

## SAYYIDAH ZAHRA CENTRE

## NIGHT OF FORGIVENESS

# SHAB E BAR'AT

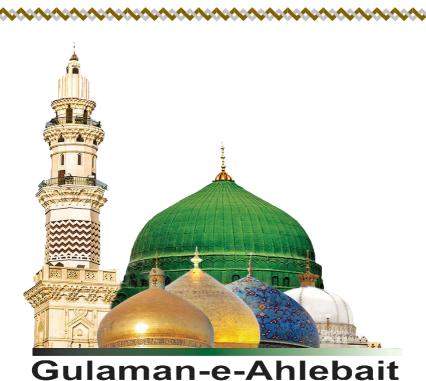
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### ٱللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلَى أَلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَ بَارِكْ وَسَلَّمْ

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#### The 15th Night of Sha'ban ul Mu'azzam

The night between the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha'ban ul Mu'azzam is known as Shab e Bar'at / Night of Maghfirah / Night of Forgiveness. On this night Almighty Allah showers His exclusive mercy upon us, forgives us and fulfils our Duaas. Angels present our deeds to Almighty Allah and all the decisions are taken on this night. We must make an apology from the ones who we have hurt intentionally or unintentionally. The Beloved Prophet Muhammad وَاصْحَابِهِ وَسَلَّمْ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلُهِ عَلَيْهِ وَآصْحَابِهِ وَسَلَّمْ

Dear brothers and sisters!

We are not sure if we are going to be alive next year, it is about time we start preparing for our graves and Aakhirah (the Day of Judgement). Undoubtedly, we have wasted our lives in worldly desires, committed uncountable sins knowingly and unknowingly. On this revered night, let us repent sincerely and spend this night in the remembrance of Almighty Allah.

Let us try to refine our lives and follow the commands of Almighty Allah, In Sha Allah.

The unique blessings of this blessed night are proven from the Divine Book Quran Al Kareem and various Ahadith.

Sayyiduna Abu Umamah بَضِى ٱللَّهُ عَنْهُ narrates, the Beloved Prophet of Almighty Allah states:

"In five of the following nights, supplication (Dua) is not rejected:

- 1. The first night of Rajab ul Murajjab,
- 2. The 15<sup>th</sup> night of Sha'ban ul Mu'azzam,
- 3. The night between every Thursday and Friday,
- 4. The night of Eid al-Fitr, (the first night of Shawaal ul Mukarram), and
- 5. The night of Eid al-Adha (the 10<sup>th</sup> night of Dhul Hijjah).

{Tarikh Dimishq li-Ibn 'Asaakir, Vol. 10, Page 408}

The Beloved Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَاَصْحَابِهِ وَسَلَّمْ states: "The decisions for the entire year are taken in the month of Sha'ban."

{رَضِي اللَّهُ عَنْهُ Tafsir Tabari, under Surah al-Dukhaan, Verse 1 by Imam Tabari {رَضِي اللَّهُ عَنْهُ

Sayyiduna Maula Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيْمِ narrates, the Beloved Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَاَصْحَابِهِ وَسَلَّمْ

"On the 15<sup>th</sup> night of Sha'ban, do Qiyam (perform Nafl prayers) during the night, seek forgiveness, and fast on the 15<sup>th</sup> day (following day). Almighty Allah calls out to His creation throughout the night, is there anyone who is asking for forgiveness (Maghfirah), I shall forgive him. Is there anyone suffering, so I shall relieve his suffering. Is there anyone who is asking for sustenance (Rizq), I shall provide for him.' And this continues until dawn."

{Ibn Majah}

Our Beloved Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَاَصْحَايِهِ وَسَلَّمْ states:

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"Verily, on this night Almighty Allah bestows his mercy on everyone. He forgives all the Muslims except from the fortune tellers, magicians, the ones who drink alcohol, and the ones who disrespect their parents."

Sayyiduna Imam Suyuti رَضِى ٱللهُ عَنْهُ states:

"The night of mid-Sha'ban holds immense importance, and it is highly recommended to spend it in prayer and worship."

{*Haqiqat al-sunna wa al-bid`a aw al-amr bi al-ittiba` wa al-nahi `an al-ibtida, Page No. 58*}

#### VISITING THE GRAVEYARD

Visiting the graveyard on the 15<sup>th</sup> night of Sha'ban ul Mu'azzam is proven through the practice of our Beloved Prophet Muhammad صَلَى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاَصْحَايِهِ وَسَلَمَ . Therefore, the predecessors of the Ummah have always visited the graveyards on this blessed night and pray Fatiha for their loved ones. It is mentioned by numerous scholars, one should spend this blessed night in the remembrance of Almighty Allah, pray for himself and the deceased members of his family and the entire Ummah.

Sayyidah Aisha Siddiqah سَلَامُ اللهِ عَلَيهَا states:

"I have seen the Beloved Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ visiting Jannat ul Baqi on the fifteenth of Sha'ban, seeking for forgiveness for the Muslims men, women and martyrs."

{Shu'ab-ul-Iman, Vol.3, Page No. 384, Hadith 3837}

#### **IBAADAH - NAFL PRAYERS**

#### Soon after the sun sets, recite:

- Durood Sharif 3 times. - لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله العلى العظيم - La Hawla walaa Quwwata illa BIllahil-Aliyil Azeem - 40 times. - Durood Sharif 3 times.

On this blessed night, it is a traditional practice to offer 6 Nawafil for blessings throughout the year after Maghrib Salah.

2 Rakah Nafl - (Intention) for a long life with Barakah.
2 Rakah Nafl - (Intention) for protection from calamities.
2 Rakah Nafl - (Intention) for only being dependent on Almighty Allah.

In each Rakah, recite Surah al-Fatiha once and Surah al-Ikhlas 3 times.

#### After each Nafl, recite:

Surah al-Yasin once. Surah al-Ikhlaas 21 times.

On this night, we should try our best to perform Salaat ul Tasbih, after Isha Salah.

Sayyiduna Abbas Bin Abdul Muttalib رَضِى ٱللَّهُ عَنْهُ Marrates, the Beloved Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلَبِهِ وَآصَحَابِهِ وَسَلَّمْ

"Offer Salaat ul Tasbih once a day, if you can't do so, offer it once in a week, if you can't do so, offer it once in a month, if you can't do so, offer it once in a year, if you can't do so; at least offer it once in your lifetime."



#### SALAAT UL TASBIH

'SubHaanAllah e WalHamdulillah e Wa Laa Ilaaha Ilallahu Wallahu Akbar'

سُبْحَانَ اللهِ وَالْحَمْدُلِلهِ وَلَا اللهَ الاَّ اللهُ وَاللهُ أَكْبَرُ

Make an intention (Niyah) for four Rakah Nafl.

#### FIRST RAKAH

- ✤ Recite the above Tasbih 15 times after reciting Sanah.
- Recite Tasbih 10 times after reciting Surah al-Fatiha and Surah al-Kafiroun (or any other Surah).
- ✤ Recite Tasbih 10 times in Ruku.
- ✤ Recite Tasbih 10 times in Quamah.
- Recite Tasbih 10 times in the first Sajdah.
- ✤ Recite Tasbih 10 times in Jalsah.
- ✤ Recite Tasbih 10 times in the second Sajdah.

#### SECOND RAKAH

- Recite Tasbih 15 times before reciting Surah al-Fatiha and Surah al-Ikhlas (or any other Surah).
- Recite Tasbih 10 times after reciting the Surahs.
- The remaining Rakah will be offered as mentioned in the first Rakah.
- Recite Tashahud, Durood e Ibrahimi and Dua e Masurah in the first Qa'dah.

#### THIRD RAKAH

- ✤ Recite Tasbih 15 times after reciting Sanah.
- Recite Tasbih 10 times after reciting Surah al-Fatiha and Surah al-Falaq (or any other Surah).
- The remaining Rakah will be offered as mentioned in the first Rakah.

#### FOURTH RAKAH

- Recite Tasbih 15 times before reciting Surah al-Fatiha and Surah an-Naas (or any other Surah).
- Recite Tasbih 10 times after reciting the Surahs.
- The remaining Rakah will be offered as mentioned in the first Rakah.
- Recite Tashahud, Durood e Ibrahimi and Dua e Masurah in the last Qa'dah; complete the Salah.



#### DUAA NISF E SHA'BAN

It is recommended to recite this Duaa on the  $15^{th}$  of Sha'ban ul Mu'azzam.

دیا نے تصف شد جیا

اَللَّهُمَّ يَا ذَالُمَنَّ وَلاَ يُمَنُّ عَلَيُهِ \* يَا ذَالُحَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ \* يَا ذَاالطُّولِ وَالْإِنْعَامِ \* لَآ اِلْـهَ إِلَّا ٱنْـتَ ظَهُرَاللَّاجِيُنَ \* وَجَـارَالْـمُسْتَحِيُرِيُنَ \* وَأَمَانَ الْحَـائِفِيُنَ \* ٱللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كُنُتَ كَتَبُتَنِيُ عِنْدَكَ فِي أُمَّ الْكِتْبِ شَقِيّاً ٱوُ مَحُرُوُماً أَوْمَطُرُوُداً أَوْمُقَتَّراً عَلَىَّ فِي الرِّزُقِ فَامُحُ ﴾ ٱللَّهُمَّ بفَضُلِكَ شَقَاوَتِس وَحِرُمَانِي وَطَرُدِي وَاقْتِتَارَ رِزُقِي \* وَأَثْبَتُنِي عِنْدَكَ فِيُ أُمَّ الْكِتْبِ سَعِيْداً مَّرْزُوُقًا مُّوَفَّقًا لِلْحَيْرَاتِ ﴾ فَإِنَّكَ قُلُتَ وَقَوُلُكَ الُحَقُّ فِي كِتَابِكَ الْمُنَزَّلِ \* عَلى لِسَان نَبِيَّكَ الْمُرُسَلِ \* يَمُحُوااللَّهُ مَا يَشَآهُ وَيُثْبِتُ \* وَعِندَهُ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ \* الله ي بالتَّجَلِّي الأعظم فِي لَيُلَةِالنِّصْفِ مِنُ شَهُرِشَعُبَانَ الْمُكَرَّمِ \* ٱلَّتِي يُفُرَقُ فِيُهَا كُلُّ أَمُرِحَكِيُمٍ وَّيُبُرَمُ \* أَنُ تَكْشِفَ عَنَّا مِنَ الْبَلَاءِ وَالْبَلُوَآءِ مَانَعُلَمُ وَمَا لَانَعُلَمُ \* وَاَنْتَ بِهَ أَعُلَمُ \* إِنَّكَ أَنُتَ الْأَعَزُّالَا كُرَمُ ﴾ وَصلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَّ عَـل الله وَصَحْب وَسَلَّمَ \* وَالْحَـمُ ذُلِلَّهِ رَبّ الْعَلَمِيُنَ \*

### FASTING ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF SHA'BAN UL MU'AZZAM

The Beloved Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَاَصْحَابِهِ وَسَلَّمْ has recommended to fast on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha'ban ul Mu'azzam, due to the Barakah and significance of this day. Many predecessors of the Ummah have been fasting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha'ban ul Mu'azzam. According to the law of Shariah fasting on this day is conditional for travellers and patients.

Sayyiduna Ibn e Habaan رَضِى اللهُ عَنْهُ مَنْهُ عَنْهُ مَعَامُ has narrated, the Beloved Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَإَلْهِ وَاَصْحَابِهِ وَسَلَّمُ

"When the night of  $15^{th}$  Sha'ban arrives, worship throughout the night and fast during the day."

Sayyiduna Abu Hurairah رَضِى ٱللَّهُ عَنْهُ has reported, the Beloved Prophet of Almighty Allah states:

"O, people! Purify your bodies through fasting during the blessed month of Sha'ban, it will help you fast during the month of Ramadan."

{Baihaqi Sharif}

O, Almighty Allah! On this sacred night we ask you to please purify our hearts with the love of Your Beloved Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَإَلَهِ وَاَصْحَايِهِ وَسَلَّمْ their Ahlal-Bayt e Athaar . رِضْوَانَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيهِمْ اَجْمَعِينُ O, The Most Gracious! Please protect our faith from Shaitan, forgive our sins, and guide us on the path of the righteous ones.

O, The Most Merciful! Please accept us and fulfil our Duaas with the Wasila of Panjatan e Paak عَلَيهِمُ السَّلَامُ.

Aameen Ya Rabb!



## SHAB E BAR'AT MUBAARAK

**Gently** emphasize the significance of such days and nights to the ones who are not aware.

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