

The Month of Sha'ban



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MONTH OF SHA'BAN

Significance

Sha'ban is the month of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), in which believers are told to increase their remembrance of the Prophet and send blessings on him. The Prophet (pbuh) has said that whoever loves him will fast in this month. It is also recommended to give sadaqa and seek istighfaar in this month.

Sha'ban is the only month of the Islamic calendar which does not have a single wafat, or day of mourning. It is truly a blessed month, with auspicious occasions of the birth of many great Imams:

3rd – Birthday of Imam Husayn (pbuh)

4th – Birthday of Hazrat Abbas (pbuh)

5th – Birthday of Imam Ali Zaynul Aabideen (pbuh)

15th – Birthday of Imam Muhammad Al-Mahdi (pbuh)

Rasulullah (pbuh) has said: "Sha'ban is my month". He used to fast for the whole



month of Sha'ban. Imam Ali Zaynul-Aabideen (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".

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



Imam Ali (pbuh)'s advice on the first day of Sha'ban

Imam Ali (pbuh) once saw some Muslims arguing among themselves on the topic of fate and destiny, on the first day of Sha'ban. He discouraged them from their preoccupation and instead drew their attention to the merits of this 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 achieve, and inexpensive, said Imam Ali (pbuh). This could mean that the doing of ibadah (acts of worship), performing other good deeds and abstaining from evils will carry manifold benefits. Then he enumerated some of the good actions which should not be overlooked in this month. These include salaa, zakat, amr bil-ma'ruf, (enjoining towards good), nahyi anil-munkar (forbidding the evil), goodness to parents, relatives and neighbours, mutual reconciliation and giving charity to the poor and destitute.



General A'maal for Sha'ban

- Recite 70 times every day:

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَأَسْأَلُهُ التَّوْبَةَ

"I seek forgiveness of Allah, there is no God but He, the Beneficent, the Merciful, the Ever Living, the Eternal and I turn (repentant) to Him."

- Fast as much as possible. If not possible, it is highly recommended to fast on Thursdays of this month.
- Special salaa for every Thursday in Sha'ban
It is mustahab to recite two rakaat salaa every Thursday in Sha'ban. In each raka'at recite Sura Al Faatiha followed by 100 times Sura Al Ikhlaas. After completing the salaa, recite 100 times salawaat on the Prophet (pbuh) and his family.



- It is also highly recommended to give sadaqa during this month.
- Recite Dua Sha'baniyya
- Eve of 15th Sha'ban – Perform 'Amal of Laylatul Bara'a



15th of SHA'BAN

Rasulullah (pbuh) has said: "When the night of the middle of Sha'ban comes, spend the night in prayer and fast the next day for in it Allah forgives more sins than the hairs of the goats of the tribe of Kalb."

He also said: " When the night of the middle of Sha'ban comes, Allah says: "Is there anyone begging for forgiveness that I might forgive him? Is there anyone begging for sustenance that I may feed him? Is there any such and such?"

A'MAAL FOR 15th OF SHA'BAN

1. At the time of sunset – ghusl
2. Recite Ziyarat of Imam Husain (pbuh)
3. Recite Dua Kumayl
4. Recite Tasbeehat e Arba'a 100x.
 - i. Subhanallah 100x.
 - ii. Alhamdulillah 100x.
 - iii. Allahu Akber 100x.
 - iv. Laa ilaha illallah 100x.



Recite dua welcoming Imam Al-'Asr
(pbuh)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the
Merciful

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah! Send blessings on Muhammad
and his family

اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ لَيْلَتِنَا هَذِهِ وَمَوْلودِهَا وَحُجَّتِكَ.

O Allah for the sake of this night, and he
who was born tonight, Your decisive
proof,

وَمَوْعُودِهَا الَّتِي قَرَنْتَ إِلَى فَضْلِهَا فَضْلًا.

Your "promise", which You joined with as
a favour to keep alive its superiority,

فَتَمَّتْ كَلِمَتُكَ صِدْقًا وَعَدْلًا.

So You fulfilled Your words truly and
justly;



لَا مُبَدِّلَ لِكَلِمَتِكَ وَلَا مُعَقِّبَ لِآيَاتِكَ.

No one can change Your Words nor
obscure Your signs

نُورِكَ الْمُتَالِقِ وَضِيَاؤِكَ الْمُشْرِقِ وَالْعَلَمِ،

النُّورِ فِي طَخْيَاءِ الدَّيْجُورِ الْغَائِبِ الْمُسْتَوْرِجَلِّ

مَوْلِدُهُ وَكُرْمَ مُحْتَدُهُ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ شَهِدُهُ.

The Bright sign was previously hidden
and covered in the gloominess of
darkness. Dignified was his birth,
honoured was his association, and the
angels stood witness to him.

وَاللَّهُ نَاصِرُهُ وَمُؤَيِّدُهُ إِذَا أَنْ مِيعَادُهُ.

Allah is his witness and supporter, when
the promised event (of his return)
approaches,

وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ أَمْدَادُهُ سَيُفِي اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا يَنْبُو.



And the angels will aid him. He (the Imam) is the sword of Allah which does not miss (its target),

وَنُورُهُ الَّذِي لَا يَخْبُو وَذُو الْحِلْمِ الَّذِي لَا يَصْبُو
مَدَامُ الدَّهْرِ، وَنَوَامِيسَ الْعَصْرِ، وَوَلَاةُ الْأَمْرِ
وَالْمَنْزَلُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَا يَتَنَزَّلُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ، وَ
أَصْحَابُ الْحُشْرِ وَالنَّشْرِ تَرَا جَمَّةً، وَحِيَهُ وَوَلَاةُ
أَمْرِهِ وَنَهْيِهِ،

The light of God which cannot be concealed, The possessor of forbearance who does not act improperly, the pivot of age, The confidant of time, the authority of the affair Which descends with the angels on the night of Qadr, Among those who (matter) in the Day of Gathering And resurrection, (those who) interpret His revelation, guide towards His commands, and forbidden laws.



اللَّهُمَّ فَصِّلْ عَلَى خَاتِمِهِمْ وَقَائِمِهِمُ الْمُسْتُورِ
عَنْ عَوَالِمِهِمْ

O Allah bless their seal, the one who will
rise among them, who is hidden from the
cosmos

اللَّهُمَّ وَادِّرْ لَنَا أَيَّامَهُ وَظُهُورَهُ وَقِيَامَهُ
وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْ أَنْصَارِهِ وَاقْرِنْ ثَارَنَا بِثَارِهِ، وَ
اكْتُبْنَا فِي أَعْوَانِهِ وَخُلَصَائِهِ

O Allah, make us reach his days, his
appearance, and his rising. Cause us to
be among his helpers, Join our struggle
(to achieve truth) with his struggle,
include us among his supporters and
sincere friends,



أَحْيِنَا فِي دَوْلَتِهِ نَاعِمِينَ، وَبِصُحْبَتِهِ غَانِمِينَ،

وَبِحَقِّهِ قَائِمِينَ، وَمِنَ الشُّوْءِ سَالِمِينَ،

Give us life in his reign, gentle so that we receive the bounties, benefit from his company, rise for his rightful (struggle), and are safe from evil.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ،

O the Most Merciful of the Merciful!

وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ،

(All) praise is for Allah, the Lord of the worlds!

وَصَلَوَاتُهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ، وَ

الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَعَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ الصَّادِقِينَ وَعِزَّتِهِ

النَّاطِقِينَ، وَالْعَنُ جَمِيعَ الظَّالِمِينَ



وَاحْكُم بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَهُمْ يَا أَحْكَمَ الْحَاكِمِينَ

May His blessings be on Muhammed, the seal of the Prophets, And the Messenger, and upon his family, the truthful, and the articulate progeny. Curse all the oppressors and judge between us and them, O the best of all the Judges.

5. Imam Al-Baqir (pbuh) and Imam As-Sadiq (pbuh) used to pray a 4 rakaat salaa as below:

In each rakaat, recite Sura Al Faatiha 100x and Sura Al Ikhlaas 100x. After the salaam recite the following dua:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّىْ اِلَيْكَ فَقِيْرٌ وَمِنْ عَذَابِكَ

خَائِفٌ مُّسْتَجِيْرٌ

O Allah! I stand in need of You, and from Your punishment, am fearful, seeking refuge.



اَللّٰهُمَّ لَا تُبَدِّلْ اِسْمِيْ وَلَا تُغَيِّرْ جِسْمِيْ

وَلَا تَجْهَدُ بِلَايِيْ، وَلَا تُشْمِتْ بِيْ اَعْدَايِيْ

O Allah! Do not change my name nor alter my body, Nor try me with a severe trial, and make not my enemies rejoice (at my failure),

اَعُوْذُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عِقَابِكَ،

I seek refuge in Your forgiveness from Your punishment.

وَ اَعُوْذُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِكَ،

And I seek refuge in Your mercy from Your chastisement.

وَ اَعُوْذُ بِرِضَاكَ مِنْ سَخَطِكَ، وَ اَعُوْذُ

بِكَ مِنْكَ،

And in Your pleasure from Your anger,



and in You from You

جَلَّ ثَنَاؤُكَ، أَنْتَ كَمَا أَثْنَيْتَ عَلَى

نَفْسِكَ وَفَوْقَ مَا يَقُولُ الْقَائِلُونَ

Great is Your praise, You are the way You have praised Yourself. Above what is said by the speakers.

6. After Salatul Isha, pray 2 raka'at with Sura Al Faatiha and Sura Al Kaafirun in the 1st rakaat and Sura Al Faatiha and Sura Al Ikhlāas in the second. After salaah recite tasbeeh of Sayyida and the following dua:

يَا مَنْ إِلَيْهِ مَلَجَ الْعِبَادُ فِي الْمُهِّمَّاتِ،

O He to whom the bondmen turn to in the event of urgent important matters.

وَإِلَيْهِ يَفْزَعُ الْخَلْقُ فِي الْمُلِمَّاتِ،



And unto whom people run for help when
the misfortune strikes!

يَا عَالِمَ الْجُحْرِ وَالْحَقِيَّاتِ،

O He who knows the hidden as well as
the evident!

وَيَا مَنْ لَا تَخْفَى عَلَيْهِ خَوَاطِرُ الْأَوْهَامِ،

وَتَصَرُّفُ الْخَطَرَاتِ،

O He who is aware of the bias of the
suspicious mind, and the clever activity of
the fanciful deviating intellect!

يَا رَبَّ الْخَلَائِقِ وَالْبَرِيَّاتِ،

O Lord of the cosmos and the creatures
who live there!

يَا مَنْ بِيَدِهِ مَلَكُوتُ الْأَرْضَيْنِ وَ

السَّمَوَاتِ،



O He who exercises full authority over the
earths and the heavens!

أَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، أُمْتُ إِلَيْكَ

بَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

You are Allah, I stride towards you with
there is no God except You (on my lips).

فَيَا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ اجْعَلْنِي فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ

مِمَّنْ نَظَرْتَ إِلَيْهِ فَرَحْمَتِهِ، وَسَمِعْتَ

دُعَائِهِ،

Therefore "There is no god except You",
treat me tonight like the one whom You
paid attention, took pity on and heard his
prayer,



فَاجَبَّتْهُ وَعِلِمَتْ اسْتِقَالَتْهُ فَأَقْلَتْهُ، وَ
تَجَاوَزَتْ عَنْ سَالِفِ خَطِيئَتِهِ، وَعَظِيمِ
جَرِيرَتِهِ،

And, aware of his trembling, tolerated
and overlooked his past misdeeds and
many mistakes to give answer to his cry
of help,

فَقَدْ اسْتَجَرْتُ بِكَ مِنْ ذُنُوبِي وَجَأْتُ
إِلَيْكَ فِي سِتْرِ عُيُوبِي،

I surrender myself to You request You to
keep my defects undisclosed.

اللَّهُمَّ فَجِدْ عَلَيَّ بِكَرَمِكَ وَفَضْلِكَ، وَ
احْطُطْ خَطَايَايَ بِحِلْمِكَ وَبِعَفْوِكَ،



O Allah put me close to You as You are loving and forgiving, take off the loads of my errors as You are loving and forgiving,

وَتَعَمَّدُنِي فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ بِسَابِغِ كَرَامَتِكَ،

Cover me with Your mercy tonight (because) You show generosity in abundance,

وَاجْعَلْنِي فِيهِمَا مِنْ أَوْلِيَاءِكَ الَّذِينَ

اجْتَبَيْتَهُمْ لِمَطَاعَتِكَ وَاخْتَرْتَهُمْ لِعِبَادَتِكَ وَ

جَعَلْتَهُمْ خَالِصَتَكَ وَصَفْوَتَكَ

let me be tonight among Your friends whom You elected to obey You, when You selected to worship You, and kept them sincerely attached and committed to You.



اَللّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِيْ مِّنْ سَعَدَ جَدُّهُ وَتَوَفَّرَ مِنْ
الْخَيْرَاتِ حَظُّهُ، وَاجْعَلْنِيْ مِّنْ سَلِمَ فَتَعِمَ،

O Allah let me be like the one who finds happiness in his efforts and makes full use of the good fortune available to him,

وَفَا زَفَغِمَ وَ اَكْفِنِيْ شَرَّ مَا اَسْلَفْتُ، وَ

اَعْصِمْنِيْ مِنَ الْاِزْدِيَادِ فِيْ مَعْصِيَّتِكَ وَ

حَبِّبْ اِلَيَّ طَاعَتَكَ وَمَا يُقَرِّبُنِيْ مِنْكَ وَ

يُزِلْفَنِيْ عِنْدَكَ

let me be like one kept from evil, lived a life free of cares; exercised self-control, so won easily. Spare and free me from the cravings I have accumulated, prevent me from the wasteful conduct that transgress Your bounds, discipline me in Your



obedience which will direct me to Your neighbourhood, very near to You.

سَيِّدِي إِلَيْكَ يُلْجَأُ الْهَارِبُ وَمِنْكَ
يَلْتَمِسُ الطَّالِبُ، وَعَلَى كَرَمِكَ يُعَوَّلُ
الْمُسْتَغِيثُ التَّائِبُ، أَذَبْتَ عِبَادَكَ
بِالتَّكْرُمِ،

My Lord and master with You the hunted
take refuge, the beseecher humbly
makes a request to You, the repentant
guilty, apologetic, relies on Your liberal
kindness, You trained and educated Your
servants to be kind and liberal,

وَأَنْتَ أَكْرَمُ الْأَكْرَمِينَ، وَأَمَرْتَ بِالْعَفْوِ
عِبَادَكَ، وَأَنْتَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ،



You are the most kind of all those who show kindness; You developed Your servants to be forgiving and compassionate, You are All-Forgiving and Merciful.

اَللّٰهُمَّ فَلَا تَحْرِمْنِيْ مَا رَجَوْتُ مِنْ كَرَمِكَ

وَلَا تُؤَيِّسْنِيْ مِنْ سَابِغِ نِعَمِكَ،

O Allah do not keep from me that which I expect to get from Your generosity, do not send me away from Your boundless reserves of bounties,

وَلَا تُخَيِّبْنِيْ مِنْ جَزِيْلٍ قَسَمْتَ فِيْ هَذِهِ

الْلَّيْلَةِ لِاَهْلِ طَاعَتِكَ، وَاجْعَلْنِيْ فِيْ جُنَّةِ

مِنْ شَرِّ اِرْبَابِ رَيْتِكَ،

Do not exclude me from the share You distribute freely tonight to the people who obey You, And take me in under



Your sanctuary to protect me from the
evil of the wild creatures,

رَبِّ إِنِّ لَمْ أَكُنْ مِنْ أَهْلِ ذَلِكَ فَأَنْتَ
أَهْلُ الْكَرَمِ وَالْعَفْوِ وَالْمَغْفِرَةِ،

Lord! If I am not among the deserving,
You are Liberal, Indulgent, and All-
Forgiving ,

وَجَدُّ عَلَيَّ بِمَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ لَا يَمَّا اسْتَحِقُّهُ
فَقَدْ حَسُنَ ظَنِّي بِكَ وَتَحَقَّقَ رَجَائِي لَكَ وَ
عَلَقْتُ نَفْسِي بِكَرَمِكَ،

so give me to my heart's content in
accordance with Your potence, not what
I deserve; because my expectations are
very high, my hopes live in hope of sure
fulfillment, I cling to and hang on Your
liberal generosity,



فَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّحِيمِينَ، وَأَكْرَمُ

الْأَكْرَمِينَ

Indeed You are the most Merciful of all who show mercy, and the most generous of all who are generous.

اللَّهُمَّ وَاخْصُصْنِي مِنْ كَرَمِكَ بِجَزِيلٍ

قِسْمِكَ،

O Allah designate me clearly to obtain freely my share from Your bounties.

وَأَعُوذُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عُقُوبَتِكَ،

I seek refuge with Your forgiveness to avoid the penalty You may decide,



وَاعْفُرْ لِي الذَّنْبَ الَّذِي يَحْبِسُ عَلَيَّ الْخُلُقَ وَ

يُضَيِّقُ عَلَيَّ الرِّزْقَ حَتَّى أَتُومَ بِصَالِحٍ

رِضَاكَ، وَأَنْعَمَ بِحَزِيلٍ عَطَائِكَ،

Be lenient to me in the matter of sins that have wrapped up and held in check my refinement, And thus brought me into distress, I take steps to be good for the sake of Your pleasure, prosper on account of Your bounties.

وَأَسْعِدَ بِسَابِغِ نِعْمَائِكَ، فَقَدْ لُدْتُ

بِحَرَمِكَ، وَتَعَرَّضْتُ لِكَرْمِكَ،

وَأُسْتَعِذْتُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عُقُوبَتِكَ،

And peace on account of Your uninterrupted endowments, And prosper on account of Your countless bounties.



As I enjoy Your protection and lay myself
at the mercy of Your generosity,

وَبِحِلْمِكَ مِنْ غَضَبِكَ، فَجِدْ بِمَا سَأَلْتُكَ وَ

أَنْزِلْ مَا التَّمَسْتُ مِنْكَ أَسْأَلُكَ بِكَ لَا

بِشَيْءٍ هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنْكَ

Take refuge with Your forgiveness from
Your penalty, You may decide and with
Your indulgence to avoid Your anger,
give me that which I asked for, As I make
a request to You most humbly, I beseech
You; As there is nothing beyond Your
power.

Then go into sajda and recite:

20x Yaa Rabbiy,

7x Yaa Allah,

7x Laa Hawla wa laa quwwata illaa billah,

10x Ma Sha'Allah

10x Laa quwwata illaa billah,



and finally, Allahumma sali 'alaa Muhammad wa aali Muhammad.

7. Recite the following tonight and every night during the rest of the month:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنْ لَمْ تَكُنْ غَفَرْتَ لَنَا فَيَمَّا مَضٰى مِنْ

شَعْبَانَ فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا فَيَمَّا 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."

8. Shaykh Kafamee writes in "Misbah" to recite Surah Yaseen 3x for the following 3 reasons:

1. For long life
2. For prosperity
3. For safety from misfortune

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،

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

يَا اَللّٰهُ يَا اَللّٰهُ يَا اَللّٰهُ،

O Allah! O Allah! O Allah!

اَلْاَمَانِ اَلْاَمَانِ اَلْاَمَانِ،

Safety, safety, safety,

مِنَ الطَّاعُوْنَ وَ الْوَبَاءِ وَ مَوْتِ الْفَجْأَةِ وَ سُوءِ

الْقَضَاءِ وَ شِمْتَةِ الْاَدَاةِ

From plague and epidemics, accidental death, An evil ending, and the taunting of enemies.



رَبَّنَا اكْشِفْ عَنَّا الْعَذَابَ إِنَّا مُؤْمِنُونَ،

بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

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



Shaykh Toosi (R.A.) and Kafami (R.A.) have advised the recitation of the following dua'; (this dua' is also recited after Salaatush Shifa)

إِلَهِي تَعَرَّضَ لَكَ فِي هَذَا اللَّيْلِ الْمُتَعَرِّضُونَ،

O Allah, on this night, the seekers have sought You,

وَقَصَدَكَ الْقَاصِدُونَ،

The aspirers have aspired for You,

وَأَمَّلَ فَضْلَكَ وَمَعْرُوفَكَ الطَّالِبُونَ،

The searchers have hoped for Your blessings and grace.

وَلَكَ فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلِ نَفَحَاتٌ وَجَوَائِزُ،

For You have, on this night, hidden bounties,



وَعَطَايَا وَمَوَاهِبُ تَمُنُّ بِهَا عَلَى مَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْ
عِبَادِكَ،

Rewards, presents and gifts Which You
bestow upon whom You please, from Your
servants

وَتَمْنَعُهَا مَنْ لَمْ تَسْبِقْ لَهُ الْعِنَايَةُ مِنْكَ،

And You deny them to one who has not
reached Your regard.

وَهَا أَنَا ذَا عَبِيدُكَ الْفَقِيرُ إِلَيْكَ الْمُؤَمِّلُ فَضْلَكَ
وَمَعْرُوفَكَ،

Here I am, Your adject servant, in need of
You, Hopeful of Your blessings and grace.

فَإِنْ كُنْتُ يَا مَوْلَايَ تَفَضَّلْتَ فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ عَلَى
أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ،



So O my Master, if You bestow blessings
on this night, On anyone of Your creatures

وَعُدَّتْ عَلَيْهِ بِعَائِدَةٍ مِنْ عَطْفِكَ،

And turn to him with affection,

فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ الطَّيِّبِينَ

الطَّاهِرِينَ الْحَبِيبِينَ الْفَاضِلِينَ

Then bless Muhammad and his family, The
pure, the purified, the virtuous, the
excellent

وَجِدْ عَلَيَّ بِطَوْلِكَ وَمَعْرُوفِكَ، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

And favour me with Your bounty, O Lord
of the worlds.

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ وَآلِهِ

الطَّاهِرِينَ وَسَلَّمَتْ سَلِيمًا، إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَمِيدٌ مُجِيدٌ،

O Allah, bless Muhammad, the seal of the
Prophets, And his family, the purified



ones, (and send) a perfect salutation.
Surely Allah is Praiseworthy, Glorious

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَدْعُوكَ كَمَا أَمَرْتَ فَاسْتَجِبْ لِي كَمَا

وَعَدْتَ إِنَّكَ لَا تُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ

O Allah, I have supplicated to You as You have commanded, So answer me, as You have promised, Surely You do not break Your promises.

9. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) used to recite the following dua' in sajda tonight after Salaatut Tahajjud. (It can also be recited tonight after praying a 10 rakaat salaa in 5 sets of 2 rakaat. In each rakaat recite Sura Al Faatiha and 10x Sura Al Ikhlaas).

سَجَدَ لَكَ سَوَادِي وَخَيَالِي وَآمَنَ بِكَ قُؤَادِي،

My being and my mind have prostrated for You, and my heart has believed in You.



هَذِهِ يَدَايَ وَمَا جَنَيْتُهُ عَلَى نَفْسِي

يَا عَظِيمُ تُرْجِي لِكُلِّ عَظِيمٍ،

These are my hands and the sins I have
committed against myself, O Mighty!
From who every great thing is hoped,

إِغْفِرْ لِي الْعَظِيمَ فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذَّنْبَ

الْعَظِيمَ إِلَّا الرَّبُّ الْعَظِيمُ،

Forgive me the mighty (great) sins, for
none can forgive the mighty sins except
the Mighty Rabb.

أَعُوذُ بِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ الَّذِي أَضَاءَتْ لَهُ

السَّمَوَاتُ الْأَرْضُضُونَ،

I seek refuge in the light of Your
countenance, by which the heavens and
the earths have been illuminated



وَ انْكَشَفَتْ لَهُ الظُّلُمْتُ،

The darkness has been removed,

وَ صَلَحَ عَلَيْهِ أَمْرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَ الْآخِرِينَ

مِنْ فُجَاةٍ نَقِمْتِكَ وَ مِنْ تَحْوِيلِ عَافِيَتِكَ وَ

مِنْ زَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ،

The affairs of the first and last ones have been improved, (I seek refuge) from Your sudden punishment, changing of good health, And removal of Your blessings.

اَللّٰهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِيْ قَلْبًا تَقِيًّا نَّقِيًّا وَ مِنْ الشَّرِكِ

بِرِيْطًا لَا كَافِرًا وَلَا شَقِيًّا

O Allah! Grant me a heart which is pious, pure, disassociated from polytheism, not disbelieving or unfortunate.



Place both cheeks on sajdaga in turn and say:

عَفَرْتُ وَجْهِي فِي التُّرَابِ وَحَقَّ لِي أَنْ
أَسْجُدَ لَكَ

I have placed my face on sand. It is Your right on me that I promise for You.

'AMAAL FOR DAY OF 15 SHA'BAN

On 15th Sha'ban, Imam Muhammad bin Hasan Al Mahdi (pbuh) was born in 256 AH.

It is recommended to:

- 1) Recite salaa of Salman Farsi.
- 2) Recite the Ziayra of Imam Husayn (pbuh)



ZIYARA OF IMAM HUSAYN (pbuh)

This ziyara is to be recited on 1st Rajab, 15 Rajab and 15 Sha'ban.

اَلْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَنَ رَسُوْلِ اللهِ

Peace be on you, O the son of the Messenger of Allah!

اَلْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَنَ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ

Peace be on you, O the son of the seal of the Prophets!

اَلْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَنَ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِيْنَ

Peace be on you, O the son of the chief of the messengers!

اَلْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَنَ سَيِّدِ الْوَصِيِّينَ

Peace be on you, O the son of the chief of the Trustees!

اَلْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا اَبَا عَبْدِ اللهِ



Peace be on you, O Aba Abdillah!

الْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مُحْسِنَ بْنَ عَلِيٍّ

Peace be on you, O Husayn son of Ali!

الْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ فَاطِمَةَ الزَّهْرَاءِ سَيِّدَةِ

نِسَاءِ الْعَالَمِينَ

Peace be on you, O the son of Fatimah Zahra, the leader of the women of the worlds!

الْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَلِيَّ اللَّهِ وَابْنَ وَلِيِّهِ

Peace be on you, O beloved of Allah, and the son of His beloved

الْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا صَفِيَّ اللَّهِ وَابْنَ صَفِيِّهِ

Peace be on you, O the sincere friend of Allah, and the son of His sincere servant

الْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا حُجَّةَ اللَّهِ وَابْنَ حُجَّتِهِ



Peace be on you, O proof of Allah (over His creatures), and the son of His proof,

الْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ وَابْنَ حَبِيبِهِ

Peace be on you, O dear friend of Allah, and the son of His dear friend

الْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا سَفِيرَ اللَّهِ وَابْنَ سَفِيرِهِ

Peace be on you, O envoy of Allah, and the son of His envoy!

الْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا خَازِنَ الْكِتَابِ الْمُسْطَوْرِ

Peace be on you, O treasurer of the subscribed book,

الْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ وَ

الزَّبُورِ

Peace be on you, O inheritor of the Tawrat, Injeel, and Zuboor!

الْسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَمِينَ الرَّحْمَنِ



Peace be on you, O trusted one of the Beneficent!

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا شَرِيكَ الْقُرْآنِ

Peace be on you, O partner of the Holy Quran!

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا عَمُودَ الدِّينِ

Peace be on you, O pillar of religion,

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَابَ حِكْمَةِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Peace be on you, O the gate of (understanding) the wisdom of the Lord of the worlds!

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَابَ حِطَّةِ الَّذِي مَنْ دَخَلَهُ

كَانَ مِنَ الْأَمْنِينَ

Peace be on you, O the gate of relief which gives safety to whoever entered it.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا عَيْبَةَ عِلْمِ اللَّهِ



Peace be on you, O the container of the knowledge of Allah!

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْضِعَ سِرِّ اللَّهِ

Peace be on you, O the place of the secrets of Allah!

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا ثَارَ اللَّهِ وَابْنَ ثَارِهِ وَالْوَثَرَ

الْمُوتُورَ

Peace be on you, O the fighter in the way of Allah, and the son of a fighter in His way, and O one who was left alone.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَى الْأَرْوَاحِ الَّتِي حَلَّتْ

بِفَنَائِكَ، وَأَنَا خْتُ بِرَحْلِكَ بِأَبِي أَنْتَ وَالْأُمِّي وَ

نَفْسِي

Peace be on you, and on the souls who perished with you, and followed you in



your death. May my father and mother,
and myself be sacrificed for you.

يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ

O Aba Abdillah

لَقَدْ عَظُمَتِ الْمُصِيبَةُ وَجَلَّتِ الرَّزِيَّةُ بِكَ

عَلَيْنَا

Unbearable was your tragedy, and great
great was your loss on us,

وَعَلَى جَمِيعِ أَهْلِ الْإِسْلَامِ

And on all the people of Islam.

فَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ أُمَّةً أَسَّسَتْ أَسَاسَ الظُّلْمِ وَالْجَوْرِ

عَلَيْكُمْ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ

May Allah curse the people who laid the
basis of oppression And the wrongs done
against you, O Ahlul Bayt.



وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ أُمَّةً دَفَعَتْكُمْ عَنْ مَقَامِكُمْ وَأَزَا

لَتُكُمْ عَنْ مَرَاتِبِكُمُ الَّتِي رَتَّبَكُمْ اللَّهُ فِيهَا

May Allah curse those who denied you
your position And removed you from the
rank which Allah had given you.

بِأَبِي أَنْتَ وَأُمِّي وَنَفْسِي

May my father and mother, and myself be
sacrificed for you.

يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ أَشْهَدُ لَقَدْ اقْشَعَرَّتْ لِدِمَائِكُمْ

أَظِلَّةُ الْعَرْشِ مَعَ أَظِلَّةِ الْخَلَائِقِ،

O Aba Abdillah, I bear witness that the
shadows of the throne and the creatures,
trembled at (the shedding of) your blood,

وَبَكَتْكُمْ السَّمَاءُ وَالْأَرْضُ، وَسُكَّانُ الْجَنَانِ

وَالْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ



And the heaven and earth wept for you,
And (so did) the dwellers of the heavens
and the land and sea.

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ عَدَدَ مَا فِي عِلْمِ اللَّهِ

May Allah bless you in abundance, the
knowledge of which is with Allah.

لَبَّيْكَ دَاعِيَ اللَّهِ إِنْ كَانَ لَمْ يُجِبْكَ بَدَنِي عِنْدَ

اسْتِغَاثَتِكَ وَلِسَانِي عِنْدَ اسْتِنْصَارِكَ فَقَدْ

أَجَابَكَ قَلْبِي وَسَمْعِي وَبَصَرِي

Here I am, O caller to Allah. If my body did
not answer your call for help, Nor my
tongue at your plea for assistance, Then
surely, my heart answered you, and my
hearing and sight.

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّنَا إِنْ كَانَ وَعْدُ رَبِّنَا لَمَفْعُولًا

Glory be to our Lord, the promise of our
Lord will surely happen.



أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ طَهَّرْتَ طَاهِرٌ مُطَهَّرٌ مِنْ طَهْرٍ

طَاهِرٍ مُطَهَّرٍ طَهَّرْتَ وَطَهَّرْتَ بِكَ الْبِلَادَ،

I bear witness that you are pure, purifying,
from (origins which are) pure, purified and
purifying. And the city became pure
because of you,

وَطَهَّرْتَ أَرْضُ أَنْتَ بِهَا وَطَهَّرَ حَرَمُكَ

And the earth on which you are became
pure and your shrine became pure.

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ قَدْ أَمَرْتَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَالْعَدْلِ،

I bear witness that you enjoined towards
justice and equity,

وَدَعَوْتَ إِلَيْهِمَا وَأَنَّكَ صَادِقٌ صِدِّيقٌ

صَدَّقْتَ فِيمَا دَعَوْتَ إِلَيْهِ وَأَنَّكَ ثَارُ اللَّهِ فِي

الْأَرْضِ



Invited towards them, and that you were truthful, honest. Verified what you called towards, and you were the fearless warrior of Allah.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ قَدْ بَلَغْتَ عَنِ اللَّهِ وَعَنْ جَدِّكَ
رَسُولُ اللَّهِ، وَعَنْ أَبِيكَ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَعَنْ
أَخِيكَ الْحَسَنِ

And I bear witness that you delivered from Allah, and from your grandfather, the messenger of Allah, And from father, Ameerul Mu'mineen, and from your brother Hasan.

وَنَصَحْتَ وَجَاهَدْتَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَعَبَدْتَهُ
مُخْلِصًا حَتَّى أَتَيْكَ الْيَقِينُ فَجَزَاكَ اللَّهُ خَيْرَ
جَزَاءِ السَّابِقِينَ



You advised and struggled in the way of Allah. You worshipped Allah sincerely, until death overtook you. May Allah reward you, the best of rewards of the foremost.

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ وَسَلَّم تَسْلِيمًا

May Allah bless you, and greet you with the perfect greeting.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his family.

وَصَلِّ عَلَى الْحُسَيْنِ الْمَظْلُومِ الشَّهِيدِ الرَّشِيدِ

قَتِيلِ الْعَبْرَاتِ وَ أَسِيرِ الْكُرْبَاتِ

And bless Husayn, the oppressed, the martyr, the guide, Killed remorsefully, prisoner of miseries.

صَلُوةَ نَامِيَةٍ زَاكِيَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ



يَصْعَدُ أَوَّلُهَا وَلَا يَنْقُذُ آخِرُهَا

Blessings which are continuous pure, and full of praise. Its first one rises, and its last one never ends.

أَفْضَلَ مَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ أَوْلَادِ

أَنْبِيَائِكَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

The best of what You have blessed anyone, From the children of Your Prophets,

يَا إِلَهَ الْعَالَمِينَ

O God of the worlds.



IMAM MUHAMMAD AL- MAHDI (pbuh)

"And We intend to bestow our favour upon those who were considered weak in the land and to make them the Aimma and to make them the heirs." 28:5

Imagine that you live your entire life in a place where the sun is always behind the clouds. Your parents and grandparents lived here too, and so did their parents and grandparents. You have adequate sustenance, and you survive because that is what you have been taught to do. You know that the sun exists because of the very fact that you survive.

"The world subsists due to his existence, due to his blessings, creation is sustained and on account of his existence – the heavens and earth remain intact"
Dua Adeela.

You have been taught the ideology of tawheed and although around you there is



ample proof of the existence of Allah, you wish to see and hear such an individual that will prove conclusively not only to you but to all who have doubted you.

The restlessness and sadness in the soul is the missing of the hujjat of Allah, for **Imam is the sun behind the clouds.**

We await his Zhuhur for it is the ultimate proof (hujjat) that this world was created by design, and its purpose will indeed be realised - that tawheed WILL prevail and the promise of Allah will be fulfilled.



Timeline of Imam Muhammad Al-Mahdi (pbuh)

DATE	AGE	EVENT
253 AH 867 CE		Marriage of Imam Hasan Al-Askery (pbuh) to Sayyida Narjis Khatoon (pbuh), the granddaughter of the Emperor of Rum
255 AH 869 CE		<p>Birth</p> <p>Imam was born on Friday, 15th of Sha'ban, in Samarra.</p> <p>Sayyida Hakima (sister of 10th Imam) relates that she went to her nephew's (11th Imam) house after iftar on 14th Shaba'n and was told by him to stay as his son was to be born. Sayyida Hakima stayed for the night and was asked by Imam Hasan Al-Askery (pbuh) to continuously recite Sura Al Qadr. At Fajr, Sayyida Hakima was surprised to hear the</p>



		<p>recitation of Sura Al Qadr from the womb of Sayyida Narjis who was feeling uneasy. Imam was born at Fajr on the 15th of Sha'ban.</p> <p>Sayyida Hakima took him to the 11th Imam to whom the infant recited:</p> <p>"In the name of Allah the most Kind, the most Merciful... and We intend to bestow (our) favours upon those who were considered weak in the land and to make them the Imams, and to make them the heirs "Quran – Sura Al Qasas - 28:5</p> <p>To protect the 12th Imam, Imam Hasan Al-Askery (pbuh) did not make public the news concerning the birth. He only disclosed to a few reliable followers. (Abu Hashim Al Jafari Ahmed b Ishaq, Sayyida Hakima, Khadija (another aunt).</p>
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DATE	AGE	EVENT
258 AH 872 CE	3-4 yrs	Abu Dayan asked the 11th Imam who would be the Imam after him. Suddenly a curtain rose, and he saw a young child (3 - 4 years old) with a luminous face. Imam also invited chosen believers from Qum and revealed the birth of the 12th Imam.
260 AH 874 CE	5 yrs	Imam Hasan Al-Askery (pbuh) dies. On 8th Rabi ul Awwal Imam Muhammad Al-Mahdi (pbuh) led the funeral prayers (Salaa alal Mayyit). After leading the prayers, the 12th Imam approached a servant of his father's named Adyan and asked for a letter that he had. Adyan handed it over (11th Imam had sent Adyan to Baghdad with an errand and asked him to come back with the reply and if he had died to hand it to the one who lead his



		<p>funeral prayers who would be his successor and Imam of the time.</p> <p>Start of GHAYBATUS SUGHRA</p> <p>This is when Imam went into the minor concealment and appointed representatives (Naibs, Safirs.....). Imam responded to requests through them by word or signed notes known as "tawqi". His handwriting was well known.</p> <p>There were 4 representatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Uthman bin Saeed (A.R.) 2.Muhammad bin Uthman (A.R.) 3.Husayn bin Rawh (A.R.) 4. Ali bin Muhammad Samry (A.R.)
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DATE	AGE	EVENT
260- 262 AH 874-876 CE	5 – 7 yrs	<p>Uthman bin Saeed (A.R.)</p> <p>He was the first representative of the Imam. It is said that at the age of 11 years he was a servant in the house of the 9th Imam later to enjoy the confidence of Imam. He occupied the same position of trust with the 10th and 11th Imam who told Shias that after him they would not see the 12th Imam and would have to obey Uthman. After the 11th Imam's martyrdom Uthman moved to Baghdad and disguised as a butter seller, he set up the collection of khums for Imam. He served the 12th Imam for 18 months and received a letter near his death from Imam telling him to appoint his son Mohammed as the next representative and telling</p>



		him how fortunate his father was to have a son like him .
262-305 AH 876-918 CE	7 – 50 yrs	Muhammad bin Uthman (A.R.) He continued in his father's footsteps also as a butter seller. In the early years of the reign of Al-Mutadid, the rulers then started searching for Imam and killed countless mu'mineen with even the slightest resemblance to Imam. Dua Samaat was learnt through Muhammad bin Uthman. As instructed by Imam he appointed Husayn bin Rawh as the next representative after his death in 305 (A.H.). He is buried in East Baghdad (in Khallani).



DATE	AGE	EVENT
305-326 AH 918-938 CE	50-71 yrs	Husayn bin Rawh (A.R.) His kuniyya was Abul Qasim. He was from the family of Nawbakhti. His sociable nature won him respect from all. He managed to keep his activities a secret from the rulers whilst maintaining good relations with them. It is to him that we address the 'areeza' to be delivered to Imam. He served faithfully until he died in Sha'ban 326 A.H., revealing the appointment of Ali bin Muhammad Samry after him.
326-329 AH 938-941 CE	71 - 74 yrs	Ali bin Muhammad Samry (A.R.) He served for only three years. A week before his death he received a letter from Imam telling him of his forthcoming death and that there would be no representative after him.



		He died on 15th Sha'ban 329 A.H.
329 AH to 941 CE	71 yrs to ...	<p>GHAYBATUL KUBRA</p> <p>During ghaybatul Kubra Imam continues to guide his follower. Numerous letters have been written by him to quote a few - Ishaq bin Yaqub, Sheikh Mufid etc...</p> <p>It is reported from Imam Ja'fer As-Sadiq (pbuh) that 30 people all over the world meet with him regularly.</p> <p>They are not necessarily mujtahideen but can be ordinary mu'mineen.</p> <p>Imam is known to meet a believer on 3 occasions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the time of trouble. 2. He is present at every Hajj. 3. He attends the funeral of every believer who has no religious obligations pending on him/her e.g. Khums, Salaa, Fasting



ZHUHUR

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Transport yourself to an era when there will be turmoil and anarchy in the world, an era where there will be a two-pronged attack on Islam -

- i. From a man appearing righteous but being ruthless within the Middle East (the prophesized Sufyani) who from Palestine will attack and gain control over Syria, Palestine and Jordan – making Damascus his seat of power with his sight on Iraq and subsequently Madina and Makka.
- ii. Dajjal - meaning deceiver or imposter and as Syed Muhammad Sadr in his book Tareekh Al-Ghaybatul Kubra says, is probably a representation of an ideology which may be subscribed to by many countries rather than a literal person who will attempt to deceive the Muslim world into believing that their economies rely on him/it in order



to destroy the Haramayn using Iraq as his/it's foothold to gain entry.

- Baghdad will be occupied by an army from the West and the city will be in a state of anarchy.
- There will be a power vacuum in Saudi Arabia.
- Human beings will have unprecedented power and opportunity through information technology – so much so that an announcement made anywhere in the world will be heard by all in their own tongue and at that very instant.

At the same time, an army from Iran under a descendant of Imam Hasan (pbuh), known in ahadith as Syed Hasani will be mobilised to combat the attacks on Islam and this army will enter Iraq through Basra.

313 leaders (amongst them incidentally some 50 women) will share spiritual



knowledge with each other, empowering and unifying other individuals everywhere. Imam Ali (pbuh) in Nahjul Balagha (Sermon 149) says:

Then a group of people will be sharpened like the sharpening of the swords by the blacksmith. Their sight will be brightened by revelation. The commentary of the Quran will be put into their ears and they will be given drinks of wisdom, morning and evening.

Zhuhur will be in 2 stages

1st Stage

It will start in the month of Dhulhijja when 40 mu'mineen will realise the imminence of zhuhur and not return home from hajj. They will go to the Haram, and plead to Allah near the Ka'ba for an audience with Imam. One of them will be called by Imam and told to represent the group. Through this representative, they will be invited to meet Imam who will ask one of them to make the announcement of his imminent zhuhur at the door of the Ka'ba. The



announcer will be killed - He is the Nafse Zakiyya whose blood will touch the Ka'ba mentioned in many prophecies. (Biharul Anwaar Vol. 13)

2nd Stage

Not more than 15 days later, with his back to the wall of the Ka'ba, wearing the attire of the Prophet (pbuh), shaded by a cloud, on the day of 'Ashura in an odd year known only to Allah; Imam will address the world at dawn in an announcement which will be heard by every human being in his/her own language –

“Ya Ayyuhal ‘aalam” (O inhabitants of the worlds) - Baqiyatullahi khayrul lakum in kuntum mu‘mineen.....”

What remains with Allah is better for you if you are mu‘mineen” 11:86

An announcer will say: “And Say: The truth has come, and falsehood has vanished, Indeed falsehood is a vanishing (thing).” 17:81



Imam will introduce himself – “Anaa Baqiyatullah”

The 313 network will have already arrived pledging their allegiance to him with a covenant of 26 conditions the same covenant given by his ancestor Ali ibn Abi Talib (pbuh) to his soldiers (Kitabe Jahan ba’daz zhuhur pg.125-126)

1. Not to steal
2. Not to commit adultery
3. Not to abuse a Muslim
4. Not to murder anyone unlawfully
5. Not to violate anyone’s honour
6. Not to attack anyone’s dwelling
7. Not to harm anyone
8. Not to hoard gold, silver, wheat and barley
9. Not to usurp the property of an orphan
10. Not give false testimony
11. Not forsake the masjid
12. Not drink wine or intoxicants
13. Not wear clothing of silk or golden thread



14. Not wear a gold belt
15. Not indulge in highway robbery
16. Not attack travellers and wayfarers
17. Not indulge in homosexuality
18. Not destroy food stocks
19. Be content with little
20. Use perfume and fragrance
21. Stay away from uncleanness
22. Do amr bil ma'ruf
23. Do nahyi anil munkar
24. Wear simple clothes
25. Rest on an earthen pillow
26. Strive in Allah's way as is His right

Imam (pbuh) will promise those who take the covenant that:

He will stay with them

He will dress like them

He will keep a mount similar to them

He will work according to their will

He will be content with a little

He will, with Allah's help fill the world with equity and justice

He will do the ibada of Allah as is His right

He will give them direct access to him without an intermediary.



These will keep their communities or networks informed and mobilised calling them to Imam. Sufyani will put his media machine into action.

Imam's first confrontation will be in Makka where he will appoint a Governor and go towards Madina which will be destroyed. Imam will restore Madina to its former glory and proceed towards Kufa to meet the army of Syed Hasani.

After combating the deception and army of Dajjal, possibly in Palestine, they will proceed towards Syria in pursuit of Sufyani. He will have escaped there when his entire army will have suffered immense losses in the desert of Baaida near Madina, on the way to Makka.

At the border of Iraq with Syria, Imam will wait for Prophet Isa (pbuh) and just before Fajr, he will descend, and Imam will lead Salatul Fajr before they are engaged in combat.



Imam's army will be victorious, but Sufyani will escape to Jerusalem. Imam will pursue him and he will be defeated by Prophet Isa (pbuh).

Imam will rebuild Masjidul Aqsa which will have been destroyed.

With the Middle East under Imam's control, he will establish his government in Kufa rebuilding Iraq.

The revolution of Imam will be an intellectual one – Fadhl bin Yasaar heard Imam Baqir (pbuh) say:

"When our Qaaim rises, he will face more difficulty than the Prophet (pbuh) did during the period of ignorance".

Imam explained: "When the Prophet announced his mission, people worshipped stones and wood – When Imam rises – people will interpret the law of Allah against his interpretation and argue with him by means of the Qur'an – but his justice will enter their homes just as the heat and cold enter it."



He will send his helpers and liberators to the east and the west of the world and as both the 5th and 6th Imam have said, they will continue their struggle until Allah's pleasure is acquired.

In other words, the occupation of the entire world will be to recognise Allah – the quest for Oneness – Tawheed.

Imam Ali (pbuh) in Nahjul Balagha (Saying 20) says:

“The world will bend towards us after having been resistant as the biting she-camel bends towards its young”.



IMAM'S RULE

A global government will be formed, which will have absolute power and will redefine autocracy.

Shaheed Mutahhari in his book 'The Awaited Saviour' says it will be when there will be a:

1. Final victory of righteousness, virtue, peace, justice, freedom, and truth over the forces of egoism, tyranny, deceit and fraud.
2. Establishment of a world government.
3. Reclamation and rehabilitation of the whole earth so that no area remains wasted.
4. Attainment of full rationality by humankind, adherence to ideology and emancipation from animal impulses and undue social restrictions.
5. Maximum utilization of the gifts of the earth.
6. Just distribution of wealth and property among all human beings.



7. Complete eradication of all vices like usury, use of intoxicants, treachery, theft and homicide and total disappearance of abnormal complexes, malice and ill-will.
8. Eradication of war and restoration of peace, friendship, co-operation, and benevolence.
9. Complete coherence between man and nature.



AREEZA (Draft translation)

I write to you, Yaa Mawlaya (pbuh) in need of your help ... I complain about what has descended on me ... seeking refuge with Allah, then with you from affairs which darken my days, occupy my heart, occupy my thoughts, and rob me some of my innermost essence (that which is an important ne'ma of Allah).

Keep me safe from imagining the coming of problems, free me from what you see of my inclination of devotion (to others) and falling short of protecting myself against the plotting of my own nafs; and my lack of endurance in my sabr and strength and so I get torn apart (splintered personality).

And I trust in the wisdom of Allah ... praise be to Him and you in the planning about me ... the knowledge of your status is with Allah, the Rabb of the worlds, the Guardian of all arrangements, the Master of all affairs, confident with you in speeding up intercession to Him – Praise be to Him in all my affairs.

I am certain in the answer from Allah, to You (Allah) alone do I present my pleas; and you



are Ya Mawlaya, I know one who can actualise my needs, put effect my thoughts and verify my hope in you for my affairs

WRITE HAJAT HERE

This (that written above) is what I have no strength to bear and no patience for. And if I deserve it (my plight), and weak because of my ugly deeds and neglect in my waajibaat with Allah... So I plead to you in helping me ... Yaa Mawlaya with my longing and present my asking to Allah in my affairs before the arrival of wreckage and the gloating of enemies, so to you I clearly declare the ne'mas of Allah, and I ask Allah for help, honour and a manifest near victory in achieving that which I hope for and the best of beginnings and the competition of all my actions, and safety from fear in everything.

Indeed He is great in praise in whatever He does and He is enough and the best of Guardians in origins and conclusions.



DUA FOR THE SAFETY OF IMAM MAHDI (PBUH)

اَللّٰهُمَّ كُنْ لَوْلِيِّكَ الْحُجَّةِ بْنِ الْحَسَنِ

صَلَوَاتِكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ اَبَائِهِ

فِي هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ وَفِي كُلِّ سَاعَةٍ

وَلِيًّا وَحَافِظًا وَقَائِدًا وَنَاصِرًا

وَدَلِيْلًا وَعَيْنًا حَتَّى تُسْكِنَهُ اَرْضَكَ طَوْعًا وَتُمَتِّعَهُ فِيْهَا

طَوِيْلًا

O Allah, be, for Your representative the Hujjat (proof), son of Al Hasan, Your blessings be on him and his forefathers, in this hour and in every hour, a guardian, a protector, a leader, a helper, a proof, and an eye until You make him live on the earth, in obedience (to You), and cause him to live in it for a long time.



DUA FARAJ

It is reported in the book 'Kumuz ul Najat' by Shaikh Fazil bin Hasan Tabrisi, that a man called Abul Hasan Muhammad bin Abul Laith was at one time hiding in a graveyard in Baghdad out of fear for his life.

Imam taught him this duas which saved his life. He said that when the phrase "Ya Sahibuz Zaman" was recited, Imam pointed to himself which not only proved his identity but indicated that our minds should be directed towards Imam when we recite it.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ



O Allah, send blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad

إِلَهِي عَظُمَ الْبَلَاءُ وَبَرِحَ الْحَقَاءُ

O Allah, trials are great, fear has increased,

وَانْكَشَفَ الْغَطَاءُ وَانْقَطَعَ الرَّجَاءُ

the cover has been removed, all hopes have been cut off ,

وَضَاقَتِ الْأَرْضُ وَمُنَعَتِ السَّمَاءُ

the earth has shrunk (with very little to spare for us), the heavens are withholding blessings

وَأَنْتَ الْمُسْتَعَانُ وَإِلَيْكَ الْمُشْتَكِي

we call upon You for help, we direct our complain to You,

وَعَلَيْكَ الْمُعَوَّلُ فِي الشَّدَّةِ وَالرَّخَاءِ

we have total faith in you in times of distress and wellbeing.



اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah, send blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad

أُولَى الْأَمْرِ الَّذِينَ فَرَضَتْ عَلَيْنَا طَاعَتَهُمْ

the Ulil Amr - obedience to whom has been made obligatory,

وَعَرَّفْتَنَا بِذَلِكَ مَنْزِلَتَهُمْ

through which their high status has been made known

فَفَرِّجْ عَنَّا بِحَقِّهِمْ فَرَجًا عَاجِلًا قَرِيبًا كَلِمَحِ

الْبَصَرِ أَوْ هُوَ أَقْرَبُ

Therefore, let there be joy after sorrow for us in their name, right away, in the twinkle of an eye more rapidly.

يَا مُحَمَّدُ يَا عَلِيُّ يَا مُحَمَّدُ

O Muhammad, O Ali, O Ali, O Muhammad



إِخْفِيَانِي فَإِنَّكُمَا كَافِيَانِ وَانصُرَانِي فَإِنَّكُمَا

نَاصِرَانِ

Give me enough because both of you provide sufficiently and help me because both of you help and protect.

يَا مُؤَلَانَا يَا صَاحِبَ الزَّمَانِ

O Our Master O the Authority of our time!

الْعُوْثُ الْعُوْثُ الْعُوْثُ

Help! Help! Help!

أَدْرِ كُنِّي أَدْرِ كُنِّي أَدْرِ كُنِّي

Come to my help, Come to my help,
Come to my help,

السَّاعَةَ السَّاعَةَ السَّاعَةَ

in this hour, in this hour, in this hour,

الْعَجَلَ الْعَجَلَ الْعَجَلَ



Be quick, Be quick, Be quick,

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

O the most Merciful!
In the name of Muhammad and his pure
progeny.

DUA FOR FULFILMENT OF NEEDS

يَا أَبَا صَالِحٍ الْمُهْدِي أَدْرِ كُنِّي



DUA SHA'BANIYYA (THE WHISPERED PRAYER OF SHA'BAN)

The dua or munajat has been taught by Imam Ali (pbuh).

It contains sublime themes teaching us how to beseech Allah, how to tell Him the secrets of the heart, how to offer apologies and how to remain hopeful. Also, in this dua, the meanings of the interpretation of God's countenance (Laqa), God's witnessing (Shahood) and God's nearness (Qurb) have been described.



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah! Send blessing on Muhammad and his Ahlulbayt

وَاسْمَعْ دُعَائِي إِذَا دَعَوْتُكَ وَاسْمَعْ نِدَائِي إِذَا

نَادَيْتُكَ وَأَقْبِلْ عَلَيَّ إِذَا نَاجَيْتُكَ

Respond to my prayer when I pray to You; listen to my call when I call You; and turn to me when I make my submission to You in confidence.



فَقَدْ هَرَبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَوَقَفْتُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

مُسْتَكِينًا لَكَ مُتَضَرِّعًا إِلَيْكَ رَاجِيًا لِمَا لَدَيْكَ

ثَوَابِي

I have come running to You and am standing before You imploring You in humility and hoping to get the reward You have for me.

وَتَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِي وَتَحْبُو حَاجَتِي

You know what is in my heart, and You are aware of what I need.

وَتَعْرِفُ ضَمِيرِي وَلَا يَخْفَى عَلَيْكَ أَمْرُ مُنْقَلَبِي

وَمَثْوَايَ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ أَبْدِيَ بِهِ مِنْ مَّنْطِقِي



وَأَتَفَوَّهُ بِهٖ مِنْ طَلِبَتِي وَأَرْجُوهُ لِعَاقِبَتِي وَقَدْ

جَرَتْ مَقَادِيرُكَ عَلَيَّ

You know my mind and are not unaware of my future and of my present, of what I want to begin my speech with; of the request I would utter, and of the hopes I have in regard to my ultimate lot.

يَا سَيِّدِي فِيمَا يَكُونُ مِنِّي إِلَى آخِرِ عُمْرِي مِنْ

سَرِيرَتِي وَعَلَا نِيَّتِي وَبَيْدِكَ لَا بَيْدَ غَيْرِكَ زِيَادَتِي

وَنَقْصِي وَنَفْعِي وَضَرِّي

My Rabb, whatever You have destined for me up to the end of my life, whether concerning the open aspect of my life or the hidden aspect of it, is bound to come. What is to my advantage and what is to my disadvantage - all my losses and gains are in Your hand, not in the hand of anybody else.



إِلَهِي إِنْ حَرَمْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَرْزُقُنِي وَإِنْ

خَذَلْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَنْصُرُنِي

My Rabb, if You deprive me, who else will provide me; and if You let me down, who else will help me?

إِلَهِي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ غَضَبِكَ وَحُلُولِ سَخَطِكَ

My Rabb, I seek Your protection from Your anger and from earning Your displeasure.

إِلَهِي إِنْ كُنْتُ غَيْرَ مُسْتَأْهِلٍ لِرَحْمَتِكَ فَأَنْتَ

أَهْلٌ أَنْ تَجُودَ عَلَيَّ بِفَضْلِ سَعَتِكَ

If I am not fit for gaining Your Mercy, You are certainly fit to be generous to me by virtue of Your Magnanimity.



إِلَهِي كَأَنِّي بِنَفْسِي وَأَقْفَةٍ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ وَقَدْ أَظْلَمَهَا
 حُسْنُ تَوَكُّلِي عَلَيْكَ فَقُلْتَ مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ
 وَتَعَمَّدْتَ نِيَّيَ بِعَفْوِكَ

My Rabb, I see as if I am standing before You protected by my trust in You. You said what befitted You and covered me with Your forgiveness.

إِلَهِي إِنْ عَفَوْتَ فَمَنْ أَوْلَى مِنْكَ بِذَلِكَ

My Rabb, if You forgive me, then who is more suited than You to do that?

وَإِنْ كَانَ قَدْ دَنَا أَجَلِي وَلَمْ يُدْنِنِي مِنْكَ عَمَلِي

فَقَدْ جَعَلْتُ الْإِقْرَارَ بِالذَّنْبِ إِلَيْكَ وَسِيلَتِي

If the time of my death has come near and my deeds have not still brought me close to You, I make this confession of my sins a means of approaching You.



إِلَهِي قَدْ جُرْتُ عَلَى نَفْسِي فِي النَّظَرِ لَهَا فَلَهَا
الْوَيْلُ إِنْ لَمْ تَغْفِرْ لَهَا

I have been unjust to my soul for I have not looked after it. It will certainly be doomed if You do not forgive it.

إِلَهِي لَمْ يَزَلْ بِرُّكَ عَلَيَّ أَيَّامَ حَيَوْتِي فَلَا تَقْطَعْ
بِرُّكَ عَنِّي فِي مَمَاتِي

My Rabb, You have always been kind to me during my lifetime. Therefore, do not cut off Your favour from me at the time of my death.

إِلَهِي كَيْفَ أَيْسُ مِنْ حُسْنِ نَظَرِكَ لِي بَعْدَ مَمَاتِي
وَأَنْتَ لَمْ تُؤَلِّنِي إِلَّا الْجَمِيلَ فِي حَيَوْتِي

My Rabb, how can I lose the hope, of Your looking kindly, in me after my death, when



you have always been good to me during my life.

إِلَهِي تَوَلَّ مِنْ أَمْرِي مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ وَعُدْ عَلَيَّ

بِفَضْلِكَ عَلَى مُذْنِبٍ قَدْ غَمَرَهُ جَهْلُهُ

My Rabb, in my case do what befits You and bestow Your favour on me, a sinner enwrapped in his ignorance.

إِلَهِي قَدْ سَتَرْتَ عَلَيَّ ذُنُوبًا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَأَنَا أَحْوَجُ

إِلَى سِتْرِهَا عَلَيَّ مِنْكَ فِي الْآخِرَى

My Rabb, You have concealed many of my sins in this world. I am in a greater need of their being conceded in the next.

إِلَهِي قَدْ أَحْسَنْتَ إِلَيَّ إِذْ لَمْ تُظْهِرْهَا لِأَحَدٍ مِّنْ

عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ فَلَا تَفْضَحْنِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

عَلَى رُؤُوسِ الْأَشْهَادِ



As You have not revealed my sins even to any of Your pious abd, do not expose me on the Day of Resurrection before everybody.

إِلَهِي جُودُكَ بَسَطَ أَمَلِي وَعَفُوكَ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ

عَمَلِي

My Rabb, Your generosity has expanded my aspiration, and Your forgiveness is superior to my deeds.

إِلَهِي فَسِّرْ لِي بِلِقَائِكَ يَوْمَ تَقْضِي فِيهِ بَيْنَ

عِبَادِكَ

Therefore, gladden my heart by allowing me to meet You on the day You administer justice to Your abd.



إِلَهِي اِعْتَذِرْ لِي إِلَيْكَ اِعْتَذَارِي مَنْ لَمْ يَسْتَغْنِ
عَنْ قَبُولِ عَذْرِهِ فَأَقْبَلْ عَذْرِي يَا أَكْرَمَ مَنْ
اعْتَذَرَ إِلَيْهِ الْمُسِيئُونَ

My Rabb, my apology to You is the apology of him who cannot afford his apology being not accepted. Therefore accept my apology, You the Most Magnanimous of those to whom the evil-doers tender their apology.

إِلَهِي لَا تَرُدَّ حَاجَتِي وَلَا تُخَيِّبْ طَمَعِي وَلَا تَقْطَعْ
مِنْكَ رَجَائِي وَأَمَلِي

My Rabb, do not turn down my request; do not foil my desire; and do not cut off my hope and expectation of You.



إِلَهِي لَوْ أَرَدْتَ هَوَانِي لَمْ تَهْدِنِي وَلَوْ أَرَدْتَ

فَضِيحَتِي لَمْ تُعَافِنِي

My Rabb, if You had wanted to disgrace me, You would not have guided me; and if You had wanted to expose my faults and vices, You would not have kept me safe and sound.

إِلَهِي مَا أَظُنُّكَ تَرُدُّنِي فِي حَاجَةٍ قَدْ أَفْنَيْتُ

عُمْرِي فِي طَلِبِهَا مِنْكَ

My Rabb, I do not think that You will turn down my request for that in asking You for which I have spent my whole life.

إِلَهِي فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَبَدًا دَائِمًا سَرْمَدًا يَزِيدُ وَلَا

يَبِيدُ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى



My Rabb, all praise is due to You, always and for ever, growing not diminishing, as You like and please.

إِلَهِي إِنْ أَخَذْتَنِي بِجُرْمِي أَخَذْتُكَ بِعَفْوِكَ وَإِنْ

أَخَذْتَنِي بِذُنُوبِي أَخَذْتُكَ بِمَغْفِرَتِكَ وَإِنْ

أَدْخَلْتَنِي النَّارَ أَعْلَمْتُ أَهْلَهَا أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ

My Rabb, if You condemn me for my crimes, I will cling to Your forgiveness, and if You hold me for my sins, I will cling to Your granting pardon. If You haul me into the hell, I will tell its inmates that I love You.

إِلَهِي إِنْ كَانَ صَغُرَ فِي جَنْبِ طَاعَتِكَ عَمَلِي فَقَدْ

كَبُرَ فِي جَنْبِ رَجَائِكَ أَمَلِي

My Rabb, if my deeds are too small in relation to how I should obey You, my aspirations are high enough as compared to what I should expect of You.



إِلَهِي كَيْفَ أَنْقَلِبُ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ بِالْحَيَبَةِ مُحْرُومًا
وَقَدْ كَانَ حَسَنُ ظَنِّي بِجُودِكَ أَنْ تَقْلِبَنِي بِالنَّجَاةِ
مَرْحُومًا

My Rabb, how can I go away from You unsuccessful and disappointed, when I had a high hope that You will be kind enough to send me away enjoying safety and deliverance.

إِلَهِي وَقَدْ أَفْنَيْتُ عُمْرِي فِي شَرِّ السَّهْوِ عَنْكَ
وَأَبْلَيْتُ شَبَابِي فِي سَكْرَةِ التَّبَاعُدِ مِنْكَ

My Rabb, I have wasted my life committing the crime of forgetting You and played havoc with my youth, intoxicated with keeping myself away from You.



إِلَهِي فَلَمْ أَسْتَيْقِظْ أَيَّامَ اغْتِرَارِي بِكَ وَهُوَ كُونِي

إِلَى سَبِيلٍ سَخَطَكَ

My Rabb, I did not wake up when I was under a delusion about You and was inclined to earn Your displeasure.

إِلَهِي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ وَأَبْنُ عَبْدِكَ قَائِمٌ بَيْنَ

يَدَيْكَ مُتَوَسِّلٌ بِكَرَمِكَ إِلَيْكَ

My Rabb, I am Your abd, son of Your abd. I am standing before You, trying to use Your own magnanimity as a means of approaching You.

إِلَهِي أَنَا عَبْدٌ أَتَّصِلُ إِلَيْكَ بِمَا كُنْتُ أَوَاجِهُكَ

بِهِ مِنْ قَلَّةٍ اسْتَحْيَا نِي مِنْ نَظَرِكَ

My Rabb, I am an abd of Yours, I want to rid myself of the sins I used to commit in Your presence because I lacked the sense



of feeling ashamed that You were looking at me.

وَاطْلُبِ الْعَفْوَ مِنْكَ إِذِ الْعَفْوُ نَعْتُ لِكَرَمِكَ

I request You to forgive me because forgiveness is a characteristic of Your Kindness.

إِلَهِي لَمْ يَكُنْ لِي حَوْلٌ فَأَنْتَقِلَ بِهِ عَنْ مَعْصِيَتِكَ

إِلَّا فِي وَقْتٍ أَيْقَظْتَنِي لِمَحَبَّتِكَ

My Rabb, I was not strong enough to move away from Your disobedience, except when You awakened me to Your love.

وَكَمَا أَرَدْتُ أَنْ أَكُونَ كُنْتُ فَشَكَرْتُكَ

بِإِدْخَالِي فِي كَرَمِكَ وَلِتَطْهِيرِ قَلْبِي مِنْ أَوْسَاخِ

الْعَفْلَةِ عَنْكَ



I was exactly as You wanted me to be. I am thankful to You for introducing me to Your Kindness and purging my heart of the impurities of being inattentive to You.

إِلَهِي أَنْظِرْ إِلَيَّ نَظْرَ مَنْ نَادَيْتَهُ فَأَجَابَكَ

وَاسْتَعْمَلْتَهُ بِمَعُونَتِكَ فَأَطَاعَكَ

My Rabb, look upon me as the person whom You called and he responded to You, whom You helped by using his services, and he obeyed You.

يَا قَرِيبًا لَا يَبْعُدُ عَنِ الْمُغْتَرِبِ بِهِ وَيَا جَوَادًّا لَا يَبْخُلُ

عَمَّنْ رَجَا ثَوَابَهُ

The Near One, Who is not far from one who is away from You. The Munificent, Who does not withhold His reward from one who hopes for it.



إِلَهِي هَبْ لِي قَلْبًا يُدْنِيهِ مِنْكَ شَوْقُهُ وَلِسَانًا
يُرْفَعُ إِلَيْكَ صَدْقُهُ وَنَظْرًا يُقَرِّبُهُ مِنْكَ حَقُّهُ

My Rabb, provide me with a heart, the passion of which may bring it near You, with a tongue the truth of which may be submitted to You, and with a vision the nature of which may bring it close to You.

إِلَهِي إِنَّ مَنْ تَعَرَّفَ بِكَ غَيْرَ مُجْهُولٍ وَمَنْ
لَا ذَنْبَكَ غَيْرَ مُخْذُولٍ وَمَنْ أَقْبَلَتْ عَلَيْهِ غَيْرُ

مَمْلُوكٍ

My Rabb, whoever gets acquainted with You, is not unknown; whoever takes shelter under You, is not disappointed; and one to whom You turn, is not a slave.



إِلَهِي إِنَّ مَنِ انْتَهَجَ بِكَ لِمُسْتَبِيرٌ وَإِنَّ مَنِ

اعْتَصَمَ بِكَ لِمُسْتَجِيرٌ وَقَدْ لُذْتُ بِكَ

One who follows Your path is enlightened;
and one who takes refuge in You, is saved.

يَا إِلَهِي فَلَا تُخَيِّبْ ظَنِّي مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ وَلَا تَحْجُبْنِي

عَنْ رَأْفَتِكَ

My Rabb, I have taken refuge in You.
Therefore do not disappoint me of Your
Mercy and do not keep me secluded from
Your Kindness.

إِلَهِي أَقِمْنِي فِي أَهْلِ وَلَايَتِكَ مُقَامَ مَنْ رَجَاءُ

الزِّيَادَةِ مِنْ مَحَبَّتِكَ

My Rabb, place me among your friends in
the position of one who hopes for an
increase in Your love.



إِلَهِي وَاهْمُنِي وَهَابِذِ كُرِكَ إِلَى ذِكْرِكَ

My Rabb, inspire me with a passionate love of remembering You so that I may keep on remembering You,

وَهَمَّتِي فِي رَوْحِ نَجَاحِ اسْمَائِكَ وَمَحَلِّ قُدْسِكَ

and by Your Holy Name and Pure Position cherish my cheerful determination into a success.

إِلَهِي بِكَ عَلَيْكَ إِلَّا الْحَقَّتْنِي بِمَحَلِّ أَهْلِ

طَاعَتِكَ وَالْمُتَوَسِّى الصَّالِحِ مِنْ مَرْضَاتِكَ

My Rabb, I invoke You to admit me to the place reserved for those who obey You, and to attach me to the nice abode of those who enjoy Your good pleasure ...

فَإِنِّي لَا أَقْدِرُ لِنَفْسِي دَفْعًا وَلَا أَمْلِكُ لَهَا نَفْعًا

I can neither defend myself nor do I control what is advantageous for me.



إِلَهِي أَنَا عَبْدُكَ الضَّعِيفُ الْمَذْنِبُ وَمَمْلُوكُكَ
الْمُنِيبُ

My Rabb, I am Your powerless sinning slave and Your repentant abd.

فَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ صَرَفْتَ عَنْهُ وَجْهَكَ وَحَجَبَهُ
سَهْوُهُ عَنْ عَفْوِكَ

So do not make me one of those from whom You turn away Your face, and whom his negligence has secluded from Your forgiveness.

إِلَهِي هَبْ لِي كَمَالَ الْإِنْقِطَاعِ إِلَيْكَ وَأَنْزِلْ
أَبْصَارَ قُلُوبِنَا بِضِيَاءِ نَظَرِهَا إِلَيْكَ

My Rabb, grant me complete severance of my relations with everything else and total submission to You.



حَتَّى تَحْرِقَ أَبْصَارُ الْقُلُوبِ مُحْجَبِ النُّورِ فَتَصِلَ
إِلَى مَعْدِنِ الْعَظَمَةِ وَتَصِيرَ أَرْوَاحُنَا مُعَلَّقَةً بِعِزِّ
قُدْسِكَ

Enlighten the eyes of our hearts with the light of their looking at You to the extent that they penetrate the veils of light and reach the Source of Grandeur, and let our souls get suspended by the glory of Your sanctity.

إِلَهِي وَاجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ نَادَيْتَهُ فَأَجَابَكَ وَلَا حَظَّتْهُ
فَصَعِقَ لَجَالِكَ فَنَاجَيْتَهُ سِرًّا وَعَمِلَ لَكَ جَهْرًا

My Rabb make me one of those whom You call, and they respond; when You look at and they are thunderstruck by Your majesty. You whisper to them secretly and they work for You openly.



إِلَهِي لَمْ أُسَلِّطْ عَلَى حُسْنِ ظَنِّي قُنُوطَ الْإِيَّاسِ

وَلَا انْقَطَعَ رَجَائِي مِنْ جَمِيلِ كَرَمِكَ

My Rabb, I have not allowed my pessimistic despair to overcome my good opinion about You, nor did I ever lose my hope of Your benevolence.

إِلَهِي إِنْ كَانَتْ الْخَطَايَا قَدْ أَسْقَطْتَنِي لَدَيْكَ

فَاَصْفَحْ عَنِّي بِحُسْنِ تَوَكَّلِي عَلَيْكَ

My Rabb, if my errors have degraded me with You, You may forgive me in view of my unqualified reliance on You.

إِلَهِي إِنْ حَطَّتَنِي الذُّنُوبُ مِنْ مَكَارِمِ لُطْفِكَ فَقَدْ

نَبَّهَنِي الْيَقِينَ إِلَى كَرَمِ عَطْفِكَ

My Rabb, if my sins have made me unfit to receive Your tender affection, my firm



belief has reminded me of Your Compassion.

إِلَهِي إِنْ أَنَا مَتْنِي الْغَفْلَةُ عَنِ الْأَسْتِعْدَادِ لِلِقَائِكَ
فَقَدْ نَبَّهْتَنِي الْمَعْرِفَةُ بِكَرَمِ الْإِلَهِ

My Rabb, if my disregard for preparations to meet You has put me to sleep, my knowledge of Your kind bounties has awakened me.

إِلَهِي إِنْ دَعَانِي إِلَى النَّارِ عَظِيمُ عِقَابِكَ فَقَدْ
دَعَانِي إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ جَزِيلُ ثَوَابِكَ

My Rabb, if Your severe punishment calls me to Hell, the abundance of Your reward invites me to Paradise.

إِلَهِي فَلَكَ أَسْأَلُ وَإِلَيْكَ أَبْتَهِلُ وَأَرْغَبُ
وَأَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ



My Rabb, I ask You and pray to You earnestly, I desire and request You to show Your favour to Muhammad and his descendants,

وَأَنْ تَجْعَلَنِي مِمَّنْ يُدِيمُ ذِكْرَكَ وَلَا يَنْقُضُ

عَهْدَكَ وَلَا يَعْطُلُ عَنْ شُكْرِكَ وَلَا يَسْتَخِفُّ

بِأَمْرِكَ

make me one of those who always remember You and never violate the pledge they make to You, who do not fail, to show You their gratitude and do not take Your orders lightly.

إِلَهِي وَالْحَقُّنِي بِنُورِ عَزِّكَ الْإِبْهَجِ

فَأَكُونَ لَكَ عَارِفًا وَعَنْ سِوَاكَ مُنْحَرِفًا



وَمِنْكَ خَائِفًا مَرَاتِبًا يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ

وَالْإِكْرَامِ

My Rabb let me be attached to the Light of Your Majestic Glory, so that I may know You alone, be away from others, and have a heart fearful of You and an eye watchful of You.

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

وَسَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا

May Allah's blessing and peace be on Muhammad and those of his descendants who are pure.



IMAM HUSAYN (pbuh) – TIMELINE

YEAR	AGE	EVENT
8 January 626CE 3 Sha'ban 4AH		Birth of Imam Husayn (pbuh) to Imam Ali (pbuh) & Sayyida Fatima (pbuh) in Madina
627CE Dhulqa'da 5 AH	1	Battle of Ahzab/Khandaq (Coalition/Ditch)
629CE 20 Ramadhan 8AH	4	Conquest of Makka
630CE 24 Dhulhijja 9AH	5	Event of Mubahila Imam Husayn (pbuh) accompanies The Prophet, Imam Ali, Sayyida & Imam Hasan (pbuh).
631CE 18 Dhulhijja 10AH	6	Farewell pilgrimage and event of Ghadeer



YEAR	AGE	EVENT
632CE 28 Safar 11AH	7	Imam Husayn (pbuh) loses his grandfather - Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) Abu Bakr elected at Saqifa. Muslims forgot Ghadeer and appointment of Imam Ali (pbuh) as successor
632 CE 14 Jamadul Awwal 11 AH		Imam Husayn (pbuh) loses his mother – Sayyida Fatima Zahra (pbuh)
633CE 12AH	8	Muslim armies sent to Persia. Muawiya appointed the General by Abu Bakr
634CE 13AH.	9	Abu Bakr dies appointing Umar as his successor.
634-635 CE 13 -14 AH	9/10	Syria, Persia, Egypt come under Islamic rule



YEAR	AGE	EVENT
636CE 15AH	11	Damascus becomes stronghold of khalifas
637CE 16AH	12	Jerusalem under Muslim rule
644CE 24AH	20	Umar killed by Abu Lulu appointing a biased 'shura' to decide successor. Uthman appointed successor.
646CE 26/27AH	22/ 23	Tripoli, Tunis, Algeria under Muslim rule.
649CE 30AH	26	Abu Dharr Ghifari exiled to desert (Rabwa)
650CE 30 AH		First organised news service introduced by Khalifas.



YEAR	AGE	EVENT
653 CE	30	Birth of Ali Akber. (Mother Umm Layla whose mother was Maymuna – daughter of Abu Sufyan (she was a cousin of Yazid)). He was raised by Sayyida Zaynab (pbuh).
655CE 35AH	31	Imam Ali (pbuh) sent Imam Hasan & Husayn (pbuh) to take food and drink to Uthman who was imprisoned in his house by a discontent mob of people who finally murdered him. Uthman murdered. Imam Ali (pbuh) urged to accept Khilafate that was usurped from him. In Dhulhijja 35 AH the Muslims gave their allegiance to Imam Ali (pbuh) as their Khalifa.



		Muawiya starts treachery against Imam using Damascus as stronghold
656 CE 10 Rabi ul Awwal 36 AH	32	Battle of Jamal
657 CE Rajab 36AH	33	Battle of Siffeen Imam Husayn (pbuh) fully involved in the battle on the front line.
658CE 38AH	35	Birth of Imam Ali Zaynul Abedeen (pbuh) in Kufa. (Mother Sayyida Shahrbanu - Daughter of Yazdigard) Daughters of Yazdigard – King of Persia brought to Madina as prisoners of war. Imam Hasan & Husayn (pbuh) save them from humiliation of crowds. Sayyida Shahrbanu dies 10 days later.



YEAR	AGE	EVENT
660 CE 21 Ramadhan 40AH	36	Imam Ali (pbuh) martyred in Masjid e Kufa by Abdul Rahman Ibn Muljim. Imam Hasan (pbuh) assumes Imama. Muawiya changes Khilafate to dynasty - Beginning of Umayyad dynasty
661CE 41AH	37	Muawiya coerces Muslims into paying allegiance to him rather than Imam Hasan(pbuh) using threats, bribery..... Calls the year 'Sanatul Jama'a' Those who pay allegiance are known as Ahlul Sunna wal Jama'a.
670CE 50AH	46	Imam Hasan poisoned by wife Jo'da as instigated by Muawiya. Imam Husayn (pbuh) assumes Imama.



		North Africa comes under Muslim rule.
672 CE 52AH	48	Birth of Fatima Kubra (mother Umm Is-haq (former wife of Imam Hasan (pbuh)). Fatima Kubra later married Hasan Muthanna.
676 CE 20 Rajab 56AH	52	Birth of Sakina (Ruqayya) (mother Umm Rabab). Imam would say: "A house without Sakina is not worth living in."
677CE. 57AH	53	Birth of Imam Muhammad Al-Baqir (pbuh)
14 April 680 CE 9 Rajab 60 AH	55	Birth of Abdullah Ali Asgher (Umm Rabab)



YEAR	AGE	EVENT
680CE 60AH		Muawiya dies and Yazid becomes Khalifa Yazid demands allegiance from Imam Husayn (pbuh).
680 CE 28 Rajab 60 AH		Imam refuses allegiance to Yazid and leaves Madina with his family and friends.
680 CE 3 Sha'ban 60 AH	56	Imam arrives in Makka
680 CE 10 Ramadhan 60 AH		The people of Kufa write to invite Imam to Kufa to preside over them.
680 CE Ramadhan 60 AH		Imam sends Muslim ibn Aqeel as his envoy to Kufa to inform him of their affairs.



YEAR	AGE	EVENT
680 CE 12 Dhulqa'da 60 AH		Muslim writes to Imam asking him to come to Kufa as quickly as possible.
680 CE Dhulqa'da 60 AH		Yazid is informed of the allegiance in Kufa to Imam Husayn (pbuh) through Muslim ibn Aqeel. He asks Ubaydullah ibn Ziyad to go from Basra to Kufa immediately as Governor.
680 CE Dhulhijja 60 AH		Ibn Ziyad arrives in Kufa and strikes terror demanding that Muslim be brought to him. The 18000 people who had pledged allegiance to Imam dissipated to 300. He was captured and



		executed by Ibn Ziyad on the 9 th of Dhulhijja. Fear gripped Kufa.
680 CE 8th Dhulhijja 60 AH		Soldiers arrive in Makka dressed as pilgrims to kill Imam Husayn (pbuh) Imam leaves Makka without performing the Hajj (doing just Umra) for fear of causing bloodshed in Makka.
10 October 680CE 10 Muharram 61AH DAY OF 'ASHURA	56	Imam Husayn (pbuh) addresses Ibn Sa'd's troops not to shed blood and to be free in their thinking as human beings even if they did not follow any religion. Ibn Sa'd begins the battle by shooting the first arrow. Imam and his 72 followers and



		<p>family members are killed including his 6-month-old baby Abdullah Ali Asgher. They are decapitated and their bodies trampled and left on the desert sands. The camp is looted and plundered, and the women and children and Imam Ali Zaynul Abideen (pbuh) taken as prisoners.</p>
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IMAM ALI ZAYNUL AABIDEEN (pbuh) – TIMELINE

YEAR	AGE	EVENT
658 CE 4 Sha'ban 38AH		Birth of Imam Ali Zaynul Abideen (pbuh) To Imam Husayn (pbuh) & Sayyida Shahrbanu (pbuh) in Madina
658 CE 14 Sha'ban 38 AH	10 days	Wafat of Sayyida Shahrbanu
660 CE 21 Ramadhan 40AH	2 yrs	Imam Ali (pbuh) martyred in Masjid e Kufa by Abdul Rahman Ibn Muljim. Muawiya changes Khilafate to dynasty - Beginning of Umayyad dynasty
670CE 50AH	12 yrs	Imam Hasan poisoned by wife Jo'da as instigated by Muawiya. Imam Husayn (pbuh) assumes Imama. North Africa comes under Muslim rule



YEAR	AGE	EVENT
677CE. 57AH	19 yrs	Birth of Imam Muhammad Al-Baqir (pbuh) to Imam Ali Zaynul Abideen (pbuh) and Fatima Kubra (daughter of Imam Hasan (pbuh))
680CE 28 Rajab 60AH	21 yrs	Muawiya dies and Yazid becomes Khalifa. Yazid demands allegiance from Imam Husayn (pbuh) who refuses and leaves with his family including Imam Ali Zaynul Abideen (pbuh) to go to Makka
680 CE 8th Dhulhijja 60 AH	21 yrs	Soldiers arrive in Makka dressed as pilgrims to kill Imam Husayn (pbuh) Imam and his family leave Makka without performing the Hajj (doing just Umra) for fear of causing bloodshed in Makka.



YEAR	AGE	EVENT
10 October 680CE 10 Muharram 61AH DAY OF 'ASHURA	22 yrs	Imam Husayn (pbuh) and his 72 followers and family members are killed. They are decapitated and their bodies trampled and left on the desert sands. The camp is looted and plundered and the women and children and Imam Ali Zaynul Abideen (pbuh) taken as prisoners. His wife Fatima and son Imam Baqir (pbuh) are both present in Karbala.
680 CE 12 Muharram 61AH	22	Imam and the other prisoners arrive in Kufa (75 km from Karbala). Imam is shackled and chained with the heads of the martyrs on spears. Addresses Ibn Ziyad quoting from the Qur'an
680 CE 29 Muharram 61 AH	22	Sent onwards from Kufa, they arrive in Damascus (Shaam) where they are imprisoned. (Distance 1200 km).



YEAR	AGE	EVENT
681 CE Muharram 62AH	23	Release from prison comes after a year when Imam speaks out in Masjid Umawi during Friday prayers.
681 CE Safar 62AH	23	After visiting Karbala, Imam and the other prisoners return to Madina.
682CE 63 AH	25	Imam goes into seclusion in the outskirts of Madina, for about a year, in a tent. Sayyida Zaynab takes provisions for him every day. Only about 5 people are permitted to meet with him. Muhammad Al-Hanafiya represents him and acts on his behalf. Imam spends time writing Du'a, meditating, and praying salaa. Imam shuns politics.



YEAR	AGE	EVENT
683 CE 64 AH	25	Yazid attacks Madina & Makka burning the Ka'ba. Yazid dies and is succeeded by Muawiya II who gives the title to Marwan ibn Hakam after 4 months rule.
684 – 686 CE 65 – 68 AH	26- 29	Uprising of Tawwabun (those who were repentant at not helping in Karbala) against Banu Umayya and the uprising of Mukhtar in Iraq to avenge the killing in Karbala. Ibn Zubayr seizes Makka and declares himself Khalifa.
691 CE 73 AH	34	Al Aqsa and Dome of the Rock Masajid are built in Jerusalem.



YEAR	AGE	EVENT
694 CE – 714 CE 76 – 86 AH	37- 47	Al-Hajjaj (who attacked the Ka'ba to subdue Ibn Zubayr), becomes governor of Iraq and rules with tyranny for 20 years – appointed by Abdul Malik (son of Marwan).
702 CE 17 Rabi ul Awwal 83AH	45	Birth of grandson Imam Ja'fer As Sadiq (pbuh) to Fatima (Umm Farwa)
683-712 CE	25- 57	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teaches Ethics through Dua (Sahifatus Sajjadiyya) 2. Tutored scholars. Imam Baqir and grandson Imam Sadiq participate in the discourses. 160 Scholars graduate Students include Hasan Al-Basri, Al-Thamali, Al-Zuhri, Ibn Tawoos. 3. He urges people to visit Karbala and encourages the



		<p>commemoration of 'Ashura every year which led to Majalis in secret in private houses He used to visit Karbala every year, un-announced, often unnoticed. He recommended to use the earth of Karbala for sujud so that the loftiest part of Salaa (Sujud) be associated with the principles Imam Husayn gave his life for.</p>
<p>712 CE 25th Muharram 95AH</p>	<p>57 yrs</p>	<p>Imam poisoned by Walid ibn Abdul Malik and is buried in Jannatul Bagee in Madina.</p>



