

The 15th of Sha‘bān

15th Night of Sha‘ban

This is a very blessed night. It is known as Night of Barā‘ah, meaning becoming free of sins. According to a Hadith of Imam Ja‘far al-Sādiq (a), it is the best night after Laylatul Qadr. Allah sends down His grace on His creatures, and forgives them their sins. The importance of this night is increased by the fact that the Imam of our time, Imam Muhammad al-Mahdi (a) was born on this night.

The following are recommended on this night:

- a) Du‘ā of Kumayl
- b) Reciting Sūrat Yāsīn (#36) 3 times. For:
 - i) Long life
 - ii) Safety against misfortunes
 - iii) Protection against sudden death
- c) Ziyarah of Imam Husayn (a).

A‘maal for the 15th Night of Sh‘aban

The following A‘māls (1-9) for this night have been extracted from *Mafātihul Jinān*, but are not in the same order.



Ghisl after sunset



Tasbīh

Say 100 times:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Glory be to Allah, all Praise is for Allah
there is no god but Allah
and He is the Greatest



After 'Ishā prayers, recite four rakā'at Salāt in units of two rakā'at each.
In each rak'ah after Sūratul Fātiha, recite 100 times Sūratul Ikhhlās
(10 time if you wish to shorten it).

Then recite the following Du'ā:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي إِلَيْكَ فَقِيرٌ وَمِنْ عَذَابِكَ خَائِفٌ مُسْتَجِيرٌ
اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَبَدِّلْ إِسْمِي وَلَا تُغَيِّرْ جِسْمِي وَلَا تُجْهِدْ بِلَائِي وَلَا تُشْمِتْ بِي أَعْدَائِي مِنْكَ، جَلَّ
تَنَائُوكَ أَنْتَ كَمَا أَنْتَبَيْتَ عَلَيَّ نَفْسِكَ وَفَوْقَ مَا يَقُولُ الْقَائِلُونَ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful
O Allah, I stand in need of You, and am fearful of Your punishment, seeking refuge
O Allah, do not change my name, nor alter my body, nor try me with a severe trial
and make not my enemies rejoice (at my failures)
I seek refuge in Your forgiveness from Your punishment, in Your mercy from Your chastisement
in Your pleasure from Your anger, and in You from You
Great is Your Praise, You are the way You have praised Yourself, above what is said by the
speakers.



Recite the following Du'ā 21 times for safety during the year:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَظِيمٌ ذُو أَنَاةٍ وَ لَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا لِحُكْمِكَ
يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ الْآمَانُ الْآمَانُ الْآمَانُ مِنَ الطَّاعُونَ وَ الْوَبَاءِ
وَ مَوْتِ الْفُجَاءَةِ وَ سُوءِ الْقَضَاءِ وَ شِمَاتَةِ الْأَعْدَاءِ
رَبَّنَا اكشِفْ عَنَّا الْعَذَابَ إِنَّا مُؤْمِنُونَ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful
O Allah, You are Mighty, of patience and perseverance and we have no strength to bear Your
judgment.
O Allah O Allah O Allah, Safety, Safety, Safety, from plague and epidemics, accidental death
an evil ending and the taunting of enemies
O our Lord, free us from the punishment, surely we are believers (Holy Qur'an 44:12)



Recite this Du'ā signifying the birth of the 12th Imam (a) on this night:

اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ لَيْلَتِنَا هَذِهِ وَمَوْلُودِهَا وَحُجَّتِكَ وَمَوْعُودِهَا
الَّتِي قَرَنْتَ إِلَى فَضْلِهَا فَضْلًا

فَتَمَّتْ كَلِمَتُكَ صِدْقًا وَعَدْلًا لَا مُبَدَّلَ لِكَلِمَاتِكَ
وَلَا مُعَقَّبَ لِآيَاتِكَ، نُورُكَ الْمُتَالِقُ وَضِيَاؤُكَ الْمُشْرِقُ
وَالْعِلْمُ النُّورُ فِي طَخْيَاءِ الدَّيْجُورِ الْعَايِبِ الْمَسْتُورِ
جَلَّ مَوْلِدُهُ وَكَرَّمَ مَحْتَدُهُ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ شُهَدَاؤُهُ
وَاللَّهُ نَاصِرُهُ وَمُؤَيِّدُهُ إِذَا أَنْ مِيعَادُهُ، وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ أَمْدَادُهُ
سَيِّفُ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا يَنْبُؤُ، وَنُورُهُ الَّذِي لَا يَخْبُؤُ وَذُو الْحِلْمِ الَّذِي لَا يَصْبُؤُ
مَدَارُ الدَّهْرِ وَنَوَامِيسُ الْعَصْرِ، وَوَلَاةُ الْأَمْرِ
وَالْمُنْزَلُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَا يَنْتَزِلُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ وَأَصْحَابُ الْحَشْرِ وَالنَّشْرِ
تَرَاجِمَةٌ وَحِيَهُ وَوَلَاةُ أَمْرِهِ وَنَهْيِهِ
اللَّهُمَّ فَصَلِّ عَلَى خَاتِمِهِمْ وَقَائِمِهِمُ الْمَسْتُورِ عَنْ عَوَالِمِهِمْ
اللَّهُمَّ وَأَدْرِكْ بِنَا أَيَّامَهُ وَظُهُورَهُ وَقِيَامَهُ وَأَجْعَلْنَا مِنْ أَنْصَارِهِ
وَأَقْرَنُ تَارَنَا بِثَارِهِ وَاكْتُنُبْنَا فِي أَعْوَانِهِ وَخُلَصَائِهِ وَأَحْيِنَا فِي دَوْلَتِهِ نَاعِمِينَ وَبِصُحْبَتِهِ
غَانِمِينَ، وَبِحَقِّهِ قَائِمِينَ وَمِنَ السُّوءِ سَالِمِينَ، يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ
الْعَالَمِينَ وَصَلَوَاتُهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالْمُرْسَلِينَ
وَعَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ الصَّادِقِينَ، وَعِثْرَتِهِ النَّاطِقِينَ وَالْعَنْ جَمِيعِ الظَّالِمِينَ
وَاحْكُم بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَهُمْ يَا أَحْكَمَ الْحَاكِمِينَ

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful

O Allah, for the sake of this night of ours, and he who was born tonight
Your Proof (the Divinely appointed Imam), and what has been promised on this night
whose excellence You have doubled
(by combining it with the birth of the Hujjah)

Thus Your word was accomplished
truly and justly, there is none that can change Your word, nor rectify Your signs
Your Light is (ever) shining Your brightness is (ever) radiating The bright sun was hitherto hidden
and covered, in the gloominess of darkness

Dignified was his birth, honored was his association, and the angels stood witness to him
Allah is his witness and supporter, when the promised event (of his return) approaches
and the angels will aid him.

He (the Imam) is the sword of Allah which does not miss (its target)
the light of God which cannot be concealed
the possessor of forbearance who does not act improperly
the pivot of age, the confidant of time, the authority of the affairs which descends

with the angels on the night of Qadr
among those who [matter] in the Day of Gathering and Resurrection
(those who) interpret His revelation, guide towards His commands, and forbidden laws

O Allah, bless their seal, the one who will rise among them, who is hidden from their cosmos
O Allah, make us reach his days, his appearance, and his rising, cause us to be among his helpers
join our struggle (to achieve truth) with his struggle

Include us among his supporters and sincere friends give us life in his reign, so that we receive the
bounties benefit from his company rise for his rightful (struggle) and are safe from evil
O the most merciful of the Merciful

All praise is for Allah the Lord of the worlds
May His blessings be on Muhammad, the seal of the Prophets and Messengers
and upon his family
the Truthful, and the articulate progeny
curse all the oppressors and judge between us and them
O the best of all the Judges.



Recite the following Du'a

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ، الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ الْخَالِقُ الرَّازِقُ، الْمُحْيِي الْمُمِيتُ
الْبَدِيءُ الْبَدِيعُ، لَكَ الْجَلالُ، وَلَكَ الْفَضْلُ وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ، وَلَكَ الْمَنْ، وَلَكَ الْجُودُ
وَلَكَ الْكَرَمُ، وَلَكَ الْأَمْرُ، وَلَكَ الْمَجْدُ وَلَكَ الشُّكْرُ، وَحَدَكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ
يَا وَاحِدُ يَا أَحَدُ، يَا صَمَدُ يَا مَنْ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ
صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَغْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْنِي، وَاكْفِنِي مَا أَهَمَّنِي
وَاقْضِ دِينِي، وَوَسِّعْ عَلَيَّ فِي رِزْقِي فَإِنَّكَ فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ تَفْرُقُ
وَمَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ تَرزُقُ فَارزُقْنِي وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ
فَإِنَّكَ قُلْتَ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْقَائِلِينَ النَّاطِقِينَ وَاسْأَلُو اللَّهَ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ فَمِنْ فَضْلِكَ أَسْأَلُ، وَإِيَّاكَ قَصَدْتُ
وَإِنَّ نَبِيَّكَ اعْتَمَدْتُ وَلَكَ رَجَوْتُ فَارْحَمْنِي يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

O Allah, You are the Ever Living, the self-Subsistent the most High, the Mighty
the Creator, the Provider the Giver of life and death the Initiator, the Originator

For You is Glory and Excellence, Praise and Grace, Generosity and Honor
For You is the order, and Magnificence and Gratitude
You are alone, there is no partner for You O One, O Absolute One O He who has not given birth
nor was He born, and there is none equal to Him.

Bless Muhammad and his family and forgive me, have mercy on me and suffice for me what is
important to me, fulfill my debts and increase my sustenance,
for surely on this night every affair is decreed
and You provide sustenance to whoever You please
from Your creation, so provide for me
for You are the best of providers

You have said, and You are the best of those who say and utter *and ask Allah from His bounty*
so I ask You from Your bounty and You alone I seek and on the son of Your Prophet I lean
in You I have hope so have mercy on me O most merciful of the Merciful ones.



Recite the following Dua

اللَّهُمَّ اقْسِمْ مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ مَا يَحُولُ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ مَعْصِيَتِكَ
وَمِنْ طَاعَتِكَ مَا نُبَلِّغُكَ بِهِ رِضْوَانَكَ
وَمِنْ الْيَقِينِ مَا يَهُونُ عَلَيْنَا بِهِ مُصِيبَاتُ الدُّنْيَا
اللَّهُمَّ اَمْتَعْنَا بِاسْمَاعِنَا وَاَبْصَارِنَا وَقُوَّتِنَا مَا أَحْيَيْتَنَا
وَاجْعَلْهُ الْوَارِثَ مِنَّا
وَاجْعَلْ ثَارَنَا عَلَى مَنْ ظَلَمْنَا
وَأَنْصُرْنَا عَلَى مَنْ عَادَانَا وَلَا تَجْعَلْ مُصِيبَتَنَا فِي دِينِنَا
وَلَا تَجْعَلِ الدُّنْيَا أَكْبَرَ هَمِّنَا، وَلَا مَبْلَغَ عِلْمِنَا
وَلَا تُسَلِّطْ عَلَيْنَا مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُنَا
بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful
O Allah, grant us a part of Your fear
that acts as a barrier between us and Your disobedience
and [grant us] Your obedience
that helps us achieve Your pleasure and the certainty that
makes the miseries of the world seem insignificant

O Allah, make us enjoy our hearing our sight our strength
so long as You keep us alive
make us rise against those who oppress us
and help us against those who show animosity to us
place not our miseries in our religion.

and let not this world be our biggest concern
nor the extent of our knowledge
and do not appoint over us one who has no mercy on us
by Your mercy , O the most merciful of the Merciful ones



Recite the following Dua

إِلَهِي تَعَرَّضَ لَكَ فِي هَذَا اللَّيْلِ الْمُتَعَرِّضُونَ وَقَصَدَكَ الْقَاصِدُونَ
وَأَمَلُ فَضْلِكَ وَمَعْرُوفِكَ الطَّالِبُونَ وَلَكَ فِي هَذَا اللَّيْلِ
نَفَحَاتٌ وَجَوَائِزُ وَعَطَايَا وَمَوَاهِبُ تَمُنُّ بِهَا عَلَيَّ مِنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ
وَتَمْنَعُهَا مَنْ لَمْ تَسْبِقْ لَهُ الْعِنَايَةَ مِنْكَ وَهَا أَنَا ذَا عُبَيْدِكَ الْفَقِيرُ إِلَيْكَ
الْمُؤَمِّلُ فَضْلِكَ وَمَعْرُوفِكَ فَإِنْ كُنْتُ يَا مَوْلَايَ تَفَضَّلْتَ فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ
عَلَيَّ أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ وَعَدْتَ عَلَيْهِ بِعَائِدَةٍ مِنْ عَطْفِكَ
فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ، الْخَيْرِينَ الْفَاضِلِينَ
وَجُدْ عَلَيَّ بِطَوْلِكَ وَمَعْرُوفِكَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَصَلِّ اللَّهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ
خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ وَسَلِّمْ تَسْلِيمًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَدْعُوكَ كَمَا أَمَرْتَ فَاسْتَجِبْ لِي كَمَا وَعَدْتَ
إِنَّكَ لَا تُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful
O Allah, on this night, the seekers have sought You, the aspirers have aspired for You
the searchers have hoped for Your blessings and Grace.
For You have, on this night hidden bounties rewards, presents, and gifts which You bestow upon
whom You please from Your servants and You deny them to one who has not reached Your regard
Here I am Your abject servant, in need of You, hopeful of Your Blessings and Grace
so O my Master, if You bestow blessings, on this night, on anyone of Your creatures
and turn to him with affection
then bless Muhammad and his family, the pure, the purified, the virtuous, the excellent
and favor me with Your bounty O Lord of the worlds
O Allah, bless Muhammad, the seal of the Prophets and his family, the purified ones
(and send) a perfect salutation surely Allah is Praiseworthy, Glorious
O Allah I have supplicated to You as You have commanded
so answer me as You have promised *surely You do not break Your promises* (3:194)



The following Du'ā is recommended in Sajdah

سَجَدَ لَكَ سَوَادِي وَخِيَالِي وَأَمَنَ بِكَ فُؤَادِي هَذِهِ يَدَايِ
وَمَا جَنَّبْتُهُ عَلَى نَفْسِي يَا عَظِيمُ تُرَجِّئُ لِكُلِّ عَظِيمٍ
إِعْفِرْ لِي الْعَظِيمَ فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذَّنْبَ الْعَظِيمَ إِلَّا الرَّبُّ الْعَظِيمُ

My being and my mind have prostrated for You and my heart has believed in You
These are my hands and the sins I have committed against myself
O Mighty, from whom every great thing is hoped
forgive me the mighty sins for none can forgive the mighty sins except the Mighty Lord.

Raise your head from Sajdah.

Go again into Sajdah and say:

أَعُوذُ بِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ الَّذِي أَضَاءَتْ لَهُ السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُونَ ، وَأُنْكَشَفَتْ لَهُ الظُّلُمَاتُ ،
وَصَلَحَ عَلَيْهِ أَمْرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ ، مِنْ فُجَاءَةِ نِقْمَتِكَ ، وَمِنْ تَحْوِيلِ عَافِيَتِكَ ، وَمِنْ
زَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ ، اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي قَلْبًا تَقِيًّا نَقِيًّا ، وَمِنْ الشَّرِكِ بَرِيًّا لَا كَافِرًا وَلَا شَقِيًّا

I seek refuge in the light of Your countenance by which the heavens and the earth have been illuminated, the darkness has been removed, the affairs of the first and last ones have been improved (I seek refuge) from Your sudden punishment changing of good health, and removal of Your blessings. O Allah, grant me a heart which is pious, pure, disassociated from polytheism not disbelieving nor unfortunate

Place both cheeks on Sajdagah and say:

عَفَّرْتُ وَجْهِي فِي التُّرَابِ وَحَقَّ لِي أَنْ أَسْجُدَ لَكَ

I have placed my face on sand and it is Your right on me that I prostrate for You.

