

Dua of Sha'baan of Imam Zainul Abideen A.S.

Recommended to be recited daily in this month

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

Allahumma Salli `Alaa Muhammadin wa Aali Muhammad

O Allah, send blessings on Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad;

شَجَرَةَ النَّبُوءَةِ

shajaratin Nubuwwati
the tree of Prophet-hood,

وَمَوْضِعِ الرِّسَالَةِ

wa mawdi'ir risaalati
and the trustees of the (Divine) Mission,

وَمُخْتَلَفِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ

wa mukhtalafil mala'ikati
and the frequently visited by the angels,

وَمَعْدِنِ الْعِلْمِ

Wa ma`dinil`ilmi
And the core of knowledge,

وَأَهْلِ بَيْتِ الْوَحْيِ

wa Ahli baytil wahyi
and the Household of the Divine Revelation.

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O Allah, (please do) send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

أَلْفُلُكِ الْجَارِيَةِ فِي أَلْجَجِ الْغَامِرَةِ

Alfulkil jaariyati fil lujajil ghaamirati
the sailing ships through the abysmal waves.

يَأْمَنُ مَنْ رَكِبَهَا

yaa' manu man rakibaha
He, who embarks on (them), will be saved

وَيَغْرَقُ مَنْ تَرَكَهَا

wa yagh-raqu man tarakaha
and he, who abandons (them), will be drowned.

الْمُتَقَدِّمُ لَهُمْ مَارِقٌ

Al mutaqaddimu lahum maariq
He, who precedes them, will miss the Right Path

وَالْمُتَأَخِّرُ عَنْهُمْ زَاهِقٌ

Wal muta'akh-khiru `anhum zaahiq
and he who misses them will lose,

وَالَّذِي لَزِمَهُمْ لَاحِقٌ

Wal lazimu lahum lahiqun
And he, who adheres to them, will win.

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الْكَهْفِ الْحَصِينِ

Alkahfil haseen
the impregnable shelter,

وَعِيَاثِ الْمُضْطَرِّ الْمُسْتَكِينِ

wa ghiyaathil mudtarril mustakeen
the succorers of the helpless, the distressed ones,

وَمَلْجَأِ الْهَارِبِينَ

wa malja'il haaribin
the haven of the fugitives,

وَعِصْمَةِ الْمُعْتَصِمِينَ

wa `ismatil mu'tasimin
and the asylum of those who seek refuge.

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صَلَاةٌ كَثِيرَةٌ تَكُونُ لَهُمْ رِضًا
salaatan kathiratan takunu lahum rida
so many blessings that would please them

وَلِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ آدَاءً وَقَضَاءً
wa lihaqqi muhammadin wa ali muhammad ada'an wa qada'a
and settle all (our) duties towards Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

بِحَوْلِ مِنْكَ وَقُوَّةِ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ
bihawlin minka wa quwwatin ya Rabbal`Aalamin
by Your might and power, O Lord of the worlds!

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الطَّيِّبِينَ الْأَبْرَارِ الْأَخْيَارِ
At-tayyibinal-abraaril—akhyar
the pure, pious, and righteous

الَّذِينَ أَوْجَبْتَ حُقُوقَهُمْ
Al-ladhina aw-jabta huqu-qahum
whose rights have been made incumbent upon us by You (Allah)

وَفَرَضْتَ طَاعَتَهُمْ وَوَلَايَتَهُمْ
wa farad-ta ta`atahum wa wilayatahum
and the obedience to whom and whose (divinely ordained) leadership
have been (also) deemed obligatory upon us by You.

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وَأَعْمُرْ قَلْبِي بِطَاعَتِكَ
wa `mur qalbi bi-ta`atik
fill my heart with obedience to You,

وَلَا تُخْزِنِي بِمَعْصِيَتِكَ

wa la tukh-zini bi-ma`siyatik

do not disgrace me due to my acts of disobedience to You,

وَأَرْزُقْنِي مُوَاسَاةَ مَنْ قَنَّرْتَ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ رِزْقِكَ

warzuqni muwasaata man qat-tarta `alayhi min rizqika

and grant me the feeling of sympathy towards those whom You have decided to straighten their sustenance

بِمَا وَسَّعْتَ عَلَيَّ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ

bima was-sa`ta `alayya min fadlik

for You have blessed me with affluence in livelihood

وَنَشَرْتَ عَلَيَّ مِنْ عَدْلِكَ

wa nashar-ta `alayya min `adlik

since You have displayed Your justice on me

وَأَخَيَّبْتَنِي تَحْتَ ظِلِّكَ

wa ah-yaytani tahta zil-lik

and bestowed on me to live under Your shade.

وَهَذَا شَهْرُ نَبِيِّكَ سَيِّدِ رُسُلِكَ

wa haadha shahru nabiiyika sayyidi rusulik

This is the month of Your Prophet and the Master of Your Messengers.

شَعْبَانُ الَّذِي حَفَفْتَهُ مِنْكَ بِالرَّحْمَةِ وَالرِّضْوَانِ

sha`baanu al-ladhi hafaftahu minka bir-rahmati wer-ridwaan

It is Sha`ban, which You have encompassed with Your Mercy and Pleasure

الَّذِي كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Al-ladhi kaana rasulul-laahi sal-lal-laahu `alayhi wa Aalihi wa sal-lam

and on which the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him and his Household,

يَذَابُ فِي صِيَامِهِ وَقِيَامِهِ

Yada`bu fi siyaamihi wa qiyaamihi

used to observe fasting painstakingly and used to spend it with acts of worship

فِي لَيَالِيهِ وَأَيَّامِهِ

fi layalihi wa ayyaamihi

on all of its days and nights

بُخُوعاً لَكَ فِي إِكْرَامِهِ وَإِعْظَامِهِ

bukhu`an laka fi ikraamihi wa i`zamihi

on account of Your honoring and dignifying this month,

إِلَى مَحَلِّ حِمَامِهِ

ila mahal-li himaamihi

up to his death.

اللَّهُمَّ فَأَعِنَّا عَلَى الْإِسْتِنَانِ بِسُنَّتِهِ فِيهِ

Allahumma fa`l`nna `alal istinaani bi-sunnati-hi fiihi

O Allah, (please do) help us follow the example of him (i.e. the Holy Prophet as regards the honoring of this month)

وَنَيْلِ الشَّفَاعَةِ لَدَيْهِ

wa naylish-shafa`ati ladaiy-hi

and help us attain his intercession for us.

اللَّهُمَّ وَأَجْعَلْهُ لِي شَفِيعاً مُشَفَّعاً

Allahumma waj`al-hu li shafi`an mushaf-fa`a

O Allah, make him as my interceder, whose intercession for me is acceptable (by You).

وَطَرِيقاً إِلَيْكَ مَهْيَعاً

wa tariqan ilayka mahya`a

and as my clear path toward You,

وَأَجْعَلْنِي لَهُ مُتَّبِعاً

waj`alni lahu mut-tabi`a

and make me follow him

حَتَّى أَلْقَاكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَنِّي رَاضِياً

Hat-ta alqaaka yawmal-qiyamati `anni radiya

Until I meet You on the Resurrection Day in such a state that You are pleased with me,

وَعَنْ ذُنُوبِي غَاضِياً

wa `an dhunubi ghadiya

having overlooked my sins

قَدْ أُوجِبْتَ لِي مِنْكَ الرَّحْمَةَ وَالرِّضْوَانَ

qad aw-jabta li minkar rahmata wer-ridwaan
and confer upon me with Your mercy and good pleasure

وَأَنْزَلْتَنِي دَارَ الْقَرَارِ وَمَحَلَّ الْأَخْيَارِ

wa anzal-tani daral-qaraari wa mahal-lil-akhyar
Settling me in the Eternal Abode and the Place for the Righteous.

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Our Imams frequently recited this supplication. In the words of Sheikh Toosi,

كان علي بن الحسين عليه السلام يدعو عند كل زوال من ايام شعبان وفي ليله النصف منه ويصلي علي "
النبي صلي الله عليه واله بهذه الصلوات

In the month of Shaban, Ali Ibn Al-Hussein, Zain Al-Abidin A.S. would read this supplication every noon, and on the fifteenth night, and he sent Salawats (on Muhammad and Aali Muhamad) through reciting this Dua.

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