

VIRTUES OF THE MONTH OF RAJAB UL MURAJJAD

Salmaan Faarsi^{RA} narrates that the RasulAllah^{SAW} said: “There is a day in the month of Rajab on which if a person fasts and does Qiyaamul Lail (night vigil) on that night, he will receive rewards like a person who fasts for 100 years and does Qiyaamul Lail for nights of 100 years. This is the night of the 27th (Rajab) and the day of the 27th (Rajab).”

This is the day on which RasulAllah^{SAW} was appointed to Messengerhood. [Ghuniyatut Talibeen]

Salmaan Faarsi^{RA} narrates that RasulAllah^{SAW} said: “O Salmaan! There is no Mumin (True Believer) or Muminah (Truly Believing Female) who performs 30 Raka'ah in the month of Rajab (described below *) that Allah^{SWT} does not forgive their sins and bestows rewards upon them as upon a person who has fasted a whole month. He/she becomes among those who will be steadfast in their salaah in the year which is to come. For him/her the deeds of the day is equal to that of the martyr. He/she will be raised with the Martyrs of the Holy Battle of Badr. For him/her is written for the fast of each day, one year's worship. His/her station is raised 1000 times higher. If he/she fasts the entire month of Rajab and performs the (above mentioned) Salaat, Allah will give him/her salvation from the Hellfire, make Waajib for him/her Paradise, and bestow His Nearness upon him/her. Jibreel^{AS} informed me: ‘O Muhammad! This is the sign between you and the Mushrikeen (Polytheists) and the Munaafiqeen (Hypocrites) because the Munafiqs do not perform this Salaat ”

1. On Sighting the New Moon of Rajab

RasulAllah^{SAW} said: when you see the new moon of Rajab, recite the following du'a:

اللَّهُمَّ يَا رَبِّي رَجَبٌ وَشَعْبَانٌ وَبَلْعَنَاءُ إِلَى
شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ ط

Al-lahum~ma baarik wa lana fee Rajaba wa Sha'baana wa bal~laghna ilaa shahri Ramadhan.

2. On the 1st of Rajab:

After Isha prayers:

a)* Perform **10** rakaah Nafil salaah (two rakaah at a time). In each rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Surah Kaafiroon 3 times, Surah Akhlaas 3 times. After Salaam, raise your hands and recite:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ
مُحْيٍ وَمُمِيتٍ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
أَللَّهُمَّ لَا مَالِعَ لِمَا أَعْطَيْتَ وَلَا مَعْطِي لِمَا مَنَعْتَ
وَلَا يَنْفَعُ دَا الْجِدِّ مِنْكَ الْجِدُّ.

Laa ilaaha illallahu wah~dahoo laa shareeka lahoo lahu mulko wa lahul hamdo yuh~yee wa youmeeto wa huwa hae~yu laa yamuto bi~yadee hil khairo wa huwa 'alaa kulli shai~in Qadeer. Allaahumma laa maan'e limaa a'taita wala mu'tia limaa man'a~ta wala yan~fa'oo zal~jad~di minkal jad~do.

There is no God but Allah, The One Who has no partners. To Him belongs all His kingdom and all the praise, Who created life and death and Who is Alive without Death. From His hands (only) good is done and Who has Power over everything. Dearest Allah, no one can stop what You bestow and no one can give what You prevent. There is no one who can profit us except You the August among all.

b) Perform **4** rakaah Nafil salaah (two at a time). In each rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Surah Alam Nashrah once, Surah Akhlaas once, Surah Falaq once, and Surah Naas once. After each two rakaah, after Salaam, recite Kalmah Tauheed 33 times, and Darood 33 times. Then make a Du'a, InshaAllah, Allah^{SWT} will grant the Du'a.

After Zuhr prayers:

a) Perform **2** rakaah Nafil salaah. In each rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Surah Akhlaas 5 times.

b) After salaam, ask Allah for forgiveness of the sins.

3. Lailatul Raghaaib (First Friday evening of Rajab)

After Maghrib prayers:

a) Perform 12 rakaah Nafil Salaah (two at a time). In each rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Surah Anzalnah 3 times, and Surah Akhlas 12 times.

b) Afterwards, recite the following Darood 70 times:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Al~lahum~ma Sal~li 'Alaa Muham~madi nin~nabee~yil um~mi~yee wa 'Alaa aalihee was~sal~lam.

c) Then recite the following du'a 70 time while in Sajda:

سُبْحٌ قَدُّوسٌ رَبِّ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ

Sub~buhoon Qud~dusoon Rab~bul malaa'i~katee war~rooh.

d) Then raise the head from Sajda, and recite the following du'a 70 time:

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ وارْحَمْ وَيَجَادُ زُعْمًا تَعْلَمُ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْأَعْلَمُ

Rab~bighfir war ham wa yahaada zu'amaa taa'lam in~nakaa antal Azeezul Aazam.

e) Make a dua, InshAllah He will grant it.

Between Zuhr and Asar prayers:

a) Perform 4 rakaah Nafil Salaah . In each rakaah, after Surah Fatihaah, recite Aayatal Kursi 7 times, and Surah Akhlaas 5 times.

b) Afterwards, recite the following du'a 25 times:

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْكَبِيرِ الْمَتَعَالَى

Laa haula wala quwwata illa billahil kabiril muta'aali.

c) Then, recite the following astaghfaar 100 times:

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ غَفَّارُ الذُّنُوبِ وَسَتَّارُ الْغُيُوبِ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

Astaghfirul~laahal lazee laa ilaaha il~la huwal haee~yul Qaee~yumo Ghaf~faarul zunoobi wa Sat~tarul 'uyoobi wa atuboo alaihi.

d) Then, recite Darood 100 times. And make a Dua. InshaAllah He will grant it.

4. Every Friday Evening:

After Isha prayers:

a) Perform 2 rakaah Nafil salaah. In each rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite last two ayaah of Surah Baqarah 7 times.

b) Perform 2 rakaah Nafil salaah. In each rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite the last three ayaah of Surah Hashr 7 times.

c) Perform 2 rakaah Nafil salaah. In each rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Aayatal Kursi 11 times, Surah Zalzalaal 11 times, and Surah Takasur 11 times.

d) Ask from Allah any Du'a and ask for forgiveness of all sins. InshaAllah He will grant it.

5. On the 15th of Rajab

After Isha prayers:

a) *Perform 10 rakaah Nafil prayers (two at a time). In each rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Surah Kafiroon 3 times, and Surah Akhlaas 3 times. After the Salaam, raise the hands towards the heavens and recite:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَخَدَّاهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ الْمَلِكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ
مُعْجِبٌ وَإِيمَانٌ وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَدِيرٌ
الْحَمْدُ أَهْدَى الْهُدَى أَمَدًا قَرْدًا وَتَرْتِيبًا يَتَّخِذُ صَاحِبَتَهُ وَلَا وَلَدًا.

Laa ilaaha il~lal~laahu wah~dahoo laa shareeka lahoo lahul mulko wa lahul hamdo yuh~yee wa yumeeto wa huwa Haae~yu laa yamuto bi~yadee~hil khairo wa huwa 'alaa kul~li shai~in Qadeer. Ilaahunw waahidan samadan fardan wa taral~lam yat~takhizu saahibatanw wa la walada.

There is no God but Allah, the One who has no partners. To Him belongs all His Kingdom and all the praise. Who created life and death and Who is Alive without Death. From His Hands (only) good is done and Who has Power over everything. The only God, Unique, Who has no needs . . He has no wife and no children.

b) Ask Allah for forgiveness. One who says this prayer, his/her sins falls as the dry leaves fall from the tree.

6. On the 27th of Rajab

After Isha prayers:

a) Perform 2 rakaah Nafl salaah. In each rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Surah Akhlaas 3 times. After the salaah, recite Surah Yaaseen once. Then, recite the following Darood 100 times or more:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَإِلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تَحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى

*Al-lahum-ma Sal-li 'alaa saee-yidina wa huwa maulaana
Muham-madinw wa aali saee-yidina Muham-madin kamaa tuhib-bu
wa tardaa.*

b) Then, with eyes closed, meditate with the thought of Mairaj and how RasulAllah^{SAW} was granted with bounties of Salaah and Fasting for our salvation. Then, recite: i) Darood 3 times, ii) Surah Fatihah once, iii) Aayat al Kursi once, iv) Surah Akhlaas 3 times, and v) Darood twice, and vi) pray to Allah to give the blessings to RasulAllah^{SAW}, all other messengers of Allah^{SWT}, RasulAllah^{SAW}'s family, and his companions. vii) then, make du'a to Allah^{SWT} including forgiveness of sins. viii) then, recite Surah Israa's first Ruku once, ix) Surah Najam once. x) Finish with comprehensive dua.

c) Perform 12 rakaah Nafl salaah (4 rakaah at a time).

i) In the first four rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Surah Qadr 3 times in each rakaah. Then, after salaam, recite the following kalmah 70 times:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْمَلِكُ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ

Laa ilaaha il-lal-laahul malikul haq-qul mubeen.

ii) In the second set of four rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Surah Nasr three times in each rakaah. Then, after salaam, recite the following kalmah 70 times:

إِنَّكَ قَوِيٌّ مَّعِينٌ وَاحِدٌ دَبِيرٌ بِحَقِّ إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

*In-naka qawee-yun mu'ee-nunw waahidi-yun daleelum be haq-qi
eeyaa ka na'budoo wa eeyaa ka nas-taen.*

iii) In the third set of four rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Surah Akhlaas three times in each rakaah. Then, recite Surah Alam Nashrah 70 times.

iv) Make du'a to Allah^{SWT} including asking for forgiveness of sins.

d) Fasting is very blessed in the month of Rajab, especially on the 27th of Rajab.

After Zuhr prayers:

Perform 4 rakaah Nafl salaah (all together). i) In the first rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Surah Qadar three times. ii) In the second rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Akhlaas three times. iii) In the third rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Surah Falaq three times. iv) In the fourth rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Surah Nass three times. v) After salaam, recite Darood 100 times. vi) Make dua to Allah^{SWT}.

7. On the Last Friday Night of Rajab

After Isha prayers:

a) *Recite 10 rakaah Nafl salaah (two at a time). In each rakaah, after Surah Fatihah, recite Surah Kafiroon 3 times and Surah Akhlaas 3 times. Then, after Salaam, raise your hand towards the heaven and recite:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحُجُودُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ وَالْحَوْلِ
وَالْقُوَّةِ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

*Laa ilaaha illallaahu waahdahu la shareeka lahu lahu mulku wa lahul
hamdu yuh-ye wa yumeetu wa huwa hae-yul la yameetu be yadihil khairu
wa huwa alaa kulli shai-in qadeer. Wa sallallahu alaa saee-yidina
Muhammadinw wa alaa aalihit-taahireena wa laahaula walaa quwwata
illa billahil alee-yil azeem.*

There is no God but Allah, The One Who has no partners. To Him belongs all His kingdom and all the praise. Who created life and death and Who is Alive without Death. From His Hands (only) good is done and Who has Power over everything. And the blessing of Allah be upon the Master Muhammad and upon his pure progeny and there is no power greater than that of Allah^{SWT} Who is the Greatest in Might.

c) Then make a du'a to Allah^{SWT} for your needs (to be fulfilled). RasulAllah^{SAW} said: "Who ever makes these prayers Allah^{SWT} will create 70 trenches between him and the Hellfire, the distance between each trench will be 500 years travel time, and written for him will be freedom from the Fire of Hell, and from crossing the Bridge of Siraat. In addition, Allah^{SWT} will grant blessings of 1000 rakaah for each rakaah." When Salmaan Faarsi^{RA} heard this Hadiths, he fell down in Sajdaa (prostration), weeping out of gratitude towards Allah for the abundance of the rewards. [Ghuniyatut Talibeen]

8. Nafil Fasting

RasulAllah^{SAW} has said that Fasting in the month of Rajab has enormous blessings, especially on the day of 27th of Rajab. A fast in this month is equivalent to one thousand days of fast and the person is protected from the punishment of the grave and the Hellfire.

9. Additional Nafil Ibaadah

There are enormous blessings for the following practices in the month of Rajab:

- a) After every salaah, recite the following du'a three times:

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ
إِلَيْهِ تَوْبَةُ عَبْدٍ ظَالِمٍ لَا يَمْلِكُ لِنَفْسِهِ مَا رَأَى وَلَا نَفَعًا
وَلَا مَوْتًا وَلَا حَيَاةً وَلَا سُورًا ۞

*Astaghfirul~laahul 'azeemal lazee. Laa ilaaha il~laa huwal Haee~yul
Qae~yoom. ilaihee taubata 'abdin zaalimin la yam~liku naf~sihee daranw
walaaf~anw wala martanw wala hayaatanw? wala nashoora.*

- b) On the 15th of Rajab, after any salaah, recite the following astaghfaar abundantly:

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ
وَعَفَا الذُّنُوبَ وَبَسَّطَ الْعُيُوبَ وَآتَوَّبَ إِلَيْهِ

*Astaghfirul~lahal lazee laa ilaaha il~laa huwal Haee~yul Qae~yumu
wa Ghaf~faaruz Zunoobi wa Sat~taarul 'uyoobi wa atoobu ilaih.*

- c) On any one day in the month of Rajab, recite Surah Yaseen once, Surah HaaMeem once, Surah Dakhaan once, Surah Ma'arij once, followed by Surah Akhlas as many times as you can.

