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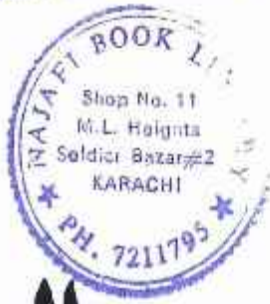


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SAY:

صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم

S'ALLALLAAHU A'LAYHI WA
AALIHEE WA SALLAM

Whenever you read or say the name or any
epithet or appellation of the Holy Prophet.

SAY:

عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

A'LAYHIS SALAAM

Whenever you read or say the name or any
epithet or appellation of any Imam of the Ahl
ul Bayt, any prophet or messenger of Allah,
and any distinguished member of the family
of the Holy Prophet.

SAY:

صَلَوَاتُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهَا

S'ALAAWAATULLAAHI A'LAYHAA

Whenever you read or say the name of
Fatimah Zahra, Khadija Kubra, Zaynab Binti
Ali, Maryam and Asiya.

BEFORE RECITING EVERY VERSE
SAY

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

ALLAAHUMMA S'ALLI A'LAA
MUH'AMMADIN WA AALI MUH'AMMAD
[O Allah send blessings on Muhammad and
on the children of Muhammad.]
and then say

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

BISMILLAAHIR RAH'MAANIR RAH'EEM
[In the name of Allah, the beneficent,
the merciful.]

IN THE END SAY SALAWAT AGAIN.

I

NIGHT A'-MAAL

- (1) It is highly desirable to see the first night moon.
- (2) Pray the following optional and desirable *mustahab* prayers (*salat*), all or as many as you can, during the first night.
 - (i) 100 *rak-a't salat*.
(in sets of 2 *rak-a'ts*)
In every *rak-a't* recite al Fatihah and al Ikhlas.
 - (iii) 2 *rak-a't salat*.
In the first *rak-a't* recite al Fatihah and al An-a'm.
In the second *rak-a't* recite al Fatihah and Al Yasin.
 - (iii) 2 *rak-a't salat*.
In every *rak-a't*, after the recitation of al Fatihah, recite al Ikhlas 11 times.

IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO KEEP FAST ON EVERY DAY; FROM 1ST TO 9TH, BUT FASTING ON THE 10TH IS PROHIBITED.

DAY A'-MAAL

- (1) Imam Ali bin Musa al Riza said that the Holy Prophet used to pray two *rak-a'ts* on the first and, at the end, recite the following *dua'a*, 3 times, raising both his hands towards the sky:

My Allah, You are the eternal God, and this is the beginning of another new year; I, therefore, request You, in this hour, to keep off Shaytan, to give me control over my *self*, inclined to sin and deviation, so that it brings me near You. O Compassionate! O the Owner of majesty and kindness! O Supporter of him who has no supporter! O Provider of him who has no provisions! O He who watches over him who has no protection! O He who comes to help him who has no hope of help! O reliance for him who has no one to lean upon! O treasure of him who has nothing in the purse! O He who knows well how to put to test and trial! O the ultimate hope! O the strength of the weak! O the rescuer of the drowning! O He who saves from destruction! O He who bestows bounties! O He who shows courtesy and treats with benevolence! O He who treats with kindness and generosity! O He who does favours! You are He before whom prostrate in adoration the blackness of the night and the brightness of the day, the moonlight of the moon, the sunlight of the sun, the ripple of the water, the trunks of the trees! O Allah, There is no associate with You! O Allah make us generous, good and high-minded, more than that which they can imagine or speculate, cover and escort us with that which they know not, and do not (even) associate us with that which they say. Sufficient is Allah (for me), there is no god save He, on Him I

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الْإِلَهُ الْقَدِيمُ وَهَذِهِ سَنَةٌ
 جَدِيدَةٌ فَاسْئَلُكَ فِيهَا الْعِصْمَةَ مِنَ
 الشَّيْطَانِ وَالْقُوَّةَ عَلَى هَذِهِ النَّفْسِ
 الْأَمَّارَةِ بِالسُّوءِ وَالْإِشْتِغَالَ بِمَا يُقَرِّبُنِي
 إِلَيْكَ يَا كَرِيمُ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ يَا عِمَادَ
 مَنْ لَا عِمَادَ لَهُ يَا ذَخِيرَةَ مَنْ لَا ذَخِيرَةَ
 لَهُ يَا حُرْزَ مَنْ لَا حُرْزَ لَهُ يَا غِيَاثَ مَنْ لَا
 غِيَاثَ لَهُ يَا سَنَدَ مَنْ لَا سَنَدَ لَهُ يَا كَنْزَ
 مَنْ لَا كَنْزَ لَهُ يَا حَسَنَ الْبَلَاءِ يَا عَظِيمَ
 الرَّجَاءِ يَا عِزَّ الضُّعْفَاءِ يَا مُنْقِذَ الْغُرَقَى
 يَا مُنْجِيَ الْهَلَكَى يَا مُنْعِمَ الْهَاجِلِ يَا مُفْضِلَ
 يَا مُحْسِنُ أَنْتَ الَّذِي سَجَدَ لَكَ سَوَادُ اللَّيْلِ
 وَنُورُ النَّهَارِ وَضَوْءُ الْقَمَرِ وَشُعَاعُ الشَّمْسِ
 وَدَوِيُّ الْمَاءِ وَحَفِيفُ الشَّجَرِ يَا اللَّهُ لَا
 شَرِيكَ لَكَ اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنَا خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ
 يَظُنُّونَ وَاغْفِرْ لَنَا مَا لَا يَعْلَمُونَ وَلَا
 تَوَاخِذْنَا بِمَا يَقُولُونَ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ

rely, and He is the Lord of the great *arsh*. We believe that all is from our Lord, and do not say (this) save those who have sincere hearts and intelligent minds. Our Lord, cause not our hearts to stray after You have guided us, and bestow upon us mercy from Your presence. Verily You are the bestower.

(2) The Holy Prophet said that whoso prays two *rak-a't salat* on the first of Muharram, the first day of the year, and keeps fast, is like that person who does good throughout the year, therefore, enjoys total protection under the safe custody of the almighty Allah, and when dies goes directly to paradise.

(3) Imam Ali bin Musa al Riza said that whoso keeps fast today and invokes Allah receives full satisfaction and gets what he or she wants, just as prophet Zakariyyah's *dua'a* was fulfilled by Allah.

(4) Another two *rak-a't salat* to be prayed today is as under:

In the first *rak-a't*, after the recitation of al Fatihah, recite al Ikhlas 30 times.

In the second *rak-a't* after the recitation of al Fatihah, recite al Qadr 30 times.

After the *salam* recite the following *dua'as*:

إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

أَمَّا بِهِ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ عِنْدَ رَبِّنَا وَمَا يَذْكُرُونَ
إِلَّا أُولُوا الْأَلْبَابِ رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا
بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ
رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

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(I) There is not a creature that moves on the earth but on Allah is the sustenance thereof. He knows its resting place and its repository. Everything is in the clear (manifest) book.

(II) If Allah touches you with affliction, none can remove it but He. Verily He is forgiving, merciful.

(III) Allah will soon bring ease after hardship.

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

Allah is sufficient for us. Most excellent is He who protects us. I entrust my affair to Allah. Verily, Allah keeps an eye on (His) servants.

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

O Lord, verily I have need of what You have sent me of the good.

O Lord, do not leave me alone (childless) though You are the best of inheritors.

وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا عَلَى
اللَّهِ رِزْقُهَا

وَيَعْلَمُ مُسْتَقَرَّهَا وَمُسْتَوْدَعَهَا كُلٌّ فِي
كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ

وَإِنْ يَمْسَسْكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ
لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ وَإِنْ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

سَيَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ بَعْدَ عُسْرٍ يُسْرًا مَا شَاءَ
اللَّهُ لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ
وَكِيلٌ وَأَقْوَضُ أَمْرِي إِلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَصِيرٌ
بِالْعِبَادِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ
مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ رَبِّ إِنِّي لَمَّا أَنْزَلْتَ
إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِي فَرْدًا
وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْوَارِثِينَ

FOR ISAL-E-SAWAB

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NIGHT OF A'SHURA

It is a proof of sincere devotion to Allah if we, Imam Husayn's followers, spend this night in Allah's worship.

"Whoso spends this night near the grave of Imam Husayn, awake, worshipping Allah, till the daybreak, Allah will raise him or her, on the day of judgement, alongwith the martyrs of Karbala."

There are several types of prayers and *dua's* for this night. Some are given below:

(1) Pray a 100 *rak-a't salat* (in sets of 2 *rak-a'ts*) as under:

In every *rak-a't*, after the recitation of al Fatiha, recite al Ikhlas 3 times.

At the end, after *salam*, recite the following 70 times:

Glory be to Allah. Praise be to Allah. There is no god save Allah. Allah is the greatest. There is no power and no strength save with Allah, the high, the great.

I ask for Allah's pardon and unto Him I turn repentant.

(2) Recite *salawat* as many times as possible.

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
 اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا
 بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

- (3) Pronounce *la-a'n* to condemn and curse the killers of Imam Husayn as under:

O Allah lay a curse upon the killers of Imam Husayn, peace be on him.

(in another *la-a'n awlaadihee wa as'h'aabihee* is added).

- (4) Pray a 4 *rak-a't salat* as under:

In every *rak-a't*, after the recitation of al Fatihah, recite Ayatul Kuresee, al Ikhlas, al Falaq, al Nas, 10 times each.

After the *salam* recite again al Ikhlas 100 times.

- (5) Pray a 4 *rak-a't salat* as under:
In every *rak-a't*, after the recitation of al Fatihah, recite al Ikhlas 50 times.
(This *salat* is known as *salat* of Amirul Muminin).

- (6) Recite Ziyarat Wartiha)(see page 70).

- (7) One of the most rewarding A'mal, to night, is *tahajjud salat*.

اللَّهُمَّ اُعَنْ قَتْلَةَ الْحُسَيْنِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ

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DAY OF A'SHURA

Today is the day of martyrdom of Imam Husayn, his relatives and friends.

After *Fajr salat* till the *Zuhar salat* the following *a'mal* are carried out:

(1) Say:

(i) O Allah, condemn and curse the killers of Husayn, his family and friends.

(ii) Would that I was at your disposal, and had attained the much cherished success.

(iii) Say the following when you meet *mumin* brothers/sisters:

Allah gives much and highly satisfying recompense to us and you (when) we grieve for Husayn, peace be on him, and He lets us and you become avengers of his blood alongwith his successor, Imam Mahdi, the direct descendant of Muhammad, peace be on him.

(2) Pray the following 4 *rak-a't salat*, standing under the sky:

in the first *rak-a't*, after recitation of al *Fatihah*, recite al *Kafirun*,

اَللّٰهُمَّ الْعَنْ قَتْلَةَ الْحُسَيْنِ وَ اَوْلَادِهِ
وَ اصْحَابِهِ

يَا لَيْتَنِي كُنْتُ مَعَهُمْ فَافُوزَ فَوْزًا عَظِيْمًا

اَعْظَمَ اللهُ اُجُوْرَنَا وَ اُجُوْرَكُمْ بِصَابِنَا
بِالْحُسَيْنِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ وَ جَعَلَنَا وَ اِيَّاكُمْ
مِنَ الطَّالِبِيْنَ بِثَارِهِ مَعَ وَلِيِّهِ الْاِمَامِ
الْمُهَدِيِّ مِنْ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ

in the 2nd *rak-a't*, after the recitation of al Fatihah, recite al Ikhlas.

in the 3rd *rak-a't*, after the recitation al Fatihah recite al Ah'zab.

in the 4th *rak-a't*, after the recitation of al Fatihah, recite al Munafiqun.

(3) After the *sa'at*, say 1000 times:

O Allah condemn and lay a curse upon the killers of Husayn, his family and friends.

(4) Take a few steps forward and say:

Verily we are Allah's and verily unto Him we return, agreeing with His decree and accepting his command.

(5) Then go back to your place where you were standing and recite:

ZIYARAT ASHURA (1)

O Allah, condemn and punish the licentious profligates who made the life of Your messenger miserable; and waged war against Your close friends, and worshipped others, (but) not You, deemed lawful (that which) You had forbidden; and bring a curse upon their leaders, followers, on those who were in them, secretly or distinctly were hand in glove with them, or condoning their misdeeds - a great many curses.

اَللّٰهُمَّ الْعَن قَتْلَةَ الْحُسَيْنِ وَاَوْلَادِهِ
وَاَصْحَابِهِ

اِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَاِنَّا اِلَيْهِ رَاٰجِعُوْنَ رِضًا
بِقَضَائِهِ وَتَسْلِيمًا لِأَمْرِهِ

زیارت عاشوراء (۱)

اَللّٰهُمَّ عَذِّبِ الْفَجْرَةَ الَّذِيْنَ شَاقُّوْا
رَسُوْلَكَ وَحَارَبُوْا اَوْلِيَآئَكَ وَعَبَدُوْا غَيْرَكَ
وَاسْتَحَلُّوْا مَحَارِمَكَ وَالْعَنِ الْقَادَةَ
وَالْاُتْبَاعَ وَمَنْ كَانَ مِنْهُمْ فَخَبٌّ وَ
اَوْضَعْ مَعَهُمْ اَوْ رِضًى بِفِعْلِهِمْ لَعْنًا
كَثِيْرًا

O Allah, bring joy and happiness quickly for "*aali Muhammad*", (the children of Muhammad), bestow Your blessings on him and on them, save them from the dangerous clutches of the undercover two-timers (wolves in sheep's clothing), and the obstinate disbelievers; grant them (the Ahl ul Bayt) an easy victory; create favourable conditions for them to make life full of love and thought, cheerful, free of care, as early as possible. On Your authority let them have full control over Your enemies, (which are also) their enemies, to help, rescue and defend (mankind).

[Then raise your hands, having in mind the enemies of "*aali Muhammad*", and say:]

O my Allah, indeed a great many among the people declared war, laid traps and intrigued against the careful and gentle guardians who observed and fulfilled the duty. The ungratefals (the said opponents) renounced the faith and did not, in fact, believe in the *kalimah* (LAA ILAAHA ILLALLAAH); attached themselves to the trend setters of disorder and tyranny; disowned and gave up the book and the (divine) rule of life; swerved from and angled off the two strings which according to Your commandment, (they) should have held fast and stuck close by; undermined and

اللَّهُمَّ وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ
اجْعَلْ صَلَوَاتِكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَيْهِمْ وَاسْتَنْقِذْهُمْ
مِنْ أَيْدِي الْمُنَافِقِينَ الْمُضِلِّينَ وَالْكَافِرَةِ
الْجَاوِدِينَ وَافْتَحْ لَهُمْ فَتْحًا يَسِيرًا وَ
اتِّخِ لَهُمْ رَوْحًا وَفَرَجًا قَرِيبًا وَاجْعَلْ
لَهُمْ مِنْ لَدُنْكَ عَلَى عِدْوِكَ وَعَدُوِّهِمْ
سُلْطَانًا نَصِيرًا

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْأُمَّةِ نَاصَبَتْ
الْمُسْتَحْفِظِينَ مِنَ الْأُثْمَةِ وَكَفَرَتْ
بِالْكَلِمَةِ وَعَاكَفَتْ عَلَى الْقَادَةِ الظَّالِمَةِ
وَهَجَرَتْ الْكِتَابَ وَالسُّنَّةَ وَعَدَلَتْ
عَنِ الْحَبْلَيْنِ الَّذِينَ أَمَرَتْ بِطَاعَتِهِمَا
وَالْتَمَسَتْ بِهِمَا فَاِمَاتَتِ الْحَقَّ وَحَادَتْ

twisted the truth; went, away from the real purpose, in the opposite direction; encouraged partisanship; altered and falsified the book; refused to believe in the evident proof and rightful claim; whenever confronted face to face, chose falsehood; whenever came across, lost their way and corrupted Your laws; Islam; led people astray; killed the children of Your prophet, Your liberal high-minded servants, bearers of Your knowledge, inheritors of Your wisdom and revelation, the book. O my Allah, upset and overturn the plan and movement of Your enemies, (who are also) the enemies of Your messenger and the children of Your messenger. O my Allah, put a stop to the spread of their sphere of influence; make their equipment and men unserviceable, their expression confused and contradictory; break up their support; crack up their strategy; lay hold upon them, hit and cut off by Your one sharp strike; throw them down, frightened by Your hard unnerving blows; bury them under the swallowing mud of disasters; let them be mean and contemptible under the yoke of despicable penance; bring them to book and let them have the taste of a hard and sharp retribution; fester them with definite and exemplary punishment, as You wipes out Your enemies. It is beyond the shadow of doubt that You cracks down upon the criminals.

عَنِ الْقَصْدِ وَمَالَاتِ الْأُخْرَابِ وَحَرَفَتْ
 الْكِتَابَ وَكَفَرَتْ بِالْحَقِّ لَمَّا جَاءَهَا
 وَتَهَسَّكَتْ بِالْبَاطِلِ لَمَّا اعْتَرَضَهَا وَضَيَّعَتْ
 حَقَّكَ وَأَضَلَّتْ خَلْقَكَ وَقَتَلَتْ
 أَوْلَادَ نَبِيِّكَ وَخَيْرَةَ عِبَادِكَ وَحَمَلَةَ عِلْمِكَ
 وَوَرِثَةَ حِكْمَتِكَ وَوَحْيِكَ اللَّهُمَّ
 فَزَلْزِلْ أَقْدَامَ أَعْدَائِكَ وَأَعْدَاءِ رَسُولِكَ
 وَأَهْلِ بَيْتِ رَسُولِكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَأَخْرِبْ
 دِيَارَهُمْ وَأَفْلُلْ سِلَاحَهُمْ وَخَالِفْ
 بَيْنَ كَلِمَتِهِمْ وَفُتِّ فِي أَعْضَادِهِمْ وَ
 أَوْهِنْ كَيْدَهُمْ وَاضْرِبْهُمْ بِسَيْفِكَ
 الْقَاطِعِ وَأَرْمِهِمْ بِحَجَرِكَ الدَّامِغِ
 وَطُبِّهِمْ بِالْبَلَاءِ طُمًّا وَقُتِّهِمْ بِالْعَذَابِ
 قُمًّا وَعَذِّبْهُمْ عَذَابًا نَكْرًا وَخُذْهُمْ
 بِالسِّنِينَ وَالْمُثَلَّاتِ الَّتِي أَهْلَكْتَ بِهَا
 أَعْدَاءَكَ إِنَّكَ ذُو نِقْمَةٍ مِنَ الْمُجْرِمِينَ

O my Allah, the way of life approved by You has been tossed aside; Your code of law has been suspended; and the descendants of the Holy Prophet, in this world, had been tormented. O my Allah, therefore, give all Your attention and care to signify truth, and the upholders of truth; restrain and prevent falsehood, and the camp-followers of falsehood, and take us to safety as a favour; guide us to true faith; make available for us, as soon as possible, happiness and bliss; bring everything in to good order through the inspiring presence of Your representatives; make us desire and love them; make them receive us with open arms. O my Allah, bring to nothing those who celebrate the day the choicest (grand) son of Your prophet was martyred, in cheerful amusement; laugh and enjoy in utter delight and indulge in wanton boisterous merriment. So catch hold of and punish each one of the remaining, just as You cracked down on the early (culprits); make twice as much the penalty O my Allah, and let this punishment a warning example, (while convicting) the tyrants who took liberties with and abused the children of Your prophet; give the death blow to their henchmen, put an end to their headmen, wipe out their patrons and their groups altogether. O my Allah, multiply Your blessings generously,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ سُتَّتَكَ ضَائِعَةٌ وَأَحْكَامَكَ
 مَعْطَلَةٌ وَعِثْرَةُ نَبِيِّكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ
 هَائِلَةٌ اللَّهُمَّ فَأَعِنِ الْحَقَّ وَأَهْلَهُ وَ
 أَقْبِعِ الْبَاطِلَ وَأَهْلَهُ وَمَنْ عَلَيْنَا بِالنَّجَاةِ
 وَاهْدِنَا إِلَى الْإِيمَانِ وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَنَا وَ
 انْظِمِّهِ بِفَرَجِ أَوْلِيَاءِكَ وَاجْعَلْهُمْ لَنَا
 وَدًّا وَاجْعَلْنَا لَهُمْ وَفْدًا اللَّهُمَّ وَ
 أَهْلِكَ مَنْ جَعَلَ يَوْمَ قَتْلِ ابْنِ نَبِيِّكَ
 وَخَيْرَتِكَ عِيدًا وَاسْتَهْلَ بِهِ فَرَجًا
 وَمَرَحًا وَخُذْ أَخْرَهُمْ كَمَا أَخَذْتَ
 أَوْلَهُمْ وَضَاعِفِ اللَّهُمَّ الْعَذَابَ
 وَالتَّشْكِيلَ عَلَى ظَالِمِي أَهْلِ بَيْتِ نَبِيِّكَ
 وَأَهْلِكَ أَشْيَاعَهُمْ وَقَادَتْهُمْ وَأَبْرَ
 حَمَاتَهُمْ وَجَمَاعَتَهُمُ اللَّهُمَّ وَضَاعِفِ
 صَلَوَاتِكَ

Your mercy liberally, Your favours like a windfall (You bestow) upon the children of Your prophet, whom, Your enemies tried to ignore, frighten and corner, the children who are the blooming pride of the fragrant strongly grown and fertile tree. Let people subscribe to and uphold, O my Allah, their expressed refined (thoughts), and get the better of the antagonists in debate and disputations through their arguments, put the dark clouds of trouble, distress, nothingness and ignorance to flight, through (on account of) them, make firm and strong the hearts and minds of their followers (to know things for certain and give correct answers), to belong to Your party, obedient to You; to love them; to support them; stand by them; signify them. They exercised self-control whenever they put up with damage and injury in Your cause. Bring in, for them, the days, people will see them and find them among themselves to pronounce the profession of true faith, a blissful and happy time; be quick in providing relief and joy, after a long period of suffering (to them and us) on account of their presence; bring on their worthy, decent and refined sphere of influence; and support them as You have given a guarantee in this connection in Your revealed book; You said, (and Your words are always true): "Allah has

وَرَحْمَتِكَ وَبَرَكَاتِكَ عَلَى
عِثْرَةِ نَبِيِّكَ الْعِثْرَةِ الضَّالَّةِ الْخَائِفَةِ
الْمُسْتَذَلَّةِ بَقِيَّةٍ مِنَ الشَّجَرَةِ الطَّيِّبَةِ
الزَّائِكَةِ الْمُبَارَكَةِ وَأَعْلِ اللَّهُمَّ كَلِمَتَهُمْ
وَأَفْلِجْ حُجَّتَهُمْ وَاكْشِفِ الْبَلَاءَ وَالْأَوَاءَ
وَحَنَادِسَ الْإِبَاطِيلِ وَالْعَمَى عَنْهُمْ وَثَبِّتْ
قُلُوبَ شَيْعَتِهِمْ وَحِزْبِكَ عَلَى طَاعَتِكَ
وَوِلَايَتِهِمْ وَنُصْرَتِهِمْ وَمُؤَالَاةِهِمْ وَ
أَعِزَّهُمْ وَأَمْنَحْهُمْ الصَّبْرَ عَلَى الْأَذَى
فِيكَ وَاجْعَلْهُمْ أَيَّامًا مَشْهُودَةً وَأَوْقَاتًا
مَحْمُودَةً مَسْعُودَةً تُوشِكُ فِيهَا فَرَجَهُمْ
وَتُوجِبُ فِيهَا تَمْكِينَهُمْ وَنُصْرَهُمْ كَمَا
ضَمِنْتَ لِأَوْلِيَائِكَ فِي كِتَابِكَ الْمُنَزَّلِ
فَإِنَّكَ قُلْتَ وَقَوْلُكَ الْحَقُّ وَعَدَا اللَّهُ

promised to appoint those of you who believe and do good deeds, successors in the earth, as he had appointed those before them, and He shall certainly establish their religion (Islam) which He has chosen for them, and He will give them in exchange security after their fear. They shall worship Me and not associate any one with Me." Therefore disperse the dark clouds hanging over them, no one has power to keep safe from pain and distress save He, O Unique! O Single! O Everliving! O Self-subsisting! I, O my Allah, Your bondman, cautious and (always) aware of Your just requital, turn to You with a request, standing before You, to seek the favour of taking refuge with You, in Your courtyard, fully aware of the fact that there is no way to run away from You except unto You. O my Allah, accede to my request, take notice of my open supplication or secret prayer. O my Allah, and let me be the one whose conduct satisfies You, (whose) pious life devoted to You receives Your approval, (whom) You brings to a place of safety thorough Your mercy; verily You are rare, dear and beloved (because of) Your kindness. O my Allah, send blessings, in the beginning and at the end, on Muhammad and on the children of Muhammad; keep at peace at all times Muhammad and the children of

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ
لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفْنَا
الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ
دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ
مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا
يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا اللَّهُمَّ فَاكْشِفْ
غُمَّتَهُمْ يَا مَنْ لَا يَمْلِكُ كُشْفَ الضُّرِّ
إِلَّا هُوَ يَا وَاحِدُ يَا أَحَدُ يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ
وَأَنَا يَا إِلَهِي عَبْدُكَ الْخَائِفُ مِنْكَ
وَالرَّاجِعُ إِلَيْكَ السَّائِلُ لَكَ الْمُقْبِلُ
عَلَيْكَ اللَّاجِئُ إِلَى فِتْنَتِكَ الْعَالِمُ
بِأَنَّهُ لَا مَلْجَأَ مِنْكَ إِلَّا إِلَيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ
فَتَقَبَّلْ دُعَائِي وَاسْمَعْ يَا إِلَهِي عَلَانِيَتِي
وَنَجْوَايَ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ رَضِيتَ عَمَلَهُ
وَقَبِلْتَ نُسُكَهُ وَنَجَّيْتَهُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ
إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْكَرِيمُ اللَّهُمَّ وَصَلِّ
أَوْ لَا وَآخِرًا عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ

Muhammad, let Your love and tenderness always envelop Muhammad and the children of Muhammad, more thoroughly and decisively than You had blessed, kept at peace and loved Your prophets, messengers, angels and the bearers of Your *arsh*, in the name of and for the sake of "LAA ILAAHA ILLAA ANTA". O my Allah, let there be no separation between me and Muhammad and the children of Muhammad, Your blessings be on him and them; let me be one among the friends and followers of Muhammad, Ali, Fatimah, Hasan and Husayn, and their pure and select descendants; give me the insight to cling to their friendship, and be always ready to walk with them, and make use of their life style; verily You are liberal, generous and kind.

[Now go into prostration (*sajdah*), keep either side of your face on the earth, one after the other, and say]:

O He who decrees that which He wills, does that which He wants. It is You who possess and exercise absolute power; therefore (all) praise is for You (only); (You alone are) the praiseworthy, the thankworthy. O my master, let them have a life full of love and peace, and let us share the harmony and bliss with them, because You have given a guarantee to put them on the highest pedestal of love, honour and wisdom,

بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَارْحَمْ
 مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَ مُحَمَّدٍ بِالْكَمْلِ وَأَفْضَلِ مَا
 صَلَّيْتَ وَبَارَكْتَ وَتَرَحَّمْتَ عَلَى أَنْبِيَائِكَ
 وَرُسُلِكَ وَمَلَائِكَتِكَ وَحَمَلَةِ عَرْشِكَ
 بِدَوَائِلِهِ إِلَّا أَنْتَ اللَّهُمَّ لَا تُفَرِّقْ بَيْنِي
 وَبَيْنَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَوَاتِكَ عَلَيْهِ
 وَعَلَيْهِمْ وَاجْعَلْنِي يَا مَوْلَايَ مِنْ شِيعَةِ
 مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلِيٍّ وَفَاطِمَةَ وَالْحَسَنِ وَالْحُسَيْنِ
 وَذُرِّيَّتِهِمُ الطَّاهِرَةِ الْمُتَجَبَّةِ وَهَبْ
 لِي التَّسْلُكَ بِحَبْلِهِمْ وَالرِّضَا بِسَبِيلِهِمْ
 وَالْإِخْذَ بِطَرِيقَتِهِمْ إِنَّكَ جَوَادُ كَرِيمٌ

يَا مَنْ يَحْكُمُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيَفْعَلُ مَا يُرِيدُ
 أَنْتَ حَكَمْتَ فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ فَحَمُودًا مَشْكُورًا
 فَعَجِّلْ يَا مَوْلَايَ فَرَجَهُمْ وَفَرَجَنَا بِهِمْ
 فَإِنَّكَ ضَمِنْتَ إِعْزَازَهُمْ

after the severest trial and tribulation, to do too much for them, exceeding all bounds, after they had put up with the worldly minimum (in Your cause), to make them distinct and evident after (Your enemies) kept them in obscurity, O the most truthful, O the most merciful, I beseech You, O my Lord, and master, humble and weak before You, to throw wide open doors of Your generosity and kindness to let my hope of fulfillment of heart's desires come true, and get and gather what I want in surplus; and make valid my deeds, whether insignificant-looking or weighty, prolong my days until I am satisfied with being an eyewitness, and give testimony, and be among those who are called upon, so run to obey them, love them and support them (the descendants of the Holy Prophet); make me see that very soon, close at hand, in good health, sound mind and with believing heart, verily You are able to do all things.

[Raise your head, look towards the sky and say:]

In You do I seek refuge that I should be among those who hope not for Your "days", so make me full well and be there, O my master, through Your mercy, in that time.

بَعْدَ الدَّلَّةِ

وَتَكْثِيرَهُمْ بَعْدَ الْقَلَّةِ وَإِظْهَارَهُمْ
بَعْدَ الْخُضُولِ يَا أَصْدَقَ الصَّادِقِينَ وَيَا
أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ فَاسْئَلْكَ يَا إِلَهِي وَ
سَيِّدِي مُتَضَرِّعًا إِلَيْكَ بِجُودِكَ وَ

كَرَمِكَ

بَسْطَ أَمْلِي وَالتَّجَاوَزَ عَنِّي وَقُبُولَ قَلِيلِ
عَمَلِي وَكَثِيرِهِ وَالزِّيَادَةَ فِي أَيَّامِي وَ
تَبْلِيغِي ذَلِكَ الْمَشْهَدَ وَأَنْ تَجْعَلَنِي مِمَّنْ
يُدْعَى فَيُجِيبُ إِلَى طَاعَتِهِمْ وَمَوَالِيَتِهِمْ
وَنَصْرِهِمْ وَتُرِينِي ذَلِكَ قَرِيبًا سَرِيعًا
فِي عَافِيَةٍ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَكُونَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَرْجُونَ
أَيَّامَكَ فَأَعِذْنِي يَا إِلَهِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ

ZIYARAT ASHURA (2)

(6) Have a bath, go under the sky, pray a 2 *rak-a't salat*, like Farj *salat*, and recites the following Ziyarat of Imam Husayn, after *salam*, facing Karbala:

{Imam Muhamamd bin Ali al Baqir told Alqama ibn Muhammad to recite this *dua'a* on the day of *ashurah* and whoso recitse this Ziyarat enjoys the status of the martyrs of Karbala, and gets the recompense like those who go to Karbala to perform Imam Husayn's Ziyarat.}

Peace be on you, O Aba Abdillah! Peace be on you, O son of the messenger of Allah. Peace be on you, O son of the commander of the faithfuls, the forebear of the successors! Peace be on you, O son of Fatimah, the choicest among the women of the worlds. Peace be on you, O the select, surpassing, chosen in preference over all good of Allah, and son of Allah's (such) good. Peace be on you, whose blood claimer is Allah, son of he whose blood claimer is also Allah, (because) so far no one has taken revenge of your murder. Peace be on you and on those souls who had gathered in your camp, and strided along with you, in your journey. I pray and invoke Allah to keep all of you tranquil and restful, for ever; so far I am alive, this is my prayer, and till nights and days follow

زیارت عاشوراء (۲)

السلام عليك يا ابا عبد الله السلام عليك
يا بن رسول الله السلام يا خيرة الله وابن
خيرته السلام عليك يا بن أمير المؤمنين
وابن سيد الوصيين السلام عليك يا
بن فاطمة سيدة نساء العالمين السلام
عليك يا ثار الله وابن ثاره والوتر
الموتور السلام عليك وعلى الأرواح
التي حلت بفنائك عليكم مني جميعا
سلام الله أبدا ما بقيت وبقي الليل
والنهار

each other. O Aba Abdillah, unbearable is the sorrow, nerve-racking is the agony, you put up with, for us and for all the (true) Muslims; crimes committed against you also shocked and unnerved the dwellers of the heavens, one and all. May Allah condemn and damn the people who laid the basis and set up the groundwork, to wander astray and turn aside from not only you and your family but to take liberties and bear hard upon you. May Allah condemn and damn the people who tried to obscure and deny your office and status, willfully neglected your rank and class Allah had made known in clear terms. May Allah condemn and damn the people who killed you. May Allah condemn and damn the abettors who instigated and had a part in your murder. I turn to you and Allah, away from them, their henchmen, their followers and their friends, O Aba Abdillah,

I make peace with those who make their peace with you, I make war on those who go to war against you, till the day of judgement. May Allah condemn and damn the family of Ziyad and the family of Marwan; may Allah condemn and damn the group and the tribe of Umayyah, one and all, altogether; may Allah condemn and damn ibna Marjanah; may Allah condemn and damn Umar bin Sad; may

يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ لَقَدْ عَظُمَتِ
الرَّزِيَّةُ وَجَلَّتْ وَعَظُمَتِ الْمُصِيبَةُ
بِكَ عَلَيْنَا وَعَلَى جَمِيعِ أَهْلِ الْإِسْلَامِ
وَجَلَّتْ وَعَظُمَتِ مُصِيبَتُكَ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ
عَلَى جَمِيعِ أَهْلِ السَّمَوَاتِ فَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ
أُمَّةً أَسَّسَتْ أَسَاسَ الظُّلْمِ وَالْجَوْرِ
عَلَيْكُمْ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ أُمَّةً دَفَعَتْكُمْ
عَنْ مَقَامِكُمْ وَأَزَالَتْكُمْ عَنْ مَرَاتِبِكُمْ
الَّتِي رَتَّبَكُمْ اللَّهُ فِيهَا وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ أُمَّةً
قَتَلَتْكُمْ وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ الْمُتَمِّدِينَ لَهُمْ
بِالتَّمْكِينِ مِنْ قِتَالِكُمْ بَرِئْتُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَإِلَيْكُمْ
مِنْهُمْ وَمِنْ أَتْبَاعِهِمْ وَاتَّبَاعِهِمْ وَ
أَوْلِيَائِهِمْ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ إِنِّي سَأَلْتُ لِمَنْ
سَأَلْتُكُمْ وَحَرْبُ لِمَنْ حَارَبَكُمْ إِلَى يَوْمِ
الْقِيَامَةِ وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ آلَ زِيَادٍ وَآلَ مَرْوَانَ
وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ بَنِي أُمَيَّةَ قَاطِبَةً وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ
ابْنَ مَرْجَانَةَ وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ عُمَرَ بْنَ سَعْدٍ

Allah condemn and damn Shimr; may Allah condemn and damn the people who made elaborative preparations to kill you. I, my father and mother are at your disposal. I pray and invoke Allah to send blessings on you. Profound is my sorrow for you. I beg Allah, who honoured you above others liberally, to be generous towards me on account of you, and give me the opportunity to take revenge of your murder in the company of the victorious Imam, the descendant of Muhammad (blessings and peace be on him and on his children from Allah) at the time of the final and decisive war against Allah's enemies. O my Allah honour me alongwith Husayn, peace be on him, in this world and the hereafter. O Aba Abdillah, I come nearer and seek greater intimacy with Allah, with His messenger (the Holy Prophet), with Amirul Muminin, with Fatimah, with Hasan and with you, with the help of your love and patronage, cutting off every connection with those who took arms against you and killed you. I disconnect all links with those who, in the beginning, took the first step to take liberties with and bear hard upon you, I take refuge with Allah and His messenger (blessings of Allah be on him and on his children), free from the guilt of associating with those who laid the foundation for (your suffering), devised and carried out their corrupt plan of

وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ شِمْرًا وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ أُمَّةً أَسْرَجَتْ
وَالْجَمْتُ وَتَنَقَّبْتُ لِقَتَالِكَ يَا بِي أَنْتَ وَ
أُمِّي لَقَدْ عَظُمَ مُصَابِي بِكَ فَاسْأَلُ اللَّهَ
الَّذِي أَلَزَمَ مَقَامَكَ وَأَلَزَمَنِي بِكَ أَنْ
يَرْزُقَنِي طَلَبَ ثَارِكَ مَعَ إِمَامٍ مَنْصُورٍ مِنْ
أَهْلِ بَيْتِ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ
اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي عِنْدَكَ وَجِيهًا بِالْحُسَيْنِ
عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ يَا أَبَا
عَبْدِ اللَّهِ إِنِّي أَتَقَرَّبُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَإِلَى
رَسُولِهِ وَإِلَى أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَإِلَى فَاطِمَةَ
وَإِلَى الْحُسَيْنِ وَإِلَيْكَ بِمُؤَالَاتِكَ وَبِالْبَرَاءَةِ
مِمَّنْ قَاتَلَكَ وَنَصَبَ لَكَ الْحَرْبَ وَ
بِالْبَرَاءَةِ مِمَّنْ أَسَّسَ أَسَاسَ الظُّلْمِ
وَالْجَوْرِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَأَبْرَعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَإِلَى
رَسُولِهِ مِمَّنْ أَسَّسَ أَسَاسَ ذَلِكَ وَ
بَنَى عَلَيْهِ بُنْيَانَهُ

action, boldly gave currency to reign of terror and cruelty to oppress you and your friends and followers. I detach myself from them and present myself to Allah and to you. I (first) seek greater intimacy with Allah and then with you to win your love and patronage, and to make friends with your friends, and cut off all links with your enemies, and with those who planted the seeds of hostility against you, and I reject and discard their associates, their followers and their friends. O Aba Abdillah, I make peace with those who made their peace with you, I search out and confront those who waged war against you, I make friends with those who stood by you, I strive against those who came in conflict with you, therefore, I make a request to Allah who favoured me by granting me the ability to become aware of you and your friend's status, to set me free from the corrupting influence of your enemies, to make me keep company with you in this world and in the hereafter, stand firm beside you and follow your footsteps closely in this world and in the next world. I beseech Him that He helps me to reach your highly praised station, given to you by Allah, and that he provides me the opportunity to take revenge of your murder under the leadership of the rightly guided guide (in your progeny) who surely will come and speak the truth. I beseech Allah in

وَجَرَّأِي فِي ظُلْمِهِ وَجَوْرِهِ عَلَيْكُمْ
وَعَلَى أَشْيَاءِكُمْ بَرُّتُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَإِلَيْكُمْ
مِنْهُمْ وَاتَّقَرَّبُ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ إِلَيْكُمْ
بِمُؤَالَاتِكُمْ وَمُؤَالَاةِ رَبِّكُمْ وَبِالْبِرَّاءَةِ
مِنْ أَعْدَائِكُمْ وَالنَّاصِبِينَ لَكُمْ الْحَرْبَ
وَبِالْبِرَّاءَةِ مِنْ أَشْيَاءِهِمْ وَاتَّبَاعِهِمْ
إِنِّي سِلَامٌ لِمَنْ سَالَمَكُمْ وَحَرْبٌ لِمَنْ
حَارَبَكُمْ وَوَلِيٌّ لِمَنْ وَالَاكُمْ وَعَدُوٌّ لِمَنْ
عَادَاكُمْ فَاسْأَلُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَكْرَمَنِي
بِمَعْرِفَتِكُمْ وَمَعْرِفَةِ أَوْلِيَاءِكُمْ وَرَزَقَنِي
الْبِرَّاءَةَ مِنْ أَعْدَائِكُمْ أَنْ يَجْعَلَ لِي مَعَكُمْ
فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأَنْ يُثَبِّتَ لِي عِنْدَكُمْ
قَدَمَ صِدْقِي فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأَسْأَلُهُ
أَنْ يُبَلِّغَنِي الْمَقَامَ الْمَحْمُودَ لَكُمْ عِنْدَ
اللَّهِ وَأَنْ يَرْزُقَنِي طَلَبَ ثَارِي مَعَ إِمَامٍ
هُدًى ظَاهِرٍ نَاطِقٍ بِالْحَقِّ مِنْكُمْ وَأَسْأَلُ
اللَّهَ

the name of your right and the purpose He assigned to you, that He may give me a great recompense which He gives to those who suffer. Verily the hardships you experienced have no parallel and overshadow all calamities that took place in the history of Islam, for that matter, through out the whole universe. O my Allah, in my on the spot situation, treat me like him (or her) who obtains from You (Your) blessings, mercy and forgiveness. O my Allah, make me live like Muhammad and his children lived and make me depart from this world like Muhammad and his children had left. O my Allah this day is a day of rejoicing for the "Bani Umayyah", and the descendants of the woman who ate the liver [of the uncle of the Holy Prophet (Hamza)], the herd of hardened criminals, the eternally damned and accursed group, a fact that had been made public by You and by Your prophet (blessings of Allah be on him and on his children), who in every place and at all occasions, drew attention of people to this truism.

O my Allah condemn and damn Abu Sufyan, Muawiyah bin Abu Sufyan, Yazid bin Muawiyah and let it be an everlasting curse upon them from You. Today the descendants of Ziyad and Marwan make merry, laugh and dance

بِحَقِّكُمْ وَبِالشَّانِ الَّذِي لَكُمْ عِنْدَهُ
 أَنْ يُعْطِيَنِي بِمُصَابِي بِكُمْ أَفْضَلَ مَا
 يُعْطَى مُصَابًا بِمُصِيبَتِهِ مُصِيبَةً مَا
 أَعْظَمَهَا وَأَعْظَمَ رِزْقَتَهَا فِي السَّلَامِ
 وَفِي جَمِيعِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ اللَّهُمَّ
 اجْعَلْنِي فِي مَقَامِي هَذَا مِنْ تَنَالِهِ
 مِنْكَ صَلَوَاتٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ
 اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ حَيَايَ حَيَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ
 مُحَمَّدٍ وَمَمَاتِي مَمَاتِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
 اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هَذَا يَوْمٌ تَبَرَّكَتْ بِهِ بَنُو أُمَيَّةَ
 وَابْنُ أِكْلَةَ الْأَكْبَادِ اللَّعِينُ ابْنُ اللَّعِينِ
 عَلَى لِسَانِكَ وَلِسَانِ نَبِيِّكَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ
 وَآلِهِ فِي كُلِّ مَوْطِنٍ وَمَوْقِفٍ وَقَفَ فِيهِ
 نَبِيِّكَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ اللَّهُمَّ الْعَنُ
 أَبَا سُفْيَانَ وَمُعَاوِيَةَ وَيَزِيدَ بْنَ مُعَاوِيَةَ
 عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْكَ اللَّعْنَةُ أَبَدَ الْأَيَّدِينَ وَهَذَا
 يَوْمٌ فَرِحْتُ بِهِ الْإِسْلَامُ وَالْمُسْلِمُونَ

because on this day they killed Husayn (blessings of Allah be on him). O my Allah, therefore, double up the curse You bring upon them and also the punishment You decree for them. O my Allah, I seek nearness to You today in this frame of mind, cutting off all links with them for the rest of my life, denouncing them because of my love for Your prophet and his children, peace be on him and them.

[Then say 100 times:]

O my Allah condemn and damn the first tyrant who unjustly and wrongfully usurped that which rightly belonged to Muhammad and the children of Muhammad, and bring curse upon those who, after him, followed in his footsteps. O my Allah condemn and damn those conspirators who vexed and harassed Husayn, showed eagerness, agreed mutually, and joined hands to kill him. O my Allah bring curse upon all of them.

Peace be on you, O Aba Abdillah, and on those souls who came to your camp to put themselves at your disposal. So far I am alive and the days and nights follow each other I invoke Allah to send blessings on you for ever and ever. May Allah not make my this pledge of close association, physical as well as

بِقَتْلِهِمُ الْحُسَيْنَ صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ
اللَّهُمَّ فَضَاعِفْ عَلَيْهِمُ اللَّعْنَ مِنْكَ وَ
الْعَذَابَ الْأَلِيمَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَتَقَرَّبُ إِلَيْكَ
فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ وَفِي مَوْقِفِي هَذَا وَآيَاتِ
حَيَاتِي بِالْبَرَاءَةِ مِنْهُمْ وَاللَّعْنَةِ عَلَيْهِمْ
وَالْمُؤَالَاةِ لِنَبِيِّكَ وَالنَّبِيِّكَ عَلَيْهِ وَ
عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ

اللَّهُمَّ الْعَنْ أَوَّلَ ظَالِمٍ ظَلَمَ حَقَّ مُحَمَّدٍ
وَأَوَّلَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآخِرَتَايَعٍ لَهُ عَلَى ذَلِكَ اللَّهُمَّ
الْعَنْ الْعِصَابَةَ الَّتِي جَاهَدَتِ الْحُسَيْنَ
وَشَايَعَتْ وَبَايَعَتْ تَابَعَتْ عَلَى قَتْلِهِ
اللَّهُمَّ الْعَنْهُمْ جَمِيعًا

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى
الْأَرْوَاحِ الَّتِي حَلَّتْ بِفَنَائِكَ
وَأَنَاخَتْ بِرَحْلِكَ عَلَيْكَ

مِنْ سَلَامِ اللَّهِ أَبَدًا مَا بَقِيَتْ وَبَقِيَ
اللَّسْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَلَا جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ أَخِرَ الْعَهْدِ

spiritual, with you the last fulfillment. Peace be on Husayn, and on Ali son of Husayn, and on the children of Husayn, and on the friends of Husayn.

O my Allah, let the curse I call down on the head of the first tyrant stick like a leech; and stay put for ever on the first, then the second, the third and the fourth. O my Allah damn and call down evil on the fifth, Yazid son of Muawiyah, and bring a curse upon Ubaydullah bin Ziyad, ibna Marjanah, Umar bin Sad, and Shimr, and on the descendants of Abu Sufyan, on the descendants of Ziyad, on the descendants of Marwan, till the day of judgement.

[Then go into *sajdah* and say:]

O my Allah, praise be to You, praise of those who thank You for the suffering they endured. Praise be to Allah for the affliction that has afflicted me. O my Allah make available for me the recommendations of Husayn on the day I present myself before You, let me stand firm in safety before You on account of my sincere attachment with Husayn, alongwith him and his comrades, who sacrificed everything they had - heart, mind, soul and life for Husayn, peace be on him.

مِنِّي لِزِيَارَتِكُمْ السَّلَامُ عَلَى الْحُسَيْنِ وَ
عَلَى عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ وَعَلَى أَوْلَادِ الْحُسَيْنِ
وَعَلَى أَصْحَابِ الْحُسَيْنِ

اللَّهُمَّ خُصَّ أَنْتَ أَوَّلَ ظَالِمٍ بِاللَّعْنِ مِنِّي
وَأَبْدَأُ بِهِ أَوَّلَ أَثَمِ الثَّانِي وَالثَّالِثِ وَ
الرَّابِعِ اللَّهُمَّ الْعَنْ يَزِيدَ خَامِسًا وَالْعَنْ
عُبَيْدَ اللَّهِ بْنَ زِيَادٍ وَابْنَ مَرْجَانَةَ وَعُمَرَ
بْنَ سَعْدٍ وَشِمْرًا وَآلَ أَبِي سُفْيَانَ وَ
آلَ زِيَادٍ وَآلَ مَرْوَانَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ حَمْدَ الشَّاكِرِينَ لَكَ
عَلَى مُصَابِهِمُ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَى عَظِيمِ
رَزِيَّتِي اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي شَفَاعَةَ الْحُسَيْنِ
يَوْمَ الْوُرُودِ وَثَبِّتْ لِي قَدَمَ صِدْقٍ عِنْدَكَ
مَعَ الْحُسَيْنِ وَأَصْحَابِ الْحُسَيْنِ الَّذِينَ
بَدَلُوا مَهْجَهُمْ دُونَ الْحُسَيْنِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ

DUA'A ALQAMAH

(7) Pray a 2 *rak-a't* *salat*.

[After the *salat* recite the following *dua'a*, which, according to Alqama ibn Muhammad Hazari, was recited by Imam Jafar bin Muhammad al Sadiq, when he was in Najaf Ashraf. After performing the Ziyarat of Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib, the Holy Imam turned towards Karbala and prayed this *dua'a* now known as *dua'a Alqamah*.]

O Allah! O Allah! O Allah! O He who gives answer to the cries of the persecuted! O He who pulls out the grief-stricken from agony and anguish! O He who comes to help those who shed tears in helplessness! O He who brings relief to those who cries for help! O He who is close by, nearer than my jugular vein! O He who can change the man and his heart! O He who is far above the sight, and is clear and bright! O He who is beneficent and merciful in His authority! O He who knows what the furtive eyes betray and what the secretive hearts conceal! O He whom do not deceive those who do everything in secret! O He whom, intermingled voices of the countless callers (supplications) do not confuse! O He whom wants and needs of infinite needy do not put in confusion for attending to one and all

دُعَاءُ عَلَقْمَةٍ

يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ يَا مُجِيبَ دَعْوَةِ
الْمُضْطَرِّينَ يَا كَاشِفَ كَرْبِ الْمَكْرُوبِينَ
يَا غِيَاثَ الْمُسْتَغِيثِينَ يَا صَرِيحَ الْمُسْتَضْرِّحِينَ
وَيَا مَنْ هُوَ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيَّ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ
وَيَا مَنْ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَيَا مَنْ
هُوَ بِالْمَنْظَرِ الْأَعْلَى وَبِالْأُفُقِ الْمُبِينِ وَ
يَا مَنْ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ
اسْتَوَى وَيَا مَنْ يَعْلَمُ خَائِنَةَ الْأَعْيُنِ وَ
مَا تُخْفِي الصُّدُورُ وَيَا مَنْ لَا يَخْفَى عَلَيْهِ
خَافِيَةٌ يُأْمَنُ لَا تَشْتَبِهُ عَلَيْهِ الْأَصْوَاتُ
وَيَا مَنْ لَا تُغْلِطُهُ الْحَاجَاتُ

separately! O He whom clamorous determined pleading of petitioners do not upset! O He who is aware of every death! O He who gathers small quantities! O He who brings to life again after death. O He who, each day, has the same distinct glory! O Fulfiller of wants and needs! O He who gives comfort and respite in distress! O He who liberally satisfies those who solicit His favours! O He who helps those who long for (good)! O He who is sufficient for those who make efforts! O He who is equal to and can do anything instead of another in the matters concerning all things, and nothing, in the heavens and the earth, can be out of the reach of or is free from His hold. I beseech You in the name of Muhammad, the last (Holy) Prophet, and Ali, the commander of the faithfuls, in the name of Fatimah, the daughter of Your prophet, in the name of Hasan and Husayn. I direct myself towards You, through them, in my address. Through them I try to get a hearing, through them I put forward my case to get Your favours, in their names I make a request to You; bound to You by oath, living a life according to Your commands. I carry out my pledge by every means, in the name of the love and devotion You have for them, and the influence and status they enjoy in every dimension of Your will, the superior-most pre-eminence in wisdom and character You bestowed upon

وَيَا مَنْ لَا

يُبْرِئُهُ الْحَاحُ الْمُلْحِنَ يَا مُدْرِكَ كُلِّ
قُوَّةٍ وَيَا جَامِعَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَيَا بَارِعَ
النُّفُوسِ بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ يَا مَنْ هُوَ كُلُّ يَوْمٍ
فِي شَأْنٍ يَأْقِضِي الْحَاجَاتِ يَا مَنْفَسَ
الْكُرْبَاتِ يَا مُعْطِيَ السُّؤَالَاتِ يَا وَلِيَّ
الرَّغَبَاتِ يَا كَافِيَ الْمُهِمَّاتِ يَا مَنْ يَكْفِي
مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَلَا يَكْفِي مِنْهُ شَيْءٌ فِي
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَسْأَلُكَ بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ
خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ وَعَلَى أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَ
بِحَقِّ فَاطِمَةَ بِنْتِ نَبِيِّكَ وَبِحَقِّ الْحُسَيْنِ
وَالْحُسَيْنِ وَبِحَقِّ الشَّعَةِ مِنْ وَلَدِ
الْحُسَيْنِ فَإِنِّي بِهِمْ أَتَوَجَّهُ إِلَيْكَ فِي
مَقَامِي هَذَا وَبِهِمْ أَتَوْسَلُ وَبِهِمْ أَشْفَعُ
إِلَيْكَ وَبِحَقِّهِمْ أَسْأَلُكَ وَأُقْسِمُ وَأُعْزِمُ
عَلَيْكَ وَبِالشَّأْنِ الَّذِي لَهُمْ عِنْدَكَ وَ
بِالْقَدْرِ الَّذِي لَهُمْ عِنْدَكَ وَبِالَّذِي

them to transcend above everything in the whole universe, in the name of Your name You revealed to them in trust, on account of which You chose them in preference over everything found in the heavens and the earth, through which You built their syndrome, developed to perfection their purpassing excellence in knowledge, learning and deeds, out of all the rest of the people, till their completeness surpassed the total achievement of all the people put together. I request You to send blessings on Muhammad and on the children of Muhammad; (and) look into the causes of my sorrows, anxieties, burdens, and do away with them, let me be equal to, sufficiently instructed, while dealing with my important enterprises and efforts. (and) carry out and fulfill my obligations, set me free from debt and the clutches of poverty and from the pangs of hunger, let me have enough to live upon, free from the need to turn to others. Let me be an adequate match for him who, I am afraid, shall create trouble; thwart the schemes of the one who, I am afraid, shall treat me harshly; let him, who, I am afraid, shall vex me, come to grief; expose and rebuke him, who, I am afraid, shall slander me; lay out a plan to defeat him, who, I am afraid, shall try to deceive me by stratagem; take notice and act swiftly against him, who, I am afraid,

فَضَّلْتَهُمْ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ وَإِسْمِكَ الَّذِي
 جَعَلْتَهُ عِنْدَهُمْ وَبِهِ خَصَصْتَهُمْ دُونَ
 الْعَالَمِينَ وَبِهِ أَبْنَتْهُمْ وَأَبْنَتْ فَضْلَهُمْ
 مِنْ فَضْلِ الْعَالَمِينَ حَتَّى فَاقَ فَضْلُهُمْ
 فَضْلَ الْعَالَمِينَ جَمِيعًا أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ
 عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَنْ تَكْشِفَ عَنِّي
 غَيْبِي وَهَيْبِي وَكَرْبِي وَتَكْفِينِي الْمُسْهِمَ
 مِنْ أُمُورِي وَتَقْضِيَ عَنِّي دِينِي وَتُجِيرَنِي
 مِنَ الْفَقْرِ وَتُجِيرَنِي مِنَ الْفَاقَةِ وَتُغْنِيَنِي
 عَنِ الْمَسْئَلَةِ إِلَى الْخُلُوقِينَ وَتَكْفِينِي
 هَمَّ مَنْ أَخَافُ هَمَّهُ وَعُسْرَ مَنْ أَخَافُ
 عُسْرَهُ وَحُزُونََ مَنْ أَخَافُ حُزُونَتَهُ
 وَشَرَّ مَنْ أَخَافُ شَرَّهُ وَمَكْرَ مَنْ أَخَافُ
 مَكْرَهُ وَبَغْيَ مَنْ أَخَافُ

shall treat me unjustly; take me into Your custody to keep safe from the one who, I am afraid, shall tyrannize me; exercise Your supreme authority to keep him in check, who, I am afraid, shall rule over me; outwit him, who, I am afraid, shall lay traps to deceive me cunningly; make ready a fitting reply to him who, I am afraid, shall oppress me. Keep off from me the obstinate deceit of the vindictive malicious, and the crafty artifice of the cunning impostor. O my Allah put an end to the intentions of him who desires to destroy me, outwit him who makes plans, keep off from me his deceit and intrigue, his hostility and fancy. Keep me aloof, refusing to have anything to do with him, in whatever manner, on any occasion, as You will. O my Allah divert his attention from me and involve him in his own overbearing anxieties which You will not cut down; in misfortune which You will not make easy to deal with; in waywardness from which You will not lead him back on the right path; in spiritless laziness which You will never change into fruitful activity; in infamy and disgrace from which You will not allow him to rise to the surface; in broken fortune which You will not let get set. O my Allah let contemptible disgrace stick like a leech on the forehead between his two eyes, expose him to emptiness in every effort he makes, let wicked inclination,

بَغْيَهُ وَجَوْرَ مَنْ

أَخَافُ جَوْرَهُ وَ سُلْطَانَ مَنْ أَخَافُ سُلْطَانَهُ
وَ كَيْدَ مَنْ أَخَافُ كَيْدَهُ وَ مَقْدَرَهُ مَنْ
أَخَافُ مَقْدَرَتَهُ عَلَى وَ تَرُدُّ عَنِّي كَيْدَ
الْكَيْدَةِ وَ مَكْرَ الْمَكْرَةِ اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ أَرَادَنِي
فَارِدُهُ وَ مَنْ كَادَنِي فَكِيدُهُ وَ أَصْرَبُ عَنِّي
كَيْدَهُ وَ مَكْرَهُ وَ بَاسَهُ وَ أَمَانِيَّهَ وَ
أَمْنَعُهُ عَنِّي كَيْفَ شِئْتُ وَ أَنِي شِئْتُ
اللَّهُمَّ اشْغَلْهُ عَنِّي بِفَقْرٍ لَا تَجْبُرُهُ وَ
بِبَلَاءٍ لَا تَسْتُرُهُ وَ بِفَاقَةٍ لَا تَسُدُّهَا
وَ بِسُقْمٍ لَا تُعَافِيهِ وَ ذُلٍّ لَا تُعِزُّهُ وَ
بِمَسْكَنَةٍ لَا تَجْبُرُهَا اللَّهُمَّ اضْرِبْ
بِالذُّلِّ نَصَبَ عَيْنَيْهِ وَ أَدْخِلْ عَلَيْهِ
الْفَقْرَ فِي مَنْزِلِهِ وَ الْعِلَّةَ وَ السَّقَمَ فِي

distraction and inactivity cut deep into his body and soul, in order that You divert his attention from me, absorbed in his own pursuits that do not free him to employ himself at another, make him think no more of me as You have neglected and forgotten him, take away from me and throw overboard his attention, interest, communication, influence, support, and perverted thinking-every evil he commits or draws it on himself, let everything he does go waste, defective and incomplete, and do not give any let up so that he is kept fully preoccupied and gets no time to pay attention to me or think of me. Give enough to me, O He who effectively and completely gives satisfaction. There is no one other than You who give sufficiently, because You alone give enough; no one else gives to the seeker's satisfaction except You. You dispel the clouds of sorrows. No one else, save You can free the grief-stricken from cares. You come to help. No one else, except You, can do a favour when called for help. You are near, ready to avert the danger. No one else, save You, is close enough to stand by in the hour of trouble. Comes to grief he who relies upon his own friends instead of You; or looks for his own supporters in place of You; when frightened cries for help having some one else other than You in mind; when terrorized runs away from

بَدَنِهِ حَتَّى تَشْغَلَهُ عَنِّي بِشُغْلٍ شَاغِلٍ
 لَا فَرَاغَ لَهُ وَأَنْسِيهِ ذِكْرِي كَمَا أَنْسَيْتَهُ
 ذِكْرَكَ وَخُذْ عَنِّي بِسَمْعِهِ وَبَصَرِهِ وَلِسَانِهِ
 وَيَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَجَمِيعَ جَوَارِحِهِ
 وَأَدْخِلْ عَلَيْهِ فِي جَمِيعِ ذَلِكَ السُّقْمَ وَلَا
 تَشْفِهِ حَتَّى تَجْعَلَ ذَلِكَ لَهُ شُغْلًا شَاغِلًا
 بِهِ عَنِّي وَعَنْ ذِكْرِي وَكَفِّنِي يَا كَافِي مَا
 لَا يَكْفِينِي سِوَاكَ فَإِنَّكَ الْكَافِي لَا
 كَافِي سِوَاكَ وَ

مُفَرِّجٌ لَا مُفَرِّجَ سِوَاكَ وَمُغِيثٌ لَا مُغِيثَ
 سِوَاكَ وَجَارٌ لَا جَارَ سِوَاكَ خَابَ مَنْ
 كَانَ جَارُهُ سِوَاكَ وَمُغِيثُهُ سِوَاكَ وَ
 مُفَرِّجُهُ إِلَى سِوَاكَ وَمَهْرُبُهُ إِلَى سِوَاكَ

the danger to a place of escape outside of Your guaranty, and takes refuge in an asylum not watched over by You, and tries to bring himself to a place of safety through the help of created beings, excluding You, the creator. Therefore You are my trust, my hope, my retreat, my refuge, my security, unto which one can run for safety. For this reason I call for Your help, and seek Your support to carry out my affairs easily and successfully. Through Muhammad and the children of Muhammad I present myself before You, try to draw Your attention and ask for salvation. So I beseech You, O Allah, O Allah, O Allah, because (all) praise is for You (alone), and also prostration in thankfulness. You alone listen to complaints, You alone is called upon for help. So I beseech You, O Allah, O Allah, O Allah, in the name of Muhammad and the children of Muhammad, to send blessings on Muhammad and on the children of Muhammad and to put to flight the sorrows, the anxieties, the burdens, now surrounding me from all sides, just as You made Your (Holy) Prophet free of his sorrows, anxieties and burdens and saved him from the terror of his enemies. In such manner as You made him to do so, let me also do the same. Let me be free of care as You gave him joy, heart and confidence. Let me have enough and be contented as You gave him

وَمَلْجَأُهُ إِلَى غَيْرِكَ وَمَنْجَاةٌ مِنْ خُلُوقِ
غَيْرِكَ فَأَنْتَ ثِقَتِي وَرَجَائِي وَمَفْزَعِي
وَمَهْرَبِي وَمُلْجَأِي وَمَنْجَايَ فَبِكَ
أَسْتَفْتِيهِمْ وَبِكَ أَسْتَنْجِحُ وَبِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ
آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ أَتَوَجَّهُ إِلَيْكَ وَأَتَوَسَّلُ وَ
أَتَشْفَعُ فَأَسْأَلُكَ يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ
فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ وَلَكَ الشُّكْرُ وَإِلَيْكَ الْمُنْتَهَى
وَأَنْتَ الْمُسْتَعَانُ فَأَسْأَلُكَ يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ
يَا اللَّهُ بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ
عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَنْ تَكْشِفَ عَنِّي
غَيْبِي وَهَيْبِي وَكَرْبِي فِي مَقَامِي هَذَا كَمَا
كَشَفْتَ عَنْ نَبِيِّكَ هَبَّةً وَغَمَّةً وَكَرْبَةً
وَكَفَيْتَهُ هَوْلَ عُدُوِّهِ فَاكْشِفْ عَنِّي كَمَا
كَشَفْتَ عَنْهُ وَفَرِّجْ عَنِّي كَمَا فَرَّجْتَ عَنْهُ
وَاكْفِنِي كَمَا اكْفَيْتَهُ

sufficiently. Send away from me the terror that frightens me, the encumbrance that I find burdensome, the anxieties that wear me down, freeing me from their impact. Make me use my means freely to carry out and complete my business or employment, and do anything requisite instead of another which may make me anxious about my affairs in this world or the hereafter. O Amirul Muminin, O Aba Abdillah, so far I am alive and the days and nights follow each other I invoke Allah to send blessings on you for ever and ever. May Allah not make my this pledge of physical and spiritual close association with you (both) the last fulfillment, and may Allah not separate me and you (both) from one another. O my Allah let me have a meaningful existence as Muhammad and his descendants had lived, and die as they departed from this world, take to and carry out completely their creed; and raise me for the last judgement alongwith the people dedicated to them, and do not cut us in two (groups), even for the flash of an eyelid, either in this world or in the life of the hereafter. O Amirul Muminin, O Aba Abdillah. I come nearer to you (both) to establish close physical and spiritual relationship, and thereby seek nearness to Allah, my Lord-nourisher and your Lord-nourisher, through you I direct myself towards Him,

وَاصْرِفْ عَنِّي هَوْلَ

مَا أَخَافُ هَوْلَهُ وَمَوْتَهُ مَا أَخَافُ مَوْتَهُ
وَهُمَّ مَا أَخَافُ هَمَّهُ يَلَا مَوْتَهُ عَلَى
نَفْسِي مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَاصْرِفْنِي بِقَضَاءِ حَوَائِجِي
وَكَفَايَةِ مَا أَهَمَّنِي هَمَّهُ مِنْ أَمْرِ آخِرَتِي
وَدُنْيَايَ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَيَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ
عَلَيْكَ مِنِّي سَلَامُ اللَّهِ أَبَدًا مَا بَقِيْتُ وَ
بَقِيَ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَلَا جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ آخِرَ
الْعَهْدِ مِنْ زِيَارَتِكُمَا وَلَا فَرَّقَ اللَّهُ بَيْنِي وَ
بَيْنَكُمَا اللَّهُمَّ أَحْيِنِي حَيَوَةَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ
ذُرِّيَّتِهِ وَأَمِتْنِي مَمَاتِهِمْ وَتَوَفَّنِي عَلَى
مِلَّتِهِمْ وَاحْشُرْنِي فِي زُمْرَتِهِمْ وَلَا تُفَرِّقْ
بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَهُمْ طُرْفَةَ عَيْنٍ أَبَدًا فِي
الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَيَا أَبَا
عَبْدِ اللَّهِ أَتَيْتُكُمَا زَائِرًا وَمُتَوَسِّلًا إِلَى
اللَّهِ رَبِّي وَرَبِّكُمَا وَمُتَوَجِّهًا إِلَيْهِ بِكُمَا

and request you to speak in favour of my immediate at hand needs and wants I have put before Allah. So please speak well of me because, of course, with Allah your thoughtful judgement is highly credible, your disposition enjoys conclusive preference, your action keeps step with precise acumen, and a sure means of approach to gain His favour. Now I take leave, having full confidence that my desires will be fulfilled on account of your recommendations. I will not be disappointed. My departure, free of despondency and unfulfillment will be successful and satisfactory. I return to that which Allah wills. There is no power nor strength save with Allah. I entrust Allah with the management of my affairs because He supports me. I rely upon Allah and say: Allah is sufficient and enough, Allah pays attention to whoso makes a request to Him, there is nothing for me that which is on the other side (in opposition) of Allah, and you, O my leaders. Ultimately that which my Lord wills takes place, and happens not that which He does not will. There is no power and no might save with Allah.

وَمُسْتَشْفِعًا بِكُمْ إِلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى فِي
حَاجَتِي هَذِهِ فَاشْفَعَا لِي فَإِنَّ لَكُمْ
عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْمَقَامَ الْمَحْمُودَ وَالْجَاهَ الْوَجِيهَ
وَالْمَنْزِلَ الرَّفِيعَ وَالْوَسِيلَةَ إِلَيَّ أَنْقَلِبُ
عَنْكُمَا مُنْتَظِرًا التَّنْجِيزَ الْحَاجَةَ وَقَضَائَهَا
وَنَجَاحَهَا مِنَ اللَّهِ بِشَفَاعَتِكُمَا إِلَى اللَّهِ
فِي ذَلِكَ فَلَا آخِيبٌ وَلَا يَكُونُ مُنْقَلِبِي
مُنْقَلِبًا خَائِبًا خَاسِرًا بَلْ يَكُونُ مُنْقَلِبِي
مُنْقَلِبًا رَاجِحًا رَاجِيًا مُفْلِحًا مُنْجَحًا مُسْتَجَابًا إِلَيَّ
بِقَضَاءِ جَمِيعِ حَوَائِجِي وَتَشْفَعَا لِي إِلَى
اللَّهِ أَنْقَلِبْتُ عَلَى مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَ
لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ مُفَوِّضًا أَمْرِي إِلَى اللَّهِ
مُلْجَأًا ظَهَرِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مُتَوَكِّلًا عَلَى اللَّهِ وَ
أَقُولُ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ وَكَفَى سَمِعَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ
دَعَى لَيْسَ لِي وَرَاءَ اللَّهِ وَوَرَاءَكُمْ يَا
سَادَتِي مُنْتَهَى مَا شَاءَ رَبِّي كَانَ وَمَا لَمْ
يَشَأْ لَمْ يَكُنْ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

I give you in Allah's keeping. May Allah not make my this pledge of physical and spiritual close association with you (both) the last fulfillment. I take leave O my leader, O Amirul Muminin, O my master to whom I have surrendered, body and soul, and you O Aba Abdillah, O my leader, and pay my respects with love and affection, nonstop, (till) do not carry days and nights, closely embracing it, to you, if Allah so wills, without ever being separated. In your names I beseech Him, that He will do it because verily it is He who alone is praised, and He brings about beautiful things. I depart O my masters - repentant, praising Allah, thankful, hopeful of acceptance, not disappointed - but will come back to you both with longing for you because whoever departs comes back, if Allah so wills. There is no power, nor strength with any save Allah. O my leaders I long for you and love to be in your company though the worldly people look at it with indifference and keep aloof from your friendly intercourse. May not Allah let me fall short of in that which I hope for and in that which I look long and attentively to establish everlasting reunion with you. Verily He is near and gives positive answer to prayers.

أَسْتَوْدِعُكَ اللَّهُ وَلَا جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ آخِرَ
 الْعَهْدِ مِنِّي إِلَيْكُمَا أَنْصَرَفْتُ يَا سَيِّدِي
 يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَمَوْلَايَ وَأَنْتَ يَا أَبَا
 عَبْدِ اللَّهِ يَا سَيِّدِي وَسَلَامِي عَلَيْكُمَا
 مُتَّصِلٌ مَا اتَّصَلَ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَاصِلٌ
 ذَلِكَ إِلَيْكُمَا غَيْرُ فَحْجُوبٍ عَنْكُمَا
 سَلَامِي إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ وَأَسْأَلُهُ بِحَقِّكُمَا
 أَنْ يَشَاءَ ذَلِكَ وَيَفْعَلَ فَإِنَّهُ حَمِيدٌ مُجِيدٌ
 انْقَلَبْتُ يَا سَيِّدِي عَنْكُمَا تَائِبًا حَامِدًا
 لِلَّهِ شَاكِرًا رَاجِعًا إِلَى زِيَارَتِكُمَا غَيْرُ
 قَانِطٍ أَيْبًا عَائِدًا رَاجِعًا إِلَى زِيَارَتِكُمَا غَيْرُ
 رَاغِبٍ عَنْكُمَا وَلَا عَنْ زِيَارَتِكُمَا بَلْ
 رَاجِعٌ عَائِدٌ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا
 قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ يَا سَادَتِي رَغِبْتُ إِلَيْكُمَا
 وَإِلَى زِيَارَتِكُمَا بَعْدَ أَنْ زَهَدًا فِيكُمَا وَ
 فِي زِيَارَتِكُمَا أَهْلُ الدُّنْيَا فَلَا خَيْبَنِي
 اللَّهُ مَا رَجَوْتُ وَمَا أَمَلْتُ فِي زِيَارَتِكُمَا
 إِنَّهُ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبٌ

ZIYARAT WARITHA

(8) On the day of *ashurah*, before sunset, we share sorrow with the Holy Prophet, Ali al Murtaza, Fatimah Zahra, and Hasan al Mujtaba, and show our love and deep feelings of grief by reciting the following "Ziyarat of Waritha".

Peace be on you, O inheritor of Adam, who was sincerely attached to Allah! Peace be on you, O inheritor of Nuh, the prophet of Allah! Peace be on you, O inheritor of Ibrahim, beloved friend of Allah! Peace be on you, O inheritor of Musa, who received direct communication from Allah! Peace be on you, O inheritor of Isa, who received peace of mind, joy and mercy from Allah!

Peace be on you, O inheritor of Muhammad, the select most beloved friend of Allah! Peace be on you, O inheritor of Ali, the commander of the faithfuls, chosen in preference over all others by Allah as His close friend and deputy! Peace be on you, O inheritor of Hasan, the (grand) son of the messenger of Allah, who sacrificed his life in the way of Allah to give witness! Peace be on you, O (grand) son of the messenger of Allah! Peace be on you, O son of the bearer of glad tidings and the warner, and son of the chief of the successors!

زيارت وارث

اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ اٰدَمَ صِفْوَةِ اللّٰهِ
اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ نُوحٍ نَّبِيِّ اللّٰهِ
اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ اِبْرٰهِيْمَ خَلِيْلِ اللّٰهِ
اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ مُوسٰى كَلِيْمِ اللّٰهِ
اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ عِيْسٰى رُوْحِ اللّٰهِ
اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ مُحَمَّدٍ جَبِيْبِ اللّٰهِ
اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ عَلِيٍّ اَمِيْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ
وَلِيِّ اللّٰهِ اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ الْحُسَيْنِ
الشَّهِيدِ سَبْطِ رَسُوْلِ اللّٰهِ اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ
يَا بَنَ رَسُوْلِ اللّٰهِ اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَنَ
الْبَشِيْرِ النَّذِيْرِ وَابْنَ سَيِّدِ الْوَصِيِّيْنَ

Peace be on you, O son of Fatimah the principal leader from among all the women of the worlds! Peace be on you, O Aba Abdillah! Peace be on you, O he of whose blood claimer is Allah, and whose father's blood claimer is also Allah, and who was isolated and then had been attacked with a vengeance! Peace be on you, the just guide - leader, and on those souls who had gathered in your camp, and stayed with you. I pray and invoke Allah to keep you tranquil and restful, for ever, so far I am alive and till nights and days follow each other. At all events awe-inspiring was your severe test which made a deep impression upon the faithfuls, the Muslims, the dwellers of the heavens and the inhabitants of the earths; and all of them recognize your glory in the hour of trial, with a heavy heart. Verily we are Allah's and verily unto Him we return. Blessings of Allah, more and more, be on you, and (His) praise to distinguish you and your forefathers, the pure, the pious, the outstanding; and their descendants, the rightly guided guides. Peace be on you, O Mawla, and on them, tranquillity and repose be for you and them in your and

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَنَ فَاطِمَةَ سَيِّدَةَ نِسَاءِ
 الْعَالَمِينَ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ
 السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا خَيْرَةَ اللَّهِ وَابْنَ خَيْرَتِهِ
 السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا ثَارَ اللَّهِ وَابْنَ ثَارِهِ السَّلَامُ
 عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْوِثْرُ الْمُتَوَرُّ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ
 أَيُّهَا الْإِمَامُ الْهَادِي الزَّكِيُّ وَعَلَى الْأَرْوَاحِ حَلَّتْ
 بِفِنَائِكَ وَأَقَامَتْ فِي جَوَارِكَ وَوَفَدَتْ مَعَ
 زُؤَارِكَ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ مِنِّي مَا بَقِيَتْ وَبَقِيَ
 اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ فَلَقَدْ عَظُمَتْ بِكَ الرَّزِيَّةُ
 وَجَلَّ الْمُصَابُ فِي الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ
 وَفِي أَهْلِ السَّمَوَاتِ أَجْمَعِينَ وَفِي سُكَّانِ
 الْأَرْضِينَ فَإِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ وَ
 صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ وَتَحِيَّاتُهُ عَلَيْكَ
 وَعَلَى آبَائِكَ الطَّاهِرِينَ الطَّيِّبِينَ السُّجَّجِينَ
 وَعَلَى ذُرَارِيهِمُ الْهُدَاةِ الْمُهْدِيِّينَ
 السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ وَعَلَيْهِمْ وَعَلَى

رُوحِكَ وَعَلَى

their resting abodes. O my Allah let Your mercy, pleasure, bliss and fragrance go and meet them face to face. Peace be on you, O Mawla! O Aba Abdillah, O son of the last (Holy) Prophet, the son of the first of the successors, the son of the principal leader among women. Peace be on you, who gave life in the way of Allah to stand witness, the son of a martyr, the brother of a martyr, the father of martyrs. O Allah I send to him in this moment, today, at this hour, at all times, a lot of greetings and words of praise (in his love and affection). Blessings, mercy and love of Allah be on you, O son of the leader-in-chief of all the worlds, and peace be on those who gave their lives in the way of Allah alongwith you, for ever, till the nights and days follow each other. Peace be on Husayn son of Ali, the martyr. Peace be on Ali son of Husayn, the martyr. Peace be on Abbas son of Amirul Muminin, the martyr. Peace be on the martyrs, the sons of the Amirul Muminin. Peace be on the martyrs, the sons of Hasan.

اَرْوَاجِهِمْ وَعَلَى تَرْبَتِكَ وَ تَرْبَتِهِمْ
 اَللّٰهُمَّ لَقِيْهِمْ رَحْمَةً وَرِضْوَانًا وَرَوْحًا وَ
 رِيْحَانًا السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلَايَا اَبَا عَبْدِ
 اللهِ يَا بَنَ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ وَيَا بَنَ سَيِّدِ
 الْوَصِيِّينَ وَيَا بَنَ سَيِّدَةِ نِسَاءِ الْعَالَمِيْنَ
 السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا شَهِيدُ يَا بَنَ الشَّهِيدِ
 يَا اَخَ الشَّهِيدِ يَا اَبَا الشُّهَدَاءِ اَللّٰهُمَّ بَلِّغْهُ
 عَنِّيْ فِيْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ وَفِيْ هَذَا
 الْيَوْمِ وَفِيْ هَذَا الْوَقْتِ وَفِيْ كُلِّ وَقْتٍ
 تَحِيَّاتَهُ كَثِيْرَةً وَسَلَامًا سَلَامًا اللهُ عَلَيْكَ
 وَرَحْمَةً اللهُ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ يَا بَنَ سَيِّدِ
 الْعَالَمِيْنَ وَعَلَى الْمُسْتَشْهِدِيْنَ مَعَكَ
 سَلَامًا مُّتَّصِلًا مَا اتَّصَلَ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ
 السَّلَامُ عَلَى الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ الشَّهِيدِ
 السَّلَامُ عَلَى عَلِيٍّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ الشَّهِيدِ
 السَّلَامُ عَلَى الْعَبَّاسِ بْنِ اَمِيْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ
 الشَّهِيدِ السَّلَامُ عَلَى الشُّهَدَاءِ مِنْ وُلْدِ اَمِيْرِ
 الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ السَّلَامُ عَلَى الشُّهَدَاءِ وُلْدِ الْحَسَنِ

Peace be on the martyrs, the sons of Husayn. Peace be on the martyrs, the sons of Jafar and Aqil. Peace be on all the martyrs who gave their lives in the way of Allah alongwith them. O my Allah send blessings on Muhammad and on the children of Muhammad. I send to them a lot of greetings and words of praise. Peace be on you O the messenger of Allah, Allah has given you the best style and manner to bear with that which your son, Husayn, encountered. Peace be on you, O Fatimah, Allah has given you the style and manner to bear with that which your son, Husayn, encountered. Peace be on you O Amirul Mumin, Allah has given you the best style and manner to bear with that which your son, Husayn, encountered. Peace be on you O Aba Muhammad Hasan, Allah has given you the style and manner to bear with that which your brother, Husayn, encountered. O Aba Abdillah! I have taken refuge with Allah and you, I am near Allah, and you, as every guest and friend receives hospitality I too now ask for a hospitable reception, so please speak on my behalf to Allah, the glorified and the highly praised, for giving me strength to prevent myself from the drift that leads to hell-fire, verily He hears the prayers and gives answer at once.

السَّلَامُ عَلَى الشُّهَدَاءِ مِنْ وَلَدِ الْحُسَيْنِ
 السَّلَامُ عَلَى الشُّهَدَاءِ مِنْ وَلَدِ جَعْفَرٍ وَ
 عَقِيلِ السَّلَامُ عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْتَشْهِدٍ مَعَهُمْ
 مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ
 آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَلِّغْهُمْ عَنِّي تَحِيَّةَ كَثِيرَةٍ وَ
 سَلَامًا السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَحْسَنَ
 اللَّهُ لَكَ الْعِزَّاءَ فِي وَلَدِكَ الْحُسَيْنِ
 السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا فَاطِمَةَ أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ لَكَ
 الْعِزَّاءَ فِي وَلَدِكَ الْحُسَيْنِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ
 يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ لَكَ الْعِزَّاءَ
 فِي وَلَدِكَ الْحُسَيْنِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا
 أَبَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْحَسَنِ أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ لَكَ الْعِزَّاءَ
 فِي أَخِيكَ الْحُسَيْنِ يَا مَوْلَايَ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ
 أَنَا ضَيْفُ اللَّهِ وَضَيْفُكَ وَجَارُ اللَّهِ وَ
 جَارُكَ وَلِكُلِّ ضَيْفٍ وَجَارٍ قَرَى وَقَرَايَ
 فِي هَذَا الْوَقْتِ أَنْ تَسْأَلَ اللَّهَ سُبْحَانَهُ
 وَتَعَالَى أَنْ يَرْزُقَنِي فَكَأَنَّكَ رَقَبَتِي مِنَ النَّارِ

ARBA-E'EN

20th Safar is observed as the day of A'rba-e'en (*chahlum*) - the 40th day after the martyrdom of Imam Husayn, his friends and relatives in Karbala on the 10th Muharram.

According to Imam Hasan bin Ali al Askari today it is highly desireable to:

- (1) pray 51 *rak-a't salat* during the 24 hours of the day of Arba-e'en, (17 *rak-a'ts* in obligatory, and 34 *rak-a'ts* in *naafilah salats*).
- (2) be in Karbala for Ziyarat of Imam Husayn and other martyrs, if not possible, recite Ziyarat etcetera of the holy Imam and other martyrs of Karbala.
- (3) wear a ring in the right hand.
- (4) put the forehead on the earth (preferably on the earth of Karbala) in prostration.
- (5) pronounce "Bismillaahir Rah'maanir Rah'eem" in clear and loud voice while praying the *salats*.
- (6) Imam Jafar bin Muhammad al Sadiq had advised the faithfuls to recite the following Ziyarat on the day of Arba-e'en:

إِنَّهُ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبٌ

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Peace be on the favourite of Allah, His dearest darling! Peace be on the beloved friend of Allah, His distinguished hero! Peace be on the choicest confidant of Allah, sincerely attached, precisely like his father! Peace be on Husayn, who established the true faith by giving his life in the way of Allah, a martyr, underwent untold hardships at the hand of rouges and lawbreakers! Peace be on the hostage surrounded by tightening circle of sorrow and grief, killed by a horde of savages. O my Allah I give witness that beyond a shadow of doubt he is Your favourite and choicest confidant, who enjoys Your confidence and favour, precisely like his father. You looked upto him and elected him in Your cause, picked and chose him for the good fortune, selected for him the best purified parents, appointed him guardian, leader, and defender of rights, a true representative (inheritor and progenitor) of guardians, leaders and defenders of rights, gave him much and more from the inheritance of the prophets, put him forward as a decisive argument, alongwith the other successors (of the Holy Prophet - the twelve Imams) to the mankind. He met with deadly dangers, acted justly and fairly, made use of every thing belonging to him to pay full attention to give sincere advice; took pains, made every effort, and put his heart, mind,

زيارت اربعين

السَّلَامُ عَلَى وَلِيِّ اللَّهِ وَحَبِيبِهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَى
خَلِيلِ اللَّهِ وَنَجِيِّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَى صَفِيِّ اللَّهِ وَ
ابْنِ صَفِيِّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَى الْحُسَيْنِ الْمَظْلُومِ
الشَّهِيدِ السَّلَامُ عَلَى أَسِيرِ الْكُرْبَاتِ وَقَتِيلِ
الْعَبْرَاتِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَشْهَدُ أَنَّهُ وَلِيُّكَ
وَابْنُ وَلِيِّكَ وَصَفِيُّكَ وَابْنُ صَفِيِّكَ
الْفَائِزُ بِكَرَامَتِكَ الْكَرُمَةُ بِالشَّهَادَةِ
وَحَبُوتُهُ بِالسَّعَادَةِ وَاجْتَبَيْتَهُ بِرِطَابِ
الْوِلَادَةِ وَجَعَلْتَهُ سَيِّدًا مِنْ السَّادَةِ
وَقَائِدًا مِنْ الْقَادَةِ وَذَائِدًا مِنْ الذَّادَةِ
وَاعْطَيْتَهُ مَوَارِيثَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَجَعَلْتَهُ
حُجَّةً عَلَى خَلْقِكَ مِنَ الْأَوْصِيَاءِ فَأَعْذَرَ
فِي الدُّعَاءِ وَمَنْحَ النُّصَحِ وَبَذَلَ مُهْجَتَهُ
فِيكَ لِيَسْتَنْقِذَ عِبَادَكَ مِنَ الْجَهَالَةِ وَ
خَيْرَةِ الضَّلَالَةِ وَقَدْ تَوَازَرَ عَلَيْهِ مَنْ

soul and life at the disposal of Your mission to liberate the people from the yoke of ignorance and evil of bewilderment, but an evildoer, deceived with empty hopes of mean and worthless worldly gains, had pressed heavily on him, and sold out his share (eternal bliss) for the meanest and lowest bargain, betrayed his "day of judgement" for a vulgar return, took pride in insolence, fell into the fathomless well of evil desires, provoked You and Your (Holy) Prophet, did as the harsh discordant, the hypocrite, the heavily burdened bearers of sin, condemned to hellfire, advised him to do, however, he (the holy Imam), steadily, rightly and justly coped with them, till, in Your obedience, gave his life after which his family was set adrift. O my Allah, therefore, condemn them to hell and crack down on them with a painful punishment. Peace be on you O the son of the Messenger of Allah! Peace be on you O the son of the first of the successors (of the Holy Prophet). I bear witness that Allah put faith in you like He had full confidence in your father, and that you always looked for and collected good and virtue, lived a highly praiseworthy life, and departed from this world a martyr, forsaken and abused. I bear witness that Allah will promptly fulfill the promise, He made to you, and destroy those who left you helpless and punish

غَرَّتْهُ الدُّنْيَا وَبَاعَ حَفْظَهُ بِالْأَرْذَلِ الَّذِي
وَشَرَىٰ آخِرَتَهُ بِالشَّمَنِ الْأَوْكَسِ وَتَغَطَّرَ
وَتَرَدَّى فِي هَوَاهُ وَأَسْخَطَكَ وَأَسْخَطَ
نَبِيَّكَ وَأَطَاعَ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ أَهْلَ الشَّقَاقِ
وَالنِّفَاقِ وَحَمَلَةَ الْأَوْزَارِ الْمُسْتَوْجِبِينَ
النَّارَ فَجَاهَدَهُمْ فِيكَ صَابِرًا مُحْتَسِبًا
حَتَّىٰ سَفِكَ فِي طَاعَتِكَ دَمُهُ وَأُسْتُبِيحَ
حَرِيْبُهُ اللَّهُمَّ فَالْعَنُهُمْ لَعْنًا وَبِئْسَ
عَذَابُهُمْ عَذَابًا يَا إِلَهَ السَّلَامِ عَلَيْكَ يَا
بْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بْنَ سَيِّدِ
الْأَوْصِيَاءِ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ أَمِينُ اللَّهِ وَابْنُ
أَمِينِهِ عِشْتَ سَعِيدًا أَوْ مَضِيَّتَ حَمِيدًا
وَمِتَ فَقِيدًا أَمْ طُلُو مَا شَهِدًا وَأَشْهَدُ
أَنَّ اللَّهَ مُنْجِزُ مَا وَعَدَكَ وَمُهْلِكُ مَنْ
خَذَلَكَ وَمُعَذِّبُ مَنْ قَتَلَكَ وَأَشْهَدُ

those who killed you; I bear witness that you kept your promise made with Allah, and strived in His way till what was certain came upon you, so curse of Allah be on those who killed you, curse of Allah be on those who oppressed you, curse of Allah be on the people who came to know and approved. O my Allah be my witness that I make friends with those who love him and oppose those who deny him. I, my father and mother, are at your disposal O the son of the messenger of Allah. I know and bear witness that you were *light* in the sublime loins and in the pure wombs, never touched you the dirt of ignorance, nor ever obscurity concealed you in its folds. I bear witness that you are the pillar of *din*, support of the Muslims, refuge of the faithfuls. I bear witness that you are a truthful, well-aware, content, intelligent, rightly guided guide (Imam). I bear witness that Imams among your descendants are the symbols of "conscious piety" and signs of "true guidance", the "safe handle" - Islam, and the decisive arguments

أَنْتَ وَفَيْتَ بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ وَجَاهَدْتَ فِي
 سَبِيلِهِ حَتَّى أَتَاكَ الْيَقِينُ فَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ
 مَنْ قَتَلَكَ وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ مَنْ ظَلَمَكَ وَلَعَنَ
 اللَّهُ أُمَّةً سَمِعَتْ بِذَلِكَ فَرَضِيَتْ بِهِ
 اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَشْهَدُكَ أَنِّي وَلِيُّ لِمَنْ
 وَالَاهُ وَعَدُّوْ لِمَنْ عَادَاهُ يَا بِي أَنْتَ وَأُمِّي
 يَا بِنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ كُنْتَ نُورًا
 فِي الْأَصْلَابِ الشَّامِخَةِ وَالْأَرْحَامِ الْمُطَهَّرَةِ
 لَمْ تُنَجِّسْكَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةُ بِأَنْجَاسِهَا وَلَمْ
 تُلْبِسْكَ الْمُدْلِهَمَاتُ مِنْ ثِيَابِهَا وَ
 أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ مِنْ دَعَاثِمِ الدِّينِ وَ
 أَرْكَانِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَمَعْقِلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَ
 أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ الْإِمَامُ الْبَرُّ التَّقِيُّ الرَّضِيُّ
 الزَّكِيُّ الْهَادِي الْمُهْدِي وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ
 الْأُئِمَّةَ مِنْ وَلَدِكَ كَلِمَةُ التَّقْوَى وَ
 أَعْلَامُ الْهُدَى وَالْعُرْوَةُ الْوُثْقَى وَالْحُجَّةُ

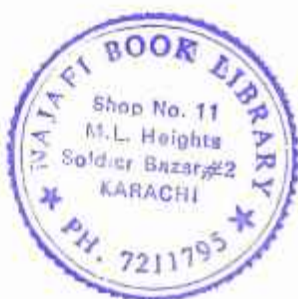
over mankind; I declare positively that I have full faith in you, and I know for certain that you shall return. I am, fully committed to the laws of my religion, certain of my deeds, my mind and heart are ready for your return and my affairs are carried out in the light of your instructions, till Allah gives you permission to return. I am with you, alongwith you, not with your enemies. Blessings of Allah be on you, on your souls, on your bodies, when you are visible, when you are invisible, on your perceivable aspects, on your innermost genius. Be it so, O Lord of the worlds!

[Afer the recitation of the abovenoted Ziyarat pray two *rak-a't salat*.]

عَلَى أَهْلِ الدُّنْيَا وَأَشْهَدُ أَنِّي بِكُمْ مُؤْمِنٌ
 وَيَا يَابِكُمْ مُوقِنٌ بِشَرَائِعِ دِينِي وَخَوَاتِيمِ
 عَمَلِي وَقَلْبِي لِقَلْبِكُمْ سَلَامٌ وَأَمْرِي
 لِأَمْرِكُمْ مُتَّبِعٌ وَنُصْرَتِي لَكُمْ مُعَدَّةٌ
 حَتَّى يَأْذَنَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ فَمَعَكُمْ مَعَكُمْ لَا
 مَعَ عَدُوِّكُمْ صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَعَلَى
 أَرْوَاحِكُمْ وَأَجْسَادِكُمْ وَشَاهِدِكُمْ وَغَائِبِكُمْ
 وَظَاهِرِكُمْ وَبَاطِنِكُمْ آمِينَ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

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And when My servants ask you about Me, then (say to them) verily I am very near – I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he beseeches Me.

[Baqarah: 186]

"Think over it that by simply granting you the privilege of praying of His favours and mercy, He has handed over the keys of His treasures to you. Whenever you are in need, pray, and He gives His favours and blessings."

[Imam Ali ibna Abi Talib]

Choose and pray that which is feasible. The minimum shall benefit you beyond expectations. What the maximum has in store in beyond imagination.

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