسِنُ يَا جَمِيلُ يَا مُنْعِمُ يَا مُفْضِلُ
يَا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ



الظَّالِمِينَ فَاسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُ وَنَجَّيْنَاهُ مِنَ الْغَمِّ وَ

كَذَلِكَ نُنْجِي الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

O He who has total, absolute and everlasting power, therefore is versatile and at all times gets the better of the impossible, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Dearest Beloved. Dwarfed are all that which have been created by You before Your majesty. Keep me safe from the evil any of the created beings may direct at me. O the Praiseworthy, Who vies in beauty and goodness, does everything in a pleasant way, gives joy, heart and confidence, treats with love and kindness. O “there is no God except You, Glory be to You, verily I have been unjust to myself. Then We heard his prayer and saved him from anguish. Thus we save the believers”, send blessings on Muhammad and is pure and pious descendants.



EVENTS OF THE MONTH OF SAFAR

- 2nd Battle of Siffin
- 7th Martyrdom of Imam Hasan (pbuh)
- 10th Battle of Naharwan won by Imam Ali (pbuh)
- 12th Death of Salman Farsi
- 20th 'Arba'een of Imam Husayn (pbuh)
- 28th Wafat of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)



RABI UL AWWAL

Rabi'ul Awwal is the third month of the Islamic calendar and is significant in Islamic history for it is the month in which humanity was blessed by the birth of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). The name means the first month/beginning of spring. However since the lunar calendar year 11 to 12 days shorter than the solar year. Rabi'ul Awwal migrates through the seasons.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH RABI UL AWWAL

- 8th Wafat of Imam Hasan Al-Askery (pbuh)
- 10th Wafat of Abdul Mutallib
- 10th Marriage of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)
to Sayyida Khadija (pbuh)
- 15th Building of the first mosque in Islam at
Quba (3 miles outside Madina)



- 16th Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) entered Yathrib (Madina) from Makka - THE HIJRA (Islamic Calendar dates from here)
- 17th Birth of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)
- 17th Birth of Imam Ja'fer As-Sadiq (pbuh)
- 18th Birth of Umm Kulthum bint 'Ali (pbuh)
- 25th Wafat of Abu Talib



RABI UL AKHER

Rabi'ul Akher is the fourth month of the Islamic calendar. The literal meaning of this month is the second spring.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH RABI UL AKHER

10th Birth of Imam Hasan Al-Askery (pbuh)



JAMAD UL AWWAL

This is the fifth month of the Islamic Calendar. The word Jamad implies dryness & lack of rain, with this month being the first of the dry months.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH JAMAD UL AWWAL

5th Birth of Sayyida Zaynab (pbuh)



JAMAD UL AKHER

This is the sixth month of the Islamic calendar. The origin of the word Jumada, from which the name of the month is derived, is used to denote dry, parched land (land devoid of rain) and hence denotes the dry months; the first of which was Jamad ul Awwal.

RECOMMENDED 'AMAL

One who performs the following 'amal will have guaranteed safety for his life, wealth, and family for the full year.

If he dies, he will achieve the reward of a martyr.

Recite 4 rakat salaa in units of two:

Unit 1

1st rakat - after Suratul Fatiha recite Ayatul Kursi once and Suratul Qadr 25x

2nd rakat - after Suratul Fatiha recite Suratut Takathur once and Suratul Ikhlas 25x



Unit 2

1st rakat - after Suratul Fatiha recite Suratul Kafirun once and Suratul Falaq 25x

2nd rakat - after Suratul Fatiha recite Suratun Nasr once and Suratun Naas 25x

After salaa recite the following tasbihat

1. Tasbihate Arbaa 70x
2. Salawat 70x
3. 3x

اَللّٰهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ

O Allah! Forgive all believers, male and female.

Go into sajda and recite the following:

يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ يَا ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ

يَا اَللّٰهُ يَا رَحْمٰنُ يَا رَحِيْمُ



يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

O the Ever-Living, the Self Existing, O Lord of Majesty & Generosity, O Allah, O the Merciful, the Compassionate, O Most Merciful.

Ask for your needs

EVENTS OF THE MONTH JAMAD UL AKHER

- 3rd Wafat of Sayyida Fatima Zahra (pbuh)
- 10th Battle of Moota
- 13th Death of Sayyida Ummulbanin (mother of Harzat Abbas (pbuh))
- 20th Wiladat of Sayyida Fatima Zahra (pbuh)



RAJAB

The seventh month of the Islamic calendar marks the beginning of the spiritual season with its climax being the month of Ramadhan. On sighting the new moon of Rajab, the Prophet (pbuh) used to pray saying: "O Allah, make the months of Rajab and Sha'ban blessed for us, and let us reach the month of Ramadhan (i.e. prolong our life up to the month of Ramadhan, so that we may benefit from its merits and blessings)." The Prophet (pbuh) also said: "Indeed Rajab is a month unmatched by any other month in the respect and significance (accorded to it)... Rajab is Allah's month, Sha'ban my month and Ramadhan the month of my followers." Imam Ali (pbuh) used to fast for the entire month of Rajab.

Rajab is also one of the sacred months mentioned in the Qur'an:

"Surely the number of months with Allah is twelve months in Allah's ordinance since the day when



He created the heavens and the earth, of these four being sacred..." 9:36

These being Dhulqa'da, Dhulhijja, Muharram and Rajab.

RECOMMENDED 'AMAL

- "Whosoever **fasts** a day in the month of Rajab will be distanced from the fire by a year's travel and one who fasts for three days will be entitled to Janna (paradise) "
- Rajab is a month in which to ask for **forgiveness**. It is also known as Rajab Al Asabb (abundant mercy is showered). Continuously recite:

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَأَسْأَلُهُ التَّوْبَةَ

I seek the forgiveness of Allah and repentant beseech Him.

Recite لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ



(There is no God but Allah) throughout the month.

- Recite **SURATUL IKHLAS** as many times as possible
- Recommended to go for 'Umra

1st night of Rajab

- Ghusl on the first night of Rajab
- Ziyara of Imam Husayn (pbuh)
- 2 Rakats salaah after Isha:
- 1st Rakat – Suratul Fatiha, Suratul Inshirah and 3x Suratul Ikhlas
- 2nd Rakat - Suratul Fatiha, Suratul Inshirah, Ikhlas, Falaq & Naas.
- After salaam recite 30x LA ILAHA ILLALLAH.
- *(Sins forgiven as though just born)*



- Dua taught by Imam Ja'fer As-Sadiq (pbuh) recommended to be recited daily after Fajr and Maghrib salaa

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا مَنْ أَرْجُوهُ لِكُلِّ خَيْرٍ وَأَمِنْ سَخَطِهِ عِنْدَ كُلِّ شَرٍّ يَا

مَنْ يُعْطِي الْكَثِيرَ بِالْقَلِيلِ يَا مَنْ يُعْطِي مَنْ سَأَلَهُ يَا

مَنْ يُعْطِي مَنْ لَمْ يَسْأَلْهُ وَمَنْ لَمْ يَعْرِفْهُ تَحَنُّنًا مِنْهُ وَ

رَحْمَةً أَعْطِنِي بِمَسْأَلَتِي إِيَّاكَ جَمِيعَ خَيْرِ الدُّنْيَا وَ

جَمِيعَ خَيْرِ الْآخِرَةِ وَاصْرِفْ عَنِّي بِمَسْأَلَتِي إِيَّاكَ



جَمِيعِ شَرِّ الدُّنْيَا وَشَرِّ الْآخِرَةِ فَإِنَّهُ غَيْرُ مَنْقُوصٍ مَّا

أَعْطَيْتَ وَزِدْنِي مِنْ فَضْلِكَ يَا كَرِيمُ

*Then the 6th Imam held his beard in his left hand
and gave a movement to the index finger in his
right hand saying:*

يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ يَا ذَا النِّعَمَاءِ وَالْجُودِ

يَا ذَا الْمَنِّ وَالطَّوْلِ حَرِّمُ شَيْبَتِي عَلَى النَّارِ

*In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.
O He from whom I can hope for all goodness
And I am safe from His anger at every evil.*

*O He who gives a lot in exchange of a little.
O He who gives to one who asks Him.
O He who gives to one who does not ask Him and
does not know Him, Out of His affection and
mercy.*



*Give me, for my request is only to You alone,
All the good of this world and all the good of the
Hereafter.*

*Keep away from me, for my request is only to You
alone,*

*All the evil of this world and the evil of the
Hereafter.*

*For indeed it is not diminishing what is given by
You.*

*Increase (for) me from Your bounty, O The
Generous.*

Then the 6th Imam held his beard in his left hand
and gave a movement to the index finger in his
right hand saying:

*O The Sublime and The Distinguished,
O The Bountiful and The Magnanimous,
O The Gracious and The Mighty,
Save my grey hairs from the fire (of Hell).*



1st Thursday of Rajab – Laylatul Raghaib

- Fast on the first Thursday of Rajab.
- In the evening between Maghrib and 'Isha, recite 12 rakats salaa. In each unit recite: Suratul Fatiha,
3x Suratul Qadr
12x Suratul Ikhlas

After salaa recite 70 times:

- Salawat (while sitting):

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى
آلِهِ

O Allah! Send blessings on Muhammad, the Ummi Prophet and on his descendants.

- Tasbee – 70 times in Sajda:



سُبُّوحٌ قُدُّوسٌ رَبُّ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ

*Holy and Most Holy is the Rabb of the
Angels and Spirits*

- Istighfar – 70 times while sitting:

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ وَارْحَمْ وَتَجَاوَزْ عَمَّا تَعْلَمُ

إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَلِيُّ الْأَعْظَمُ

*O Lord! Forgive, have mercy and be
indulgent about that which You know
well. Indeed You are the Most High and
Magnificent.*

- Tasbeeh – 70 times in Sajda:

سُبُّوحٌ قُدُّوسٌ رَبُّ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ

*Holy and Most Holy is the Rabb of the
Angels and Spirits*



Ayyamul Biydh – 13th, 14th, 15th Rajab

The 13th, 14th and 15th of Rajab, Sha'ban and Ramadhan are known as “Ayyamul Biydh” (Illuminated days).

Imam As-Sadiq (pbuh) has said: “Whosoever prays during the nights of “Ayyamul Biydh”, stands at the door of the abundant favours and bounties.”

It is highly recommended to fast on these days.

- It is also recommended to perform ‘Amal of Ummi Dawud on 15th Rajab for removal of difficulties and fulfilment of wishes.



Night of 27th Rajab

- After Salatul Isha recite the following dua:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ يَتَّخِذْ وَلَدًا وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ
شَرِيكٌ فِي الْمُلْكِ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ وَلِيٌّ مِنَ الذُّلِّ وَ
كَبْرُهُ تَكْبِيرًا اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِمَعَاقِدِ عِزِّكَ
عَلَى أَرْكَانِ عَرْشِكَ وَمُنْتَهَى الرَّحْمَةِ مِنْ
كِتَابِكَ، وَبِاسْمِكَ الْأَعْظَمِ الْأَعْظَمِ
وَذِكْرِكَ الْأَعْلَى الْأَعْلَى، وَبِكَلِمَاتِكَ



التَّائِمَاتِ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ, وَأَنْ تَفْعَلَ بِي مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ

*"All praise is due to Allah, Who has not taken a son and Who has not a partner in the kingdom, and Who has not a helper to save Him from disgrace; and proclaim His greatness magnifying (Him)."*17:111 O Allah! I ask You: In the name of Your might over the pillars of Your throne and Your infinite mercy form Your book; In Your Names – The Great; The Supreme; The Mighty and Your elevated remembrance; The Sublime; The most High; And in the name of Your most perfect words; That You bless Muhammad and his family and do for me that which is befitting to Your Greatness (ASK FOR YOUR NEEDS)

- Recite 12 Rakat salaa (namaz) in units of two. In each rakat recite Suratul Fatiha followed by any short sura. After completing the 12 rakats



recite 7x – Suratul Fatiha, Ayatul Kursi, Suratul Qadr, Suratul Kafirun, Suratul Ikhlas, Suratul Falaq & Suratun Naas.

- Go into sijda and recite 100x:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِمَعْرِفَتِهِ، وَخَصَّنَا
بِوَلَايَتِهِ، وَفَقَّنَا لِمَطَاعَتِهِ، شُكْرًا شُكْرًا

All praise belongs to God, who has guided us to His recognition; and distinguished us by providing His protection, and blessed us for His obedience; so we say Thanks be to you; Thanks be to you.

- Raise your head from sijda and recite:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي قَصَدْتُكَ بِحَاجَتِي وَاعْتَمَدْتُ عَلَيْكَ
بِمَسْأَلَتِي وَتَوَجَّهْتُ إِلَيْكَ بِأَيْمَتِي وَسَادَتِي



اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنْفَعْنَا بِحُبِّهِمْ وَاُوْرِدْنَا مَوْرِدَهُمْ وَاَرْزُقْنَا
 مُرَافَقَتَهُمْ وَاَدْخِلْنَا الْجَنَّةَ فِيْ زُمْرَتِهِمْ بِرَحْمَتِكَ
 يَا اَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِيْنَ

O Allah! I direct myself to you for my desires; I rely on you for my problems, and I turn to You with the intercession of my Aimma and Masters. O Allah! Increase for us through them our love for them; grant us success through their success, grant us their companionship and enter us into Janna, through Your mercy, O the most Merciful.

A'mal for the day of 27th Rajab

- Mustahab Ghusl
- Fast
- Salawat as many times as possible



EVENTS OF THE MONTH RAJAB

- 1st Birthday of Imam Muhammad Al Baqir (pbuh)
- 3rd Death anniversary of Imam Ali Naqi (pbuh)
- 10th Birth of Imam Muhammad Taqi (pbuh)
- 13th Birthday of Imam Ali (pbuh)
- 15th Death anniversary of Sayyida Zaynab (pbuh)
- 25th Death anniversary of Imam Musa Kadhim (pbuh)
- 26th Death anniversary of Abu Talib (pbuh)
- 27th Day of Be'that (Revelation of first 5 ayaat of Qur'an 96:1-5) & Day of Me'raj



28th Imam Husayn (pbuh) begins his journey
from Madina to Makka in 60 AH



SHA'BAN

Rasulullah (pbuh) has said: "Sha'ban is my month". He used to fast for the whole month of Sha'ban. Imam Ali Zaynul-Abideen (pbuh) has said, "Whosoever loves the Prophet and wishes to seek nearness to Allah receiving His bounties, favours and rewards in this world and in the hereafter, must connect Sha'ban with the month of Ramadhan in the matter of fasting and special prayers".

Rasulullah (pbuh) has also said: "Whosoever observes nine fasts in the month of Sha'ban should not fear the interrogation of Munkar & Nakeer in the grave. Whosoever observes twelve fasts in the month of Sha'ban, 70,000 angels will descend over his/her grave on the first night of his burial,(the night of wahshah - restlessness) to remove his/her fear & loneliness".

Imam Ali (pbuh) once saw some Muslims arguing among themselves on the subject of decree and destiny, on the first day of Sha'ban.



He discouraged them from their preoccupation and instead drew their attention to the merits of the month. He said that the Lord had called it Sha'ban because His favours and bounties were scattered (sha'aba) all over during it. Allah presents His great bounties in this month which are easy to attain. Imam (pbuh) then enumerated some of the good actions which should not be overlooked in this month. These include salaa, (prayer), zakat (charity), amr bil ma'roof (enjoining of good), nahyi anil munkar (forbidding of evil), goodness to parents, relatives, neighbours, mutual reconciliation and giving charity to the poor and the destitute.

RECOMMENDED 'AMAL

- Fast as much as possible. If not possible, it is highly recommended to fast on Thursdays of this month.
- It is also highly recommended to give sadaqa during this month.



- Recitation of Dua Sha'baniyya
- Recite 70 x

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَأَسْأَلُهُ التَّوْبَةَ

I seek forgiveness of Allah, and repentant beseech Him.

- Eve of 15th Sha'ban – Perform 'Amal of Laylatul Bara'a

'AMAL FOR 15th OF SHA'BAN

1. At the time of sunset – ghusl
2. Recite Ziyara of Imam Husayn (pbuh)
3. Recite Dua Kumayl
4. Recite Tasbeehat e Arba'a 100x
 - a. Subhanallah 100x
 - b. Alhamdulillah 100x
 - c. Allahu Akber 100x
 - d. Laa ilaha illallah 100x
5. Recite the following tonight and every night during the rest of the month:



اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنْ لَمْ تَكُنْ غَفَرْتَ لَنَا فَيِمَا مَضٰى مِنْ

شَعْبَانَ فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا فَيِمَا بَقِيَ مِنْهُ

"O Allah, if You has forgotten us during the previous days of Sha'ban, then please be merciful to us in the days now to follow."

6. Shaykh Kafamee writes in "Misbah" to recite Suratu Yasin 3x for the following 3 reasons:

- For long life
- For prosperity
- For safety from misfortune

7. Then recite the following 21 times and do not talk to anyone until the recitation is completed:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّكَ عَظِيْمٌ ذُو اَنَاةٍ وَّلَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا

لِحُكْمِكَ



يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ
 الْآمَانِ الْآمَانِ الْآمَانِ
 مِنَ الطَّاعُونَ وَالْوَبَاءِ وَمَوْتِ الْفَجْأَةِ
 وَسُوءِ الْقَضَاءِ وَشَمَتَةِ الْأَعْدَاءِ
 رَبَّنَا اكْشِفْ عَنَّا الْعَذَابَ إِنَّا مُؤْمِنُونَ
 بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

O Allah! You are mighty of patience and perseverance, and we have no strength to bear Your judgement.

O Allah! O Allah! O Allah!

Safety, safety, safety,

From plague and epidemics, accidental death,



An evil ending, and the taunting of enemies.

Ya Rabb! Free us from the punishment, surely we believe in Your Mercy, O the most merciful.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH SHA'BAN

- 3rd Birthday of Imam Husayn (pbuh)
- 4th Birthday of Hazrat Abbas (pbuh)
- 5th Birthday of Imam Ali Zaynul Abideen (pbuh)
- 15th Birthday of Imam Muhammad Al-Mahdi (pbuh)



THE MONTH OF RAMADHAN

“The month of Ramadhan is that in which the Quran was revealed, a guidance to men and clear proofs of the guidance and the distinction; therefore whoever of you is present in the month, he shall fast therein, and whoever is sick or upon a journey, then (he shall fast) a (like) number of other days; Allah desires ease for you, and He does not desire for you difficulty, and (He desires) that you should complete the number and that you should exalt the greatness of Allah for His having guided you and that you may give thanks”. 2:185

In ahadith the month is also known as “Rabi-ul-Qulub” meaning the month of spring for the hearts. During Spring the earth suddenly becomes soft and dormant seeds come to life and this miracle of creation becomes visible to the human being.

In the month of Ramadhan; He softens the heart of our souls but it is up to us to make the heart



blossom making it “Qalbul Mu’minur Rahmaan”
(A heart of a believer of the Rahmaan)

In this month there is visible readiness, a different preparation, the heart is ready to accept something, and it is seeking guidance from Allah. Hence the Merciful has established the **month of Ramadhan** for the **descent of the Qur’an**.

RECOMMENDED ‘AMAL

- Dua to be recited before breaking a fast

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ صُومْنَا وَ عَلَى رِزْقِكَ

أَفْتَرْنَا فَتَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ

الْعَلِيمُ

*In the name of Allah, O Allah! We fast, and
with the rizq You have provided we break the*



fast, an obligation we fulfil. Indeed You are All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

When taking the first mouthful recite:

يَا وَاسِعَ الْمَغْفِرَةِ اغْفِرْ لِي

O He Whose forgiveness is boundless; Forgive me

- **Duas recommended to be recited every day in the month of Ramadhan**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا عَلِيُّ يَا عَظِيمُ يَا غَفُورُ يَا رَحِيمُ أَنْتَ

الرَّبُّ الْعَظِيمُ الَّذِي لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ



وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ وَهَذَا شَهْرُ عَظَمَتِهِ
 وَكَرَمَتِهِ وَشَرَفَتِهِ وَفَضْلَتِهِ عَلَى الشُّهُورِ
 وَهُوَ الشَّهْرُ الَّذِي فَرَضْتَ صِيَامَهُ عَلَى
 وَهُوَ شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلْتَ فِيهِ
 الْقُرْآنَ هُدًى لِلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى
 وَالْفُرْقَانِ وَجَعَلْتَ فِيهِ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ
 وَجَعَلْتَهَا خَيْرًا مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ فَيَاذَ الْمَنَّانِ
 لَا يَمُنُّ عَلَيْكَ مَنِّ عَلَىٰ بِفَكَالِكِ رَقَبَتِي مِّنْ



النَّارِ فَيَمَنُ تَمُنُّ عَلَيْهِ وَأَدْخِلْنِي الْجَنَّةَ

بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful. O High, O Mighty, O Forgiver, O Merciful, You are the Mighty Lord, who has none like Him, and He is the All Hearing, the All Seeing. This is a month which You have made; exalted, honoured, ennobled and excelled over the other months. It is the month in which You have made fasting obligatory on me, and it is the month of Ramadhan, in which You sent down the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind, having clear signs of guidance and distinction. (2:185) You have placed in it the night of power, and made it better than a thousand months. (97:2) O One who favours, and none favours You, favour me by saving me from the fire, amongst the ones You favour, and make me enter Heaven, by Your mercy, O the most Merciful.



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَتْ
 فِيهِ الْقُرْآنَ وَافْتَرَضْتَ عَلَى عِبَادِكَ فِيهِ
 الصِّيَامَ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ
 ارْزُقْنِي حَجَّ بَيْتِكَ الْحَرَامِ فِي عَامِي هَذَا وَفِي
 كُلِّ عَامٍ وَاغْفِرْ لِي تِلْكَ الذُّنُوبَ الْعِظَامَ
 فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُهَا غَيْرُكَ يَا رَحْمَنُ يَا عَلَّامُ

*O Allah: the Lord of the month of Ramadhan
 in which You have revealed the Quran and*



made obligatory fasting in this month upon Your servants. Please send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad and provide me with the opportunity of going to Your 'Sacred House' for pilgrimage in this year and in all years. Forgive my overbearing sins, for verily no one other than You can do it, O the All-beneficent; O the All-knowing.

- **'Amal for Laylatul Qadr**

1. Ghusl. Allama Majlisi says, "It is better to do ghusl before sunset so that the night prayers may be performed after it".

2. To offer two rakaats of salaa, in every rakaa recite Suratul Fatiha, and Suratul Ikhlas 7x, and after finishing the salaa 70x recite:

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

"I seek pardon from God and return to Him".



3. The Qur'an should be opened and placed in front, then one should recite,

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّیْ اَسْئَلُكَ بِكِتَابِكَ الْمُنْزَلِ وَمَا
فِیْهِ وَفِیْهِ اَسْمُكَ الْاَكْبَرُ وَ اَسْمَاؤُكَ
الْحُسْنٰی وَمَا یُخَفِّیْ وَیُرْجٰی اَنْ تَجْعَلَنِیْ مِنْ
عُقَّائِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ

O Allah! I beseech You to include me among those who have been set free from the Fire, in the name of Your revealed book and that which is in it, and Your Great Name and Your beautiful names are in it, and in it there is that which warns and gives hope.

(SALAWAT-And ask for Hajaat).



4. Place the Qur'an on your head and say,

اَللّٰهُمَّ بِحَقِّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ وَبِحَقِّ مَنْ أَرْسَلْتَهُ
وَبِحَقِّ كُلِّ مُؤْمِنٍ مَدَحْتَهُ فِيهِ وَبِحَقِّكَ
عَلَيْهِمْ فَلَا أَحَدًا أَعْرَفُ بِحَقِّكَ مِنْكَ

O Allah! For the sake of this Qur'an and for the sake of that person through whom You sent it, and for the sake of those believers who have been praised therein, and in the name of Your obligation to them, no one is aware of Your obligation more than You.

(SALAWAT)



Repeat 10 times each:

For Your sake, O Allah,

بِكَ يَا اللَّهُ

for the sake of
Muhammad,

بِمُحَمَّدٍ

for the sake of `Ali,

بِعَلِيٍّ

for the sake of Fatima,

بِفَاطِمَةَ

for the sake of Hasan,

بِالْحَسَنِ

for the sake of Husayn,

بِالْحُسَيْنِ

for the sake of `Ali ibn
Husayn,

بِعَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ



for the sake of
Muhammad ibn `Ali,

بِمُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ

for the sake of Ja`far
ibn Muhammad,

بِجَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ

for the sake of Musa
ibn Jafar,

بِمُوسَى بْنِ جَعْفَرٍ

for the sake of `Ali ibn
Musa,

بِعَلِيِّ بْنِ مُوسَى

for the sake of
Muhammad ibn `Ali,

بِمُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ

for the sake of `Ali ibn
Muhammad,

بِعَلِيِّ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ

for the sake of Hasan
ibn `Ali,

بِالْحَسَنِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ

for the sake of al-
Hujjah.

بِالْحُجَّةِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ



4. Recite the Ziyara of Imam Husayn (pbuh).

5. Recite 100 times:

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

"I seek pardon from God and return to Him".

6. Give Sadaqa

7. Recite Dua Nudba & Remember Imam Al-Asr (AF) much throughout the night

8. Seek forgiveness & Recite Dua Kumayl. Dua Makarimul Akhlaq, Dua Tawba & the 15 whispered prayers from Sahifa Sajjadiyya

9. Recite Suratul Ankabut (29); Suratur Room (30); and Suratud Dukhan (44)

10. Recite Jawshan Kabeer

11. The Prophet (pbuh) when asked what one should invoke Allah during these nights, said:



"Ask for your safety (here and in the hereafter)".

EVENTS OF THE MONTH OF RAMADHAN

10th – Death anniversary of Sayyida Khadija (pbuh)

15th - Birthday of Imam Hasan (pbuh)

17th - Victory of the battle of Badr

19th* - One of the possible nights of Qadr; and the night when Imam Ali (pbuh) was struck on the head by a sword in the mosque of Kufa with a poisoned sword.

21st* - Another possible night of Qadr and the death anniversary of Imam Ali (pbuh)

23rd* - Most likely night of Qadr according to ahadith - Laylatul Qadr

Last Friday - Jumua'tul Widaa



* All the odd nights in the last ten days of the month of Ramadhan are possible nights of Qadr. However, in ahadith our ma'sumeen have said that the 23rd is the most 'azheem'.



ASH HURAL HAJJ

Shawwal, Dhulqa'da and Dhulhijja are the three months named as "*Ash hural Hajj*" (i.e. the months of Hajj). Although the major acts of Hajj are normally performed in the first ten days of Dhulhijja, yet the whole period starting from the first of Shawwal up to the 10th of Dhulhijja is held to be the period of Hajj because some acts of Hajj can be performed any time during this period. For example, an 'Umra performed before Shawwal cannot be treated as the 'Umra of *Tamattu*: while the 'Umra performed in Shawwal can be affiliated to the Hajj. For these reasons these three months have been named as the 'months of Hajj' and the month of Shawwal has the distinction of being the first of these.



SHAWWAL

RECOMMENDED 'AMAL

1st night of Shawwal

- Perform ghusl at sunset
- Perform the 'amal for the night of Eid ul Fitr

1st day of Shawwal – Eid ul Fitr

- Ghusl of Eid.
- Wear clean neat clothes and apply perfume.
- Begin breakfast with dates or a sweet dish.
- Recite Ziyarat e Waritha.
- Recite Dua e Nudba.



EVENTS OF THE MONTH OF SHAWWAL

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|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 st | Eid ul Fitr |
| 6 th | Battle of Hunain |
| 8 th | Destruction of Jannatul Baqee |
| 9 th | Battle of Ahzab/Khandaq |
| 23 rd | Battle of Uhud |
| 25 th | Death anniversary of Imam Ja'fer As-Sadiq (pbuh) |
| 30 th | Death of Ibrahim (pbuh) son of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) |



DHULQA'DA

This is one of the four sacred months, the others being Dhulhijja, Muharram and Rajab. It is also one of the 3 months known as Ash hural Hajj (months of Hajj). In this month supplications made for fulfilment of crucial and very necessary needs are heard and accepted.

RECOMMENDED 'AMAL

- It is highly recommended to fast on Thursday, Friday and Saturday consecutively.
- Any Sunday of Dhulqa'da
The Holy Prophet (pbuh) has stated that if a 4 rakat salaa is performed on any Sunday during this month, it will be a source for obtaining acceptance of repentance and forgiveness of sins. The person who recites this salaa will remain a believer until his death, will receive his parents' blessings, have enough means of livelihood and Allah will have mercy on his children.



Method of recitation of the 4 rakat salaah:

It is to be recited in units of 2 rakat. In every rakat recite:

- Suratul Fatiha (001) once
- Suratul Ikhlas (112) 3X
- Suratul Falaq (113) once
- Suratul Kafirun (109) once
- Suratun Naas (114) once

After salaam recite 70x:

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

*I ask forgiveness of my Rabb, My Lord – Nourisher,
and unto Him I turn repentant.*

Then recite:

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

*There is no power and no strength except Allah's,
the Highest, the All-Mighty.*



Then recite:

يَا عَزِيزُ يَا غَفَّارُ اغْفِرْ لِي ذُنُوبِي وَذُنُوبَ جَمِيعِ
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا
أَنْتَ

*O Magnificent, O Oft-Forgiving, forgive my sins
and the sins of all faithful men and faithful
women, because, verily, sins cannot be forgiven
unless You grant the amnesty.*



EVENTS OF THE MONTH OF DHULQA'DA

- 4th Treaty of Hudaibiya
- 11th Birthday of Imam Ali Ar-Ridha (pbuh)
- 25th Dahwul Ardh
- 29th Death anniversary of Imam Muhammad At-Taqi (pbuh)



DHULHIJJA

This is one of the four sacred months, the others being Dhulqa'da, Muharram and Rajab. The first 10 nights are highly blessed. It is also one of the 3 months known as Ash hural Hajj (months of Hajj). In this month supplications made for fulfilment of crucial and very necessary needs are heard and accepted.

RECOMMENDED 'AMAL

- It is highly recommended to fast on the first 9 days (not on the 10th)

- 'Amal for the first 10 nights

Sheikh Abbas Qummi, in Mafatih ul Jinan writes that a person reciting the following prayer participates in the reward granted to those who have performed obligatory Hajj.

During the first 10 nights of Dhulhijja between Magrib and Isha, recite a 2 rakat salaa. In every rakaa, after recitation of Suratul Fatiha



and Suratul Ikhlas, recite the following verse
(Qur'an: Suratul A'raf 7:142)

وَوَاعَدْنَا مُوسَى ثَلَاثِينَ لَيْلَةً وَأَتَمَّمْنَا بِهَا بِعَشْرًا

فَتَمَّ مِيقَاتُ رَبِّهِ أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً

وَقَالَ مُوسَى لِأَخِيهِ هَارُونَ اخْلُفْنِي فِي قَوْمِي

وَأَصْلِحْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ الْمُفْسِدِينَ

And when We did appoint for Musa thirty nights, and added to them ten; and he completed the whole time appointed by his Lord of forty nights; and Musa said unto his brother: "Take my place among the people. Do right, and do now follow the way of the mischief-makers".

- Day of 9th Dhulhijja – perform ‘amal of ‘Arafat.



- 'Amal for the last day of the year
2 rakat salaa
In every rakat recite Suratul Fatiha followed
by 10x Suratul Ikhlas and 10x Ayatul Kursi

After salaam recite the following dua:

اَللّٰهُمَّ مَا عَمَلْتُ فِيْ هَازِهِ السَّنَةِ
مِنْ عَمَلٍ نَهَيْتَنِيْ عَنْهُ وَلَمْ تَرْضَهُ وَنَسِيتُهُ
وَلَمْ تَنْسَهُ وَدَعَوْتَنِيْ اِلَى التَّوْبَةِ بَعْدَ
الْجِزَائِيْ عَلَيْكَ اَللّٰهُمَّ فَاِنِّيْ اَسْتَغْفِرُكَ مِنْهُ
فَغْفِرْ لِيْ وَمَا عَمَلْتُ مِنْ عَمَلٍ يُقَرِّبُنِيْ



إِلَيْكَ فَاقْبَلْهُ مِنِّي وَلَا تَقْطَعْ رَجَائِي مِنْكَ يَا

كَرِيمُ

*"O Allah! For the deeds I have done this year
Which were forbidden by You,
And those which did not please You,
And those which I have forgotten,
And for those which You invited me to do
tawba after I had defied You.
O Allah! Indeed I ask You for forgiveness for all
these.
And for the deeds I have done which bring me
near You, accept them from me
And do not cut my hope in You, O Generous."*



EVENTS OF THE MONTH OF DHULHIJJA

- 1st Birth of Prophet Ibrahim (pbuh)
- 1st The marriage of Imam Ali (pbuh) and Sayyida Fatima (pbuh) was solemnised
- 7th Death anniversary of Imam Muhammad Al-Baqir (pbuh)
- 9th Day of Arafat
- 10th Eid ul Adha
- 15th Birthday of Imam Ali An-Naqi (pbuh)
- 18th Eid ul Ghadeer
- 24th Eid ul Mubahila









