

# SHORT OBSERVANCES FOR MUHARRAM UL-HARAAM

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## AAMAL FOR THE 1ST DAY & NIGHT OF THE MONTH OF MUHARRAM

The month of Muharram is the month of sadness for the Ahl al-Bayt (a.s.) and their followers. In this respect, Imam al-Rida(a.s.) is reported to have said, “With the beginning of Muharram, my father (a.s.) would never smile at all. He would be dominated by grief for ten days. The tenth of this month would be the day of his sadness, and weeping. He used to say that on this day Imam al-Husayn (a.s.) was slain.”

### THE FIRST NIGHT OF MUHARRAM

Sayyid Ibn Tawus, in Iqbal al-A’mal, has mentioned that a number of prayers should be offered on this night:

#### **First Prayer:**

100 raka’at

After Surat al-Fatiha recite Surat Tawheed x 1.

#### **Second Prayer:**

2 Rak’at

After Surat Fatiha recite Surat An’aam (no. 6) in rak’at one

After Surat Fatiha recite Surat Yaasin (no. 36) in rak’at two

### **Third Prayer:**

2 raka'at

After Surat al-Fatiha recite Surat Tawheed x 11.

The Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) is reported to have said that whoever offers this prayer at this night and observes fasting the next day, which is the first day of the new year, the new year will be wholly good for him, and he will be saved throughout the year, and if he dies, he will be granted the Paradise.

## THE FIRST DAY OF MUHARRAM

There are two acts that are advised for this day.

**First:** Fast

Rayyan ibn Shabib has reported that Imam Redha (a.s.) said, “Just as He responded to the prayer of Prophet Zachariah, Almighty Allah shall respond to the prayers of one who observes the fast of this day and prays Him.”

**Second:** Imam al-Rida(a.s.) is reported to have said that the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.), on the first of Muharram, used to offer a two unit prayer. When he finished, he would raise his hands towards the sky and repeat the following dua three times:

### Prayers:

2 Raka’at

- Repeat x 3 the following dua after the prayers

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الْإِلَهُ الْقَدِيمُ وَ هَذِهِ سَنَةٌ جَدِيدَةٌ فَاسْأَلُكَ فِيهَا  
الْعِصْمَةَ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ وَالْقُوَّةَ عَلَى هَذِهِ النَّفْسِ الْأَمَّارَةِ بِالسُّوءِ  
وَ الْاِسْتِغَالَ بِمَا يُقَرِّبُنِي إِلَيْكَ يَا كَرِيمُ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَ الْإِكْرَامِ يَا  
عِمَادَ مَنْ لَا عِمَادَ لَهُ يَا ذَخِيرَةَ مَنْ لَا ذَخِيرَةَ لَهُ يَا حِرْزَ مَنْ لَا حِرْزَ

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 الْهَلْكَى يَا مُنْعِمُ يَا مُجْمِلُ يَا مُفْضِلُ يَا مُحْسِنُ، <sup>1</sup> أَنْتَ  
الَّذِي سَجَدَ لَكَ سَوَادُ اللَّيْلِ وَنُورُ النَّهَارِ وَضَوْءُ الْقَمَرِ وَشِعَاعُ  
الشَّمْسِ وَدَوِيُّ الْمَاءِ وَحَفِيفُ الشَّجَرِ يَا اللَّهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ اللَّهُمَّ

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<sup>1</sup> My Allah, You are the eternal God, this is the beginning of another new year; I, therefore, ask You, in this hour, protection from Satan, to give me control over my "self" inclined to sin and deviation, so that it brings me near You,

○ Compassionate! ○ the Owner of majesty and kindness! ○ Supporter of him who has no supporter! ○ Provider of him who has no provision! ○ He who watches over him who has no protection! ○ He who comes to help him who has no hope of help! ○ Reliance for him who has no one to lean upon! ○ Treasure of him who has nothing in the purse! ○ He who knows well how to put to test and trial! ○ the Ultimate Hope! ○ the Strength of the weak! ○ the Rescuer of the drowning! ○ He who saves from destruction! ○ He who bestows bounties! ○ He who shows courtesy and treats with benevolence! ○ he who treats with kindness and generosity! ○ He who does favors!

اجْعَلْنَا خَيْرًا مِمَّا يَظُنُّونَ وَاغْفِرْ لَنَا مَا لَا يَعْلَمُونَ وَلَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا بِمَا  
يَقُولُونَ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ  
الْعَظِيمِ آمَنَّا بِهِ كُلٌّ مِنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّنَا وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُوا الْأَلْبَابِ رَبَّنَا  
لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ  
الْوَهَّابُ<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> 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 rely, and He is the Lord of the Great Throne.

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 You. Verily You are the Bestower.

## THE THIRD OF MUHARRAM

On this day, Prophet Joseph (a.s) was freed from his prison. Hence, if one observes fasting on this day, Almighty Allah will make easy any difficulty he may face and will relieve any trouble that may face him. According to a Hadith reported from the Holy Prophet (SA), Almighty Allah will respond to the prayer of him who observes fasting on this day.

## THE NINTH OF MUHARRAM

The ninth of Muharram is called Tasu'a'. Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) is reported to have said, "On the ninth of Muharram, Imam Husayn, along with his companions, was besieged in Karbala' when the Syrian horsemen surrounded him leaving for him but a narrow area. The son of Marjanah (i.e. 'Ubaydullah ibn Ziyad) and 'Umar ibn Sa'd were delighted due to the great numbers of the horsemen who participated in that encounter against Imam Husayn (a.s.). Thus, the enemy became sure that no supporter would join the army of Imam Husayn (a.s.) and the people of Iraq, in particular, would not back him."

## THE 10TH DAY & NIGHT OF MUHARRAM (ASHURA)

### THE 'ASHURA' NIGHT

#### Prayers

100 rak'aat in sets of two

Recite Surat Ikhlasx 3 after Surat al-Hamd in all raka'aat.

Repeat x 70

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَ  
لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ<sup>3</sup>

#### Prayers:

4 Raka'aat in sets of two

After Surat al Fatiha ... recite x 10

Ayat al-Kursi

Surat Tawhid

Surat Falaq

Surat al-Naas

- **Repeat** after prayer ... Surat Tawhid x 100

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<sup>3</sup> All glory be to Allah, all praise be to Allah, there is no god but Allah, Allah is the Greatest, and there is neither might nor power but with Allah, the All-high the All-great.



## Prayers:

4 Raka'at in sets of two

After Surat al-Hamd repeat x 50 Surat Tawhid.

- The reward of occupying this night in worship is like worshipping with all the angels.
- One who pays a visit to Imam Husayn (as) in Karbala, the Almighty Allah shall resurrect him, on the Judgment Day, spotted with the blood of Imam Husayn (a.s.) with those who were martyred with him.

## **THE 10TH OF MUHARRAM (THE DAY OF ASHURA)**

On this day, Imam Husayn (a.s.) was martyred. It is indeed the day of the calamitous misfortune and the day of grief for the Imams (a.s.) and their adherents.

- Refrain from working
- Occupy in majalis
- Visit the sacred shrine of Imam Husayn (as)
- Recite ziyarat Ashura
- Say the following when you meet each other.

أَعْظَمَ اللَّهُ أَجُورَنَا بِمُصَابِنَا بِالْحُسَيْنِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ وَجَعَلْنَا وَ  
إِيَّاكُمْ مِنَ الطَّالِبِينَ بِثَارِهِ مَعَ وَلِيِّهِ الْإِمَامِ الْمَهْدِيِّ مِنْ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
عَلَيْهِمْ [عَلَيْهِ] السَّلَامُ<sup>4</sup>.

اللَّهُمَّ الْعَنْ قَتَلَةَ الْحُسَيْنِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ

May Allah banish from His mercy, the killers of husayn (as).

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<sup>4</sup> May Alláh magnify our reward, for our grief for Hussain, upon him be salaam.

May He enlist us and you among those who help his cause with his representative, the guided Imám from the family of Muhammad, peace be on them.

## AAMAL FOR DAY OF ASHURA

At the last hours of the Day of 'Ashura', it is necessary to bring to mind the situation of Imam Husayn's household at those hours when they were taken as captives in Karbala' while they were unimaginably sad and hurt that they could do nothing but weeping. No author can ever describe the actual status of Imam Husayn's household, daughters, and children in these hours since the trials that they had to encounter had never stricken any human being on this earth.

فَاجِعَةٌ إِنْ أَرَدْتُ أَكْتُبُهَا مُجْمَلَةً ذِكْرَةً لِمَدِّ كِرٍ  
جَرَتْ دُمُوعِي فَحَالَ حَائِلُهُمَا مَا بَيْنَ لَحْظِ الْجُفُونِ وَالزُّبْرِ  
وَقَالَ قَلْبِي بُقِيَا عَلَيَّ فَلَا وَاللَّهِ مَا قَدْ طُبِعْتُ مِنْ حَجَرٍ  
بَكَتْهَا الْأَرْضُ وَالسَّمَاءُ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا فِي مَدَامِعِ حُمْرٍ

## ZIYARAH OF CONDOLENCE

## TO HOLY PROPHET (S.A) AND HIS PURE PROGENY

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ آدَمَ صَفْوَةَ اللَّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا  
وَارِثَ نُوحٍ نَبِيِّ اللَّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلِ  
اللَّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ مُوسَى كَلِيمِ اللَّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ  
يَا وَارِثَ عِيسَى رُوحِ اللَّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ مُحَمَّدٍ  
حَبِيبِ اللَّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ عَلِيِّ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَوَلِيِّ  
اللَّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَارِثَ الْحَسَنِ الشَّهِيدِ سَبْطِ رَسُولِ  
اللَّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا ابْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا ابْنَ  
الْبَشِيرِ النَّذِيرِ وَابْنَ سَيِّدِ الْوَصِيِّينَ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا ابْنَ  
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 الْوَثْرُ الْمُؤْتَوْرُ السَّلَامُ  
عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْإِمَامُ الْهَادِي الزَّكِيُّ وَعَلَى أَرْوَاحِ حَلَّتْ بِفِنَائِكَ

وَأَقَامَتْ فِي جِوَارِكَ وَوَفَدَتْ مَعَ زُورِكَ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ مِنِّي  
مَا بَقِيَتْ وَبَقِيَ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ فَلَقَدْ عَظُمَتْ بِكَ الرَّزِيَّةُ وَ  
جَلَّ الْمُصَابُ فِي الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَفِي أَهْلِ السَّمَاوَاتِ  
أَجْمَعِينَ وَفِي سُكَّانِ الْأَرْضِينَ فَاِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ وَ  
صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ وَتَحِيَّاتُهُ عَلَيْكَ وَ عَلَى آبَائِكَ  
الطَّاهِرِينَ الطَّيِّبِينَ الْمُتَنَجِّبِينَ وَ عَلَى ذُرَارِيهِمُ الْهُدَاةِ  
الْمُهْدِيِّينَ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ وَ عَلِيمِهِمْ وَ عَلَى رُوحِكَ وَ  
عَلَى أَرْوَاحِهِمْ وَ عَلَى تُرْبَتِكَ وَ عَلَى تُرْبَتِهِمُ اللَّهُمَّ لَقِهِمْ رَحْمَةً  
وَ رِضْوَانًا وَ رُوحًا وَ رِيحَانًا السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ يَا أَبَا  
عَبْدِ اللَّهِ يَا ابْنَ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ، يَا ابْنَ سَيِّدِ الْوَصِيِّينَ وَ  
يَا ابْنَ سَيِّدَةِ نِسَاءِ الْعَالَمِينَ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا شَهِيدُ يَا ابْنَ  
الشَّهِيدِ يَا أَخَ الشَّهِيدِ يَا أَبَا الشُّهَدَاءِ اللَّهُمَّ بَلِّغْهُ عَنِّي فِي  
هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ وَفِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ وَفِي هَذَا الْوَقْتِ وَفِي كُلِّ وَقْتٍ  
تَحِيَّةً كَثِيرَةً وَ سَلَامًا سَلَامُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ وَ رَحْمَةً اللَّهُ وَ بَرَكَاتُهُ

يَا ابْنَ سَيِّدِ الْعَالَمِينَ وَ عَلَى الْمُسْتَشْهَدِينَ مَعَكَ سَلَامًا  
مُتَّصِلًا مَا اتَّصَلَ اللَّيْلُ وَ النَّهَارُ السَّلَامُ عَلَى الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ  
عَلِيِّ الشَّهِيدِ السَّلَامُ عَلَى عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ الشَّهِيدِ  
السَّلَامُ عَلَى الْعَبَّاسِ بْنِ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الشَّهِيدِ السَّلَامُ  
عَلَى الشُّهَدَاءِ مِنْ وُلْدِ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ السَّلَامُ عَلَى الشُّهَدَاءِ  
مِنْ وُلْدِ الْحَسَنِ السَّلَامُ عَلَى الشُّهَدَاءِ مِنْ وُلْدِ الْحُسَيْنِ  
السَّلَامُ عَلَى الشُّهَدَاءِ مِنْ وُلْدِ جَعْفَرٍ وَعَقِيلِ السَّلَامُ عَلَى  
كُلِّ مُسْتَشْهَدٍ مَعَهُمْ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ بَلِّغُهُمْ عَنِّي تَحِيَّةً كَثِيرَةً وَ سَلَامًا السَّلَامُ  
عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ لَكَ الْعِزَاءَ فِي وَلَدِكَ  
الْحُسَيْنِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا فَاطِمَةَ أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ لَكَ الْعِزَاءَ  
فِي وَلَدِكَ الْحُسَيْنِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَحْسَنَ  
اللَّهُ لَكَ الْعِزَاءَ فِي وَلَدِكَ الْحُسَيْنِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَبَا  
مُحَمَّدٍ أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ لَكَ الْعِزَاءَ فِي أَخِيكَ الْحُسَيْنِ

يَا مَوْلَايَ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ أَنَا ضَيْفُ اللَّهِ وَضَيْفُكَ وَجَارُ اللَّهِ  
وَجَارُكَ وَ لِكُلِّ ضَيْفٍ وَ جَارٍ قَرِيٌّ وَ قَرَايٍ فِي هَذَا الْوَقْتِ  
أَنْ تَسْأَلَ اللَّهَ سُبْحَانَهُ وَ تَعَالَى أَنْ يَرْزُقَنِي فَكَأَنَّكَ رَقَبَتِي مِنَ  
النَّارِ إِنَّهُ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبٌ.

## THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF MUHARRAM

Imam Ali ibn Husayn Zayn al-'Abidin(a.s.) was martyred on the twenty-fifth of Muharram, AH 94, or on the twelfth of Muharram AH 95, which was called the Year of Scholars.

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