

The Prayer of the Night of Mid-Sha'bān



Shaykh Ṣāliḥ al-Ja'farī

Shaykh Ṣāliḥ al-Ja'farī would engage in the following acts of worship, after the compulsory Maghrib prayer on the Night of Mid-Sha'bān:

1. Pray 2 rak'āt and then read Sūrat Yā-Sīn* with the intention of asking for a long, healthy and successful life.
2. Pray 2 rak'āt and then read Sūrat Yā-Sīn* with the intention of asking for the removal of affliction and calamities.
3. Pray 2 rak'āt and then read Sūrat Yā-Sīn* with the intention to not rely on people for one's needs, but rather rely on Allāh alone.

Shaykh Ṣāliḥ al-Ja'farī said: "Whoever has not memorised Sūrat Yā-Sīn, let them read Sūrat al-Ikhlāṣ eleven times."

*After **each** recital of Sūrat Yā-Sīn, the Shaykh would read the following supplication as mentioned by the Ṣāliḥīn, **once**.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا ذَا الْمَنِّ وَلَا يُمَنُّ عَلَيْهِ • يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ • يَا ذَا الطَّوْلِ
وَالْإِنْعَامِ • لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ ظَهَرَ اللَّاجِئِينَ • وَجَارَ الْمُسْتَجِيرِينَ • وَأَمَانَ
الْحَافِيْنَ • اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كُنْتَ كَتَبْتَنِي عِنْدَكَ فِي أُمَّ الْكِتَابِ شَقِيًّا فَامْحُ عَنِّي
اسْمِي الشَّقَاوَةِ • وَأَثْبِتْنِي عِنْدَكَ سَعِيدًا • وَإِنْ كُنْتَ كَتَبْتَنِي عِنْدَكَ فِي أُمَّ
الْكِتَابِ مُحْرَمًا مُقْتَرًا عَلَى رِزْقِي فَامْحُ حِرْمَانِي وَ يُسِّرْ رِزْقِي • وَأَثْبِتْنِي عِنْدَكَ
سَعِيدًا مُوَفَّقًا لِلْخَيْرَاتِ • فَإِنَّكَ تَقُولُ فِي كِتَابِكَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلْتَ : ﴿يَمْحُو اللَّهُ مَا
يَشَاءُ وَيُثَبِّتُ وَعِنْدَهُ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ﴾ • إِلَهِي بِالتَّجَلِّيِ الْأَعْظَمِ فِي لَيْلَةِ النَّصْفِ
مِنْ شَهْرِ شَعْبَانَ الْمُكْرَمِ • الَّتِي يُفْرَقُ فِيهَا كُلُّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ وَيُبْرَمُ • نَسَأَلُكَ
أَنْ تَكْشِفَ عَنَّا مِنَ الْبَلَاءِ مَا نَعْلَمُ وَمَا لَا نَعْلَمُ وَمَا أَنْتَ بِهِ أَعْلَمُ • إِنَّكَ
أَنْتَ الْأَعَزُّ الْأَكْرَمُ • وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ



Translation

O Allāh! You shower favours on everyone, and no one can do You any favour.

O Possessor of Majesty and Honour, O Distributor of bounty and rewards, there is no one worthy of worship except You. You are the Supporter of the refugees and the Patron of those seeking asylum and the Source of safety for those in fear.

O Allāh! If You have written me down as someone who is wretched, in the Mother of All Books that is with You, then remove from me the title of wretchedness and establish me with You as felicitous. If You have written me down, in the Mother of All Books that is with You, as someone who is deprived, without enough sustenance, then wipe out my deprivation and open up for me my provision and establish me with You as someone who is blessed, and facilitated in all good. Indeed, You said in Your Book:

{That Allāh blots out and establishes what He wants and with Him is the Mother of All Books.} 1

O My Lord! By the exalted divine manifestations on this fifteenth night of the blessed month of Sha‘bān, in which You issue all Wise and Irrevocable Decrees. We ask You to remove from us all calamities, those that we know about as well as those that we don’t, while You know everything. Truly, You are the Most Powerful, Most Generous.

And may Allāh shower blessings and peace on our master, Muḥammad, the Unlettered Prophet and on his family and his companions.

Transliteration

Allāhumma yā dha l-manna wa lā yumannu ‘alayh, yā Dha l-Jalāli wa l-Ikrām, yā dhā ṭ-ṭūli wa l-in‘ām, lā ilāha illa anta ḡhura l-lāji‘īn, wa jāra l-mustajīrīn, wa amāna l-khā‘ifīn, Allāhumma in kunta katabtanī ‘indaka fī ummi l-kitābi shaqiyyan fa-mḡhu ‘annī -smī sh-shaqāwa, wa uthbitnī ‘indaka sa‘īdā, wa in kunta katabtanī ‘indaka fī ummi l-kitābi maḡrūman muqtiran ‘alayya rizqī fa-mḡhu ḡirmānī wa yussir rizqī, wa athbitnī ‘indaka sa‘īdan muwaffaqan li-l-khayrāt, fa-innaka taqūlu fī kitābika l-ladhī anzalta:

“Yamḡhū Llāhu mā yashā‘u wa yuthbitu wa ‘indahū ummu l-kitāb.”

Ilāhī bi-t-tajallī l-a‘ḡami fī laylati n-niṡfi min shahri sha‘bāna l-mukarram, al-latī yufraqū fīhā kullu amrin ḡakīmin wa yubram, nas‘aluka an takshifa ‘annā mina l-balā‘i mā na‘lamu wa mā lā na‘lamu wa mā anta bihi a‘lam, innaka anta l-A‘azzu l-Akram, wa ṡallā Llāhu ‘alā sayyidunā Muḡammadin in-nabiyyi l-ummiyyi wa ‘alā ālihi wa ṡaḡbihi wa sallam.



This supplication was passed down by our Master, ‘Abd Allāh b. Mas‘ūd (Allāh be pleased with him), who said: “There is no slave of Allāh who makes this supplication, except that they are granted ease (and success) in the affairs of their life.”²

If one has extra time after completing the above, then they can read the supplication made upon the completion of the Qur’ān.

Notes and References

Shaykh Salih used to pray these six units of prayer in congregation with his students and fellow worshippers. They would then recite the above supplication together.

1 - Ibn Abī Shayba narrated it in *Muṣannaf al-Aḥādīth wa l-Āthār*: Vol.8, p.85, chapter 56, ḥadīth no.8 (Dār al-Fikr, Beirut, 1414 AH/1994 CE), and Ibn Abī al-Dunyā narrated it in “*al-Du‘ā*” from Ibn Mas‘ūd and reported it also from Ibn ‘Umar, and ‘Abd b. Ḥamīd narrated from ‘Umar (raḍiya Llāhu ‘anhu) that he said, while he was walking around in the house: “Allāhumma in kunta katabta ‘alayya shaqwatan aw dhanyan fa-mḥihu wa-j‘alhu sa‘ādatan wa maghfiratan fa-innaka tamḥū mā tashā’u wa tuthbitu wa ‘indaka ummu l-kitāb.” See *Rūh al-Ma‘ānī fī Tafsīr al-Qur’ān al-‘Azīm wa Sab’i l-Mathānī* of Imām Ālūsī: Vol.13, p.169-170 (Dār Iḥyā’ al-Turāth al-‘Arabī, Beirut).

2 - *Risālat al-Kashf wa l-Bayān ‘an al-Fadā’il Laylat al-Nisf min Sha‘bān* - Al-Ḥāfiẓ al-Muḥaddith: al-Shaykh Sālim al-Sanhūrī al-Mālikī: p.27-8 (Edited and published by Shaykh Ṣāliḥ al-Ja‘farī, Dār Jawāmi‘ al-Kalim, Cairo).

