

Salatul Layl

THE NIGHT PRAYER



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SALATUL LAYL (THE SALAA OF SHAB)

SALATUL LAYL IN THE QUR'AN

وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَتَهَجَّدْ بِهِ نَافِلَةً لَّكَ عَسَىٰ أَن يَبْعَثَكَ

رَبُّكَ مَقَامًا مَّحْمُودًا

And during a part of the night, pray Tahajjud beyond what is incumbent on you; maybe your Rabb will raise you to a position of great glory.
17:79

كَانُوا قَلِيلًا مِّنَ اللَّيْلِ مَا يَهْجَعُونَ وَبِالْأَسْحَارِ

هُمُ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ

They used to sleep but little in the night. And in the early part of the morning they asked forgiveness. (51: 16-17)



تَتَجَافَى جُنُوبُهُمْ عَنِ الْمَضَاجِعِ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ
خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنفِقُونَ فَلَا تَعْلَمُ
نَفْسٌ مَّا أُخْفِيَ لَهُم مِّن قُرَّةِ أَعْيُنٍ جَزَاءِ مِمَّا
كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

Their sides draw away from (their) beds, they call upon their Rabb in fear and in hope, and they spend (benevolently) out of what We have given them So no soul knows what is hidden for them of that which will refresh the eyes; a reward for what they did. 32: 16-17

وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَسَبِّحْهُ وَإِدْبَارَ النُّجُومِ

And in the night, give Him glory too, and at the setting of the stars 52:49



إِنَّ نَاشِئَةَ اللَّيْلِ هِيَ أَشَدُّ وَطْءًا وَأَقْوَمُ قِيلاً

Surely the rising by night is the firmest way to tread and the best corrective of speech. 73:6

وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَاسْجُدْ لَهُ وَسَبِّحْهُ لَيْلاً طَوِيلاً

And during part of the night adore Him, and give glory to Him for a long (part of the) night. 76:2



AHADITH ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SALATUL LAYL

1. Three things bring happiness to the heart of a believer:
 - a) Meeting brethren in faith
 - b) Breaking the fast
 - c) Waking up in the later part of the night for Salat Layl – Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)
2. Jibrail continued to advise me about staying up at night until I thought that the virtuous ones of my Ummah do not sleep. Prophet (pbuh)
3. The honour and greatness of a believer lies in his praying at night. Imam Ja'fer As-Sadiq (pbuh)
4. Allah says, "Wealth and children are an ornament of the life of this world" (18:46), but the 8 raka'ats recited by a servant at the end of the night are an ornament of the hereafter. Imam as-Sadiq (pbuh)



5. Two raka'ats of prayer recited in the darkness of the night are more beloved to me than the world and all that is in it. Holy Prophet (pbuh)
6. The rising by night is healthy for the bodies. Imam Ali (pbuh)
7. Salat Layl brightens the faces, makes the night pleasant, and attracts sustenance. Imam Ja'fer As-Sadiq (pbuh)
8. When the servant of Allah turns to his Rabb in the middle of the dark night, and whispers to Him, Allah establishes His light in his heart . . . then He tells the angels: O my angels, look at my servant. He has turned to Me in the middle of the dark night while the false ones are playing, and the heedless ones are sleeping; bear witness that I have forgiven him. Holy Prophet (pbuh)
9. Whoever has been granted the chance to recite Salat Layl, a male servant or a female one, and he (or she) rises for Allah



sincerely, does proper wudhu, prays salaa for Allah with a true intention, a sound heart, a humble body and a tearful eye, Allah will place behind him nine rows of angels. The number of angels in each row cannot be counted except by Allah. One side of each row is in the East, and the other is in the West. Then when he completes his prayer, he gets the reward of all of the angels in the rows. Holy Prophet (pbuh)

10. There is no good deed except that its reward has been outlined in the Qur'an, except the Salatul Layl. Almighty Allah has not specified its reward due to its greatness with Him. He says (about the reward of those who recite Salatul Layl; So no soul knows what is hidden for them of that which will refresh the eyes; a reward for what they did.(32:17) Holy Prophet (pbuh)
11. A man came to Imam Ali (pbuh) and said: I have been denied the chance to recite Salatul Layl. The Imam replied: Your sins have prevented you.



12. Whoever tells himself he will wake up for Salat Layl but sleeps through the time, his sleep will be charity and the reward of what he intended will be written for him. Holy Prophet (pbuh)
13. Do not disregard the reciting of Salat Layl, for the one who is denied Salat Layl is in a great loss. Imam as-Sadiq (pbuh)
14. Salat Layl was wajib upon the Messenger of Allah and no Prophet had been sent before him except that it was obligatory upon them as well
15. In the ahadith from the Ahlulbayt (pbuh), it has been emphatically mentioned that:
 - a) Salat Layl protects one during the daytime.
 - b) Salat Layl is a kaffara for the sins committed in the day.
 - c) That house in which Salat Layl is recited beams with light for those who are in the heavens just as the stars beam with light for those who are on earth.



16. Performance of Salat Layl leads to gaining the pleasure of Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him); love of the Angels; is the Sunna of the Prophets; leads to the light of true recognition of Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him); is the foundation of belief; tranquillity of the soul; destruction of Shaitan; a weapon against one's enemies; acceptance of one's supplications; acceptance of one's actions; increases the blessings in one's sustenance; intercession when the Angel of Death comes; brightness in the grave; protects the person while in the grave; ease in the answering of the angels Munkir and Nakir and is the companion and friend in the grave.



METHOD OF PRAY SALATUT LAYL

It consists of a total of 11 rakaat, divided into the following prayers:

1. Nafila of Layl: 8 rakaat (4 x 2 raka'ats)
2. Salatush Shafa: 2 rakaat
3. Salatul Witr: 1 raka'a

The time for Salatul Layl begins after midnight until the time for Salatul Fajr (morning prayers). The best time for it is just before Fajr Salaa. Salatul Layl is so important that even if you cannot recite all 11 rakaat, then recite only one rakaat of Salatul Witr.

Nafila of Layl

The 8 rakaat of Nafila are divided into four prayers of two rakaat each just like Salatul Fajr. With the niyya of Salatul Layl. It is recommended to recite Sura Al Kaafirun after Sura Al Faatiha in the first 2 rakaat. In the other six recite any small sura or even leave out the sura after Sura Al Faatiha. For qunoot you can recite salawaat or the recommended duas.



Salatush Shafa

Two rakaat with Sura Al Naas in the first rakaat after Sura Al Faatiha and Sura Al Falaq in the second rakaat after Sura Al Faatiha. There is no qunoot in Salatush Shafa.

Salatul Witr

One rakaat with Sura Al Ikhlaas 3x, Sura Al Falaq 1x, and Sura Al Naas 1x after Sura Al Faatiha. Then raise your hands for qunoot and recite:



QUNOOT OF SALATUL WITR

(You can hold a book and/or tasbeeh in a mustahab salaa)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ

There is no god except Allah, the Forbearing, the Generous.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ

There is no god except Allah, the High the Almighty.

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَاوَاتِ السَّبْعِ

Glory be to Allah, Rabb of the seven heaven,



وَرَبِّ الْأَرْضِينَ السَّبْعِ

And Rabb of the seven earths,

وَمَا فِيهِنَّ وَمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ وَمَا فَوْقَهُنَّ وَمَا تَحْتَهُنَّ

and whatever is in them, and between them
and above them and below them,

رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ

Rabb of the Mighty Throne and peace be on
the Messengers.

وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

All praise is for Allah Rabb of the worlds.

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

O Allah bless Muhammad and his pure family.



Recite 70 x

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

I seek forgiveness of Allah my Rabb and I turn to Him.

Ask for the forgiveness of forty believers who have died or are living, by saying 40x followed by the name of the person:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي O' Allah, forgive.....

Or recite

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ

O Allah forgive all believers, male and female.



Then recite:

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ

I seek forgiveness of Allah, He who there is no god but He, the Ever living, the subsisting,

لِجَمِيعِ ظُلْمِي وَجُرْمِي وَإِسْرَافِي عَلَى نَفْسِي

From all my oppressions and my sins and my excesses on my soul,

وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

And I turn (repentant) to Him.

Repeat 7x:

هَذَا مَقَامُ الْعَاذِبِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ

This is the position of one who seeks refuge in You from the fire.



Recite 300x

الْعَفْوُ

(I ask for Your) pardon.

Then recite:

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْنِي وَتُبْ عَلَيَّ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ

التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

My Rabb, forgive me and have mercy on me,
and turn to me Surely You are the Acceptor of
Repentance, the Merciful.

Complete the rakaat with rukoo, sujood,
tashahhud and salaam and recite a tasbeeh of
Sayyida Fatima Zahra (pbuh).



DUA HAZEEN

(To be recited after completion of Salatul Witr)

It should be recited softly and sorrowfully

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family.

أُنَاجِيكَ يَا مَوْجُودًا فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ

I whisper unto You, O one who is present in every place,

لَعَلَّكَ تَسْمَعُ نِدَائِي

So that You may hear my call,

فَقَدْ عَظُمَ جُرْمِي وَقَلَّ حَيَائِي

For surely my sin is excessive and my shame is less.



مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ

My Master, O my Master,

أَيُّ الْأَهْوَالِ أَتَذَكَّرُ

which of the terrifying states shall I remember?

وَأَيُّهَا أَنْسَى وَلَوْ لَمْ يَكُنْ إِلَّا الْمَوْتُ لَكَفَى

And which of them shall I forget, for if there was nothing except death it would be enough.

كَيْفَ وَمَا بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ أَعْظَمُ وَأَدْهَى

Then what about after death greater and much worse?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ حَتَّى مَتَى وَإِلَى مَتَى

Up to when and till My master O my Master, when,

أَقُولُ لَكَ الْعُتْبَى مَرَّةً بَعْدَ أُخْرَى

Will I say, I am to blame, again and again,



ثُمَّ لَا تَجِدُ عِنْدِي صِدْقًا وَلَا وِفَاءً

But then You do not find any truth or loyalty in me?

فِيَا غَوْثَاكَ ثُمَّ وَاغَوْثَاكَ يَا اللَّهُ

I call for help and I call for help, O Allah,

مِنْ هَوًى قَدْ غَلَبَنِي وَمِنْ عَدُوٍّ قَدْ اسْتَكَلَبَ عَلَيَّ

From desires which have overpowered me and from the enemy which has pounced on me,

وَمِنْ دُنْيَا قَدْ تَزَيَّنَتْ لِي

And from the world which attracts me,

وَمِنْ نَفْسٍ أَمَّارَةٍ بِالسُّوءِ إِلَّا مَا رَحِمَ رَبِّي

And from the soul that leads towards evil except that on which my Rabb has mercy.
(12:53)



مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ

My master O my master,

إِنْ كُنْتَ رَحِمْتَ مِثْلِي فَأَرْحَمْنِي

If You have had mercy on the likes of me
then have mercy on me.

وَإِنْ كُنْتَ قَبِلْتَ مِثْلِي فَأَقْبَلْنِي

And if You have accepted from the likes of
me then accept from me.

يَا قَابِلَ السَّحَرَةِ اقْبَلْنِي

O One who accepts the early morning prayer
accept me,

يَا مَنْ لَمْ أَزَلْ أَتَعَرَّفُ مِنْهُ الْحُسْنَى

O One who, I still know only good from Him.



يَا مَنْ يُغْذِيُنِي بِالنَّعْمِ صَبَاحًا وَمَسَاءً

O One who nourishes me with blessings morning and evening,

إِرْحَمْنِي يَوْمَ آتَيْكَ فَرْدًا

have mercy on me when I come to You alone,

شَاخِصًا إِلَيْكَ بَصْرِي مُقَلِّدًا عَمَلِي

my glance fixed on You, my actions carried on my neck.

قَدْ تَبَرَّأَ جَمِيعُ الْخُلُقِ مِنِّي

When all of creation will withdraw away from me.

نَعْمَ وَآبِي وَأُمِّي وَمَنْ كَانَ لَهُ كِدِّي وَسَعْيِي

Yes, even my father and mother and those for whom I worked and struggled.



فَإِنْ لَمْ تَرْحَمْنِي فَمَنْ يَرْحَمُنِي

Then if You do not have mercy on me who will have mercy on me.

وَمَنْ يُؤْنِسُ فِي الْقَبْرِ وَحْشَتِي

Who will give me solace from the loneliness of the grave,

وَمَنْ يُنْطِقُ لِسَانِي إِذَا خَلَوْتُ بِعَمَلِي

And who will make me speak when I am alone with my deeds.

وَسَأَلْتَنِي عَمَّا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنِّي

And when You will ask me about what You know better than me?

فَإِنْ قُلْتُ نَعَمْ فَأَيْنَ الْمُهْرَبُ مِنْ عَذْلِكَ

Then if I say yes (to my sins) where will be the escape from Your Justice?



وَإِنْ قُلْتُ لَمْ أَفْعَلْ

And if I say I did not commit it,

قُلْتُ أَلَمْ أَكُنِ الشَّاهِدَ عَلَيْكَ

You will say was I not a witness over you?

فَعَفُوكَ عَفُوكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ

So (I beseech) Your Forgiveness Your Pardon
O my master,

قَبْلَ سَرَابِيلِ الْقَطِرَانِ

Before the wearing of the clothes of Hell.

عَفُوكَ عَفُوكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ قَبْلَ جَهَنَّمَ وَالتَّيْرَانِ

Your Forgiveness Your Pardon O my Master
before the Hell and the Fire.

عَفُوكَ عَفُوكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ

Your Forgiveness Your Forgiveness
O my Master,



قَبْلَ أَنْ تُغَلَّ الْأَيْدِي إِلَى الْأَعْنَاقِ

before the hands are tied to the necks.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ وَخَيْرَ الْغَافِرِينَ

O the most Merciful and the best of Forgivers.



APPENDIX EXTRA DUAS



DUA BEFORE BEGINNING SALATUL LAYL

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَتَوَجَّهُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ نَبِيِّ الرَّحْمَةِ وَآلِهِ

O Allah I turn to You through Your Prophet, the Prophet of mercy and (through) his family.

وَأُقَدِّمُهُمْ بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ حَوَائِجِي

And I place them in front of my needs.

فَاَجْعَلْنِي بِهِمْ وَجِيهًا فِي الدُّنْيَا

So make me through them, respected, in the world.

وَالْآخِرَةِ وَمِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ

And in the hereafter and from the near ones.



اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْنِي بِهِمْ وَلَا تُعَذِّبْنِي بِهِمْ

O Allah have mercy on me through them
and do not punish me through them.

وَاهْدِنِي بِهِمْ وَلَا تُضِلَّنِي بِهِمْ

And guide me through them and do not lead me
astray through them.

وَارْزُقْنِي بِهِمْ وَلَا تَحْرِمْنِي بِهِمْ

And grant me sustenance through them and do not
deny me through them.

وَاقْضِ لِي حَوَائِجَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

And fulfil my needs of the world and the hereafter.

إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَبِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

Surely You have power over all things and (You) are
aware of all things.



DUA BEFORE SALATUL LAYL

(Taught by our 4th Imam (pbuh))

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family

إِلَهِي غَارَتْ نُجُومُ سَمَائِكَ

My God, the stars of Your sky have sunk.

وَنَامَتْ عُيُونُ أُمَّمِكَ

And the eyes of Your people are sleeping.

وَهَدَأَتْ أَصْوَاتُ عِبَادِكَ وَأَنْعَامِكَ

And the voices of Your servants and Your animals have become silent.



وَعَلَّقَتِ الْمُلُوكُ عَلَيْهَا أَبْوَابَهَا

And the kings have locked their doors.

وَطَافَ عَلَيْهَا حُرَّاسُهَا

And its guards are moving around it

وَاحْتَجَبُوا عَمَّنْ يَسْأَلُهُمْ حَاجَةً

And they are covered from he who wishes to ask them for a need.

أَوْ يَنْتَجِعَ مِنْهُمْ فَآيِدَةٌ وَأَنْتَ إِلَهِي حَيٌّ قَيُّومٌ

Or to get a benefit from them but You my God, are Ever Living, Subsistent,

لَا تَأْخُذُكَ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ

Slumber or sleep does not overtake you.

وَلَا يَشْغُلُكَ شَيْءٌ عَنْ شَيْءٍ

And one thing does not occupy You from another.



أَبْوَابُ سَمَائِكَ لِمَنْ دَعَاكَ مُفْتَحَاتٌ

The doors of Your sky are open for he who asks You.

وَخَزَائِنُكَ غَيْرُ مُغْلَقَاتٍ

And Your treasures are never locked.

وَأَبْوَابُ رَحْمَتِكَ غَيْرُ مُحْجُوبَاتٍ

And the doors of Your mercy are never covered.

وَفَوَائِدُكَ لِمَنْ سَأَلَكَ غَيْرُ مُحْظُورَاتٍ

And Your benefits are never forbidden for he who asks You.

بَلْ هِيَ مَبْدُورَاتٌ

Rather they are given generously.

أَنْتَ إِلَهِي الْكَرِيمُ

You are my God, the Generous.



الَّذِي لَا تَرُدُّ سَائِلًا مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ سَأَلَكَ

Who does not turn away a beseecher who asks from.

وَلَا تَحْتَجِبُ عَنْ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ أَرَادَكَ

You and You do not conceal Yourself from anyone of the believers who intends You.

لَا وَعِزَّتِكَ وَجَلَالِكَ

Not by Your Honour and Your Majesty.

وَلَا تُخْتَزَلُ حَوَائِجُهُمْ دُونَكَ

No one removes their needs other than You.

وَلَا يَقْضِيهَا أَحَدٌ غَيْرَكَ

And no one fulfils their needs apart from You.

اللَّهُمَّ وَقَدْ تَرَانِي وَوُقُوفِي

O Allah You see me, and my standing (before You).



وَذُلَّ مَقَامِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

And my humble position in front of You.

وَتَعْلَمُ سِرِّيَّاتِي وَتَطَّلِعُ عَلَى مَا فِي قَلْبِي

And You know my secrets and are aware of what is in my heart.

وَمَا يَصْلِحُ بِهِ أَمْرُ آخِرَتِي وَدُنْيَايَ

And of what will improve my affairs of the Hereafter and the world.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ ذِكْرَ الْمَوْتِ وَأَهْوَالِ الْمُطَّلِعِ

O Allah, the remembrance of death and the frightening conditions of the observer.

وَالْوُقُوفَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ نَعَّصَنِي مَطْعَمِي

And standing before You makes me stay away from my food.



وَمَشْرَبِي وَأَغْصَنِي بِرِيقِي

And drink and makes me choke,

أَقْلَقَنِي عَنْ وَسَادِي وَمَنْعَنِي رُقَادِي

Keeps me away from my pillow and prevents me from sleeping.

كَيْفَ يَنَامُ مَنْ يَخَافُ مَلَكَ الْمَوْتِ

How can one sleep who fears the angel of death?

فِي طَوَارِقِ اللَّيْلِ وَطَوَارِقِ النَّهَارِ

In the calamities of the night and the calamities of the day.

بَلْ كَيْفَ يَنَامُ الْعَاقِلُ وَمَلَكَ الْمَوْتِ

Rather how can an intelligent person sleep while the angel of death does not sleep.



لَا يَنَامُ لَإِلَّا بِاللَّيْلِ وَلَا بِالنَّهَارِ

Neither at night nor in the day.

وَيَطْلُبُ رُوحَهُ بِالْبَيَاتِ وَفِي آنَاءِ السَّاعَاتِ

And seeks his soul in the state of sleep and in the middle of the hours.

أَسْأَلُكَ الرَّوْحَ وَالرَّاحَةَ عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ

I beseech You to give me ease and comfort at the time of death.

وَالْعُفُوعَ عِنْدَ حِينِ الْقَائِلِ

And forgiveness when I meet You.



DUA FOR QUNOOT OF NAFILA OF LAYL

The following dua for qunoot in Salatul Layl is by
Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (pbuh).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah the Beneficent the
Merciful.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family.

إِلَهِي كَيْفَ أَدْعُوكَ وَقَدْ عَصَيْتُكَ

My God, how can I beseech You when I have
disobeyed You.

وَكَيْفَ لَا أَدْعُوكَ وَقَدْ عَرَفْتُ حُبَّكَ فِي قَلْبِي

And how can I not beseech You when I have
known Your love in my heart.

وَإِنْ كُنْتُ عَاصِيًا مَدَدْتُ إِلَيْكَ يَدًا

As I am a sinner, I have stretched my hand to
You,



بِالذُّنُوبِ مَمْلُوءَةً وَعَيْنًا بِالرَّجَاءِ مَمْدُودَةً

Full of sins, and my eyes with stretched out hope.

مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ عَظِيمُ الْعُظَمَاءِ وَأَنَا أَسِيرُ الْأَسْرَاءِ

My Master, You are the Greatest of the Great and I am the most wretched of prisoners,

أَنَا الْأَسِيرُ بِذُنُوبِي الْمُرْتَهَنُ بِجُرْمِي

I am a prisoner of my sins, a mortgagee of my crimes.

إِلَهِي لَئِنْ طَالَبْتَنِي بِذُنُوبِي لِأُطَالِبَنَّكَ بِكَرَمِكَ

My God if You seek me out for my sins, I will seek You out for Your generosity.

وَلَئِنْ طَالَبْتَنِي بِجُرْمِي لِأُطَالِبَنَّكَ بِعَفْوِكَ

And if You seek me for my crimes, I will seek You for Your pardon.



وَلَئِنْ أَمَرْتَنِي إِلَى النَّارِ لَأُخْبِرَنَّ أَهْلَهَا

And if You command me to the Fire, I will inform the people of the Fire

أَبِي كُنْتُ أَقُولُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

That I used to say there is no god but Allah ; Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ الطَّاعَةَ تَسْرُكَ وَالْمَعْصِيَةَ لَا تَضُرُّكَ

O Allah obedience pleases You, and disobedience does not harm You.

فَهَبْ لِي مَا يَسْرُكَ وَاعْفُرْ لِي مَا لَا يَضُرُّكَ

So grant me what pleases You and forgive me what does not harm You.

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

O most Merciful.



DUA AFTER EVERY 2 RAKATS OF NAFILA OF LAYL

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ وَلَمْ يُسْأَلْ مِثْلَكَ

O Allah I ask from You and there is none like You who is asked.

أَنْتَ مَوْضِعُ مَسْئَلَةِ السَّائِلِينَ

You are the Object of the seeking of the seekers.

وَمُنْتَهَى رَغْبَةِ الرَّاغِبِينَ

And the ultimate aim of the desire of the desirers.



أَدْعُوكَ وَلَمْ يُدْعَ مِثْلَكَ

I call to You for there is none like You who is called.

وَأَرْغَبُ إِلَيْكَ وَلَمْ يُرْغَبْ إِلَى مِثْلِكَ

and I wish from You for there is none like You who is wished from.

أَنْتَ مُجِيبُ دَعْوَةِ الْمُضْطَرِّينَ

You are the One who answers the call of the distressed,

وَأَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

And the most Merciful.

أَسْأَلُكَ بِأَفْضَلِ الْمَسَائِلِ وَأَنْجَحِهَا وَأَعْظَمِهَا

I ask You, by the best of requests and the most successful of them and the most mighty of them.



يَا اللَّهُ يَا رَحْمَنُ يَا رَحِيمُ وَبِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى

O Allah O Beneficent O Merciful, by Your beautiful names.

وَأَمْثَالِكَ الْعُلْيَا وَنِعْمَتِكَ الَّتِي لَا تُحْصَى

And Your elevated examples, and Your favours which cannot be counted.

وَبِأَكْرَمِ أَسْمَائِكَ وَأَحَبِّهَا إِلَيْكَ

And by the most noble of Your names, and the ones You love most.

وَأَقْرَبِهَا مِنْكَ وَسَيْلَةً وَأَشْرَفِهَا عِنْدَكَ مَمْنُورَةً

And the ones closest to You in means, and the one most honoured with You in status.

وَأَجْزَلِهَا لَدَيْكَ ثَوَابًا

And most plentiful with You in reward.



وَأَسْرَعَهَا فِي الْأُمُورِ إِجَابَةً

And ones fastest in getting an answer in the matters.

وَبِاسْمِكَ الْمَكْنُونِ الْأَكْبَرِ الْأَعَزِّ

And by Your hidden name, the Greatest, the most Honourable,

الْأَجَلِّ الْأَعْظَمِ الْأَكْرَمِ

The most Glorious, the Mighty, the Generous.

الَّذِي تُحِبُّهُ وَتَهْوَاهُ وَتَرْضَى بِهِ عَمَّنْ دَعَاكَ

The one which You like and the one You want and the one that makes You pleased with the one who calls You.

فَأَسْتَجِبْتَ لَهُ دُعَاءَهُ

So You answer his prayer.



وَحَقُّ عَلَيْكَ أَنْ لَا تَحْرِمَ سَائِلَكَ

And it is right that You do not deny the one who asks from you.

وَلَا تَرُدُّهُ وَبِكُلِّ اسْمٍ هُوَ لَكَ فِي التَّوْرَاتِ

And do not reject him and by every name that is with You in Tawrat,

وَالْإِنْجِيلِ وَالزَّبُورِ وَالْفُرْقَانِ الْعَظِيمِ

And Injil and Zabur and the Noble Qur'an.

وَبِكُلِّ اسْمٍ دَعَاكَ بِهِ حَمَلَةٌ عَرْشِكَ وَمَلَأَيْكَتَكَ

And by every name that the carriers of Your throne and the angels,

وَأَنْبِيَائِكَ وَرُسُلِكَ وَأَهْلُ طَاعَتِكَ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ

And Your Prophets and Your Messengers and the obedient ones from Your creation have called You with.



أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

(I ask) that You bless Muhammad and his family.

وَأَنْ تُعَجِّلَ فَرَجَ وَلِيِّكَ

And that You hasten the appearance of your Wali.

وَتُعَجِّلَ خِزْيَ أَعْدَائِهِ وَأَنْ تَفْعَلَ بِي . . .

And that You hasten the humiliation of his enemies and that you do for me...

(حَاجَات)

(ask for your needs)



DUA AFTER 8 RAKATS OF NAFILA OF LAYL

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family.

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ

O Allah You are the Ever Living, the Eternal, the Elevated, the Mighty,

الْخَالِقُ الرَّازِقُ الْمُحْيِي الْمُمِيتُ الْبَدِئِيُّ الْبَدِئِيُّ

the Creator, the Sustainer, the One who gives life, and the One who causes to die, the Beginner, the Unique.

لَكَ الْكَرَمُ وَلَكَ الْجُودُ وَلَكَ الْمَنُّ وَلَكَ الْأَمْرُ

For You is nobility, generosity, grace, and the command.



وَحْدَكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ

You are One, there is no partner for You.

يَا خَالِقُ يَا رَازِقُ يَا مُحْيِي يَا مُمِيتُ يَا بَدِيْعُ يَا رَفِيْعُ

O Creator, O Sustainer, O the One who gives
life and the One who causes to die
O the Unique, the Sublime.

أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

I ask you to bless Muhammad and his family.

وَأَنْ تَرْحَمَ ذُلَّ بَيْنِ يَدَيْكَ وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَيْكَ

And to have mercy on my lowliness
before You and my beseeching You,

وَحُشَّتِي مِنَ النَّاسِ وَأُنْسِي بِكَ

And my loneliness from people and my
intimacy with You.



DUA AFTER SALATUSH SHAFA

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family.

إِلَهِي تَعَرَّضَ لَكَ فِي هَذَا اللَّيْلِ الْمُتَعَرِّضُونَ

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

وَقَصَدَكَ فِيهِ الْقَاصِدُونَ

and the aspirers have aspired for You.

وَأَمَلَ فَضْلَكَ وَمَعْرُوفَكَ الطَّالِبُونَ

And the searchers have hoped for Your blessings and grace.



وَلَكَ فِي هَذَا اللَّيْلِ نَفَحَاتٌ

For You have in this night, hidden bounties.

وَجَوَازِئُ وَعَطَايَا وَمَوَاهِبُ

And rewards and presents and gifts.

تَمُنُّ بِهَا عَلَى مَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ

Which You bestow upon whom you please
from Your servants.

وَتَمْنَعُهَا مَنْ لَمْ تَسِبِقْ لَهُ الْعِنَايَةَ مِنْكَ

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

وَهَا أَنَا ذَا عُبَيْدِكَ الْفَقِيرِ إِلَيْكَ

Here I am, Your abject servant in need of You.

الْمُؤَمِّلُ فَضْلِكَ وَمَعْرُوفِكَ

Hopeful of Your blessings and grace.



فَإِنْ كُنْتَ يَا مُؤَلَّي تَفَضَّلْتَ فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ

So, O my Master if You have bestowed blessings on this night,

عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ

On anyone of Your creatures,

وَعُدْتَ عَلَيْهِ بِعَافِيَةٍ مِنْ عَطْفِكَ

And turned to him with affection.

فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

Then bless Muhammad and his family,

الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ الْخَيْرِينَ الْفَاضِلِينَ

The pure, the purified, the virtuous ones, the excellent ones,

وَجِدْ عَلَيَّ بِطَوْلِكَ وَمَعْرُوفِكَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

And favour me with Your grace and bounty.
O Rabb of the worlds,



وَصَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ

And send blessings on Muhammad the seal of the Prophets

وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ وَسَلِّمْ تَسْلِيمًا

And his family, the Purified and salute them with a perfect salutation.

إِنَّ اللّٰهَ حَمِيدٌ مُّجِيدٌ

Surely Allah is praiseworthy, Glorious.

اللّٰهُمَّ إِنِّي أَدْعُوكَ كَمَا أَمَرْتَ

O Allah I have supplicated to You as You have commanded,

فَأَسْتَجِبْ لِي كَمَا وَعَدْتَ

then answer me as You have promised,

إِنَّكَ لَا تُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ

Surely You do not break Your promises.



DUA FOR BEGINNING OF QUNOOT OF SALATUL WITR

(Taught by our 5th Imam (pbuh))

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْخَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ

There is no god but Allah, the Forbearing the Noble

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ

There is no god but Allah, the High, the Mighty

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَاوَاتِ السَّبْعِ

Glory be to the Rabb of the seven heavens,

وَرَبِّ الْأَرْضَيْنِ السَّبْعِ

And the Rabb of the seven earths.



وَمَا فِيهِنَّ وَمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ وَمَا فَوْقَهُنَّ

And what is in them and what is between them,
And what is above them,

وَمَا تَحْتَهُنَّ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

And what is under them, Rabb of the Mighty throne.

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ نُورُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

O Allah, You are Allah, the Light of the heavens and the earth.

وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ زَيْنُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

You are Allah, the Ornament of the heavens and the earth.

وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ جَمَالُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

You are Allah, the Beauty of the heavens and the earth.

وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ عِمَادُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

You are Allah, the Pillar of the heavens and the earth.



وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ قَوَامُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

You are Allah, the Support of the heavens and the earth.

وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ صَرِيحُ الْمُسْتَصْرِحِينَ

You are Allah, the Object of those who call out for help.

وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ غِيَاثُ الْمُسْتَعِيثِينَ

You are Allah, the Helper of those who seek help.

وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ الْمُفْرِجُ عَنِ الْمَكْرُوبِينَ

You are Allah, the Reliever of those in distress.

وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ الْمُرْوِّحُ عَنِ الْمَغْمُومِينَ

You are Allah, the one who gives happiness to the grieved.

وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ مُجِيبُ دَعْوَةِ الْمُضْطَرِّينَ

You are Allah, the one who answers the call of the distressed.



وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ إِلَهَ الْعَالَمِينَ

You are Allah, God of the worlds.

وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

You are Allah, the most merciful.



DUA TO BE RECITED AT THE END OF QUNOOT OF SALATUL WITR

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family.

سَيِّدِي سَيِّدِي هَذِهِ يَدَايِ قَدْ مَدَدْتُهُمَا

My Master, My Master, I have stretched out these hands,

إِلَيْكَ بِالذُّنُوبِ الْمَلُوءَةِ

To You full of sins,

وَعَيْنَايَ بِالرَّجَاءِ مَمْدُودَةً

And my eyes stretched out with hope.



وَحَقُّ يَمُنْ دَعَاكَ بِاللَّذَمِ تَذُلًّا

And it is the right of the one who calls You with regret and humility.

أَنْ تُجِيبَهُ بِالكَرَمِ تَفْضُلًا

That You answer him with Generosity and Grace.

سَيِّدِي أَمِنْ أَهْلِ الشَّقَاءِ خَلَقْتَنِي

My master, have You created me from the unfortunate ones.

فَأَطِيلُ بُكَائِي

So I should lengthen my weeping?

أَمْ مِنْ أَهْلِ السَّعَادَةِ خَلَقْتَنِي فَأَبَشِّرُ رَجَائِي

Or have You created me from the fortunate ones so I should give glad tidings to my hopes?



سَيِّدِي لَوْ أَنَّ عَبْدًا اسْتَطَاعَ الْهَرَبَ مِنْ مَوْلَاهُ

My master, if a servant was able to escape from his Master.

لَكُنْتُ أَوَّلَ الْهَارِبِينَ مِنْكَ

Then I would be the first of those who escape from You,

لَكِنِّي أَعْلَمُ أَيَّيَّي لَأَفُوتَكَ

But I know that I cannot escape You.

إِلَهِي وَسَيِّدِي اِرْحَمْنِي مَصْرُوعًا عَلَى الْفِرَاشِ

My God and my master, have mercy on me when I am lying on my bed [dead].

تُقَلِّبُنِي أَيِّدِي أَحِبَّتِي

And the hands of my loved ones,



وَارْحَمْنِي مَطْرُوحًا عَلَى الْمُغْتَسَلِ

Turn me when I am placed on the place of ghusl.

يُغَسِّلُنِي صَالِحُ جِيرَتِي

And the virtuous near ones wash me.

وَارْحَمْنِي فَحْمُورًا قَدْ تَنَا

Have mercy on me when I am being carried,

وَلِالْأَقْرَبَاءِ أَطْرَافَ جَنَازَتِي

And my relatives have surrounded my coffin.

وَارْحَمْنِي فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَيْتِ الْمُظْلِمِ

Have mercy on me in that dark house on my fear,

وَحُشَّتِي وَعُرْبَتِي وَوَحْدَاتِي

My separation, and my loneliness have mercy on me.



DUA AFTER RISING FROM RUKU OF SALATUL WITR

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family.

هَذَا مَقَامُ مَنْ حَسَنَاتُهُ نِعْمَةٌ مِنْكَ

This is the position of one whose good deeds are (on account) of Your favours.

وَشُكْرُهُ ضَعِيفٌ وَذَنْبُهُ عَظِيمٌ

His gratitude is deficient, and his sins are mighty.

وَلَيْسَ لِدَالِكَ إِلَّا رِفْقُكَ وَرَحْمَتُكَ

And there is nothing for him except Your kindness and mercy.



فَإِنَّكَ قُلْتَ فِي كِتَابِكَ الْمُنْزَلِ

For Surely You have said in Your Book revealed,

عَلَى نَبِيِّكَ الْمُرْسَلِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ

To Your sent Prophet blessing of Allah be on him and his family.

كَانُوا قَلِيلًا مِنَ اللَّيْلِ مَا يَهْجَعُونَ

They slept little of the night.

وَبِالْأَسْحَارِ هُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ

And sought forgiveness at dawn. (51:17-18)

طَالَ هُجُوعِي وَقَلَّ قِيَامِي وَهَذَا السَّحْرُ

My sleep has lengthened, and my rising is less this dawn.

وَ أَنَا أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِذُنُوبِي

I seek Your forgiveness for my sins.



إِسْتِغْفَارَ مَنْ لَا يَجِدُ لِنَفْسِهِ ضَرًّا

A seeking of forgiveness of one who does not find for himself any harm,

وَلَا نَفْعًا وَلَا مَوْتًا وَلَا حَيَاةً وَلَا نُشُورًا

Or benefit, or death, or life, or rising [except from You].



