

Dear Mumineen
Salaamun Alaykum
Ayyaam al-Baydh Mubarak

The Ayyam al-Bid: 13th-14th-15th of Rajab al-Aşabb and A'māl

A'māl of the 13th Night of Rajab al-Aşabb

The thirteenth night of Rajab al-Aşabb is among the most blessed in the Islamic calendar. It is on this chosen night that Allah granted the Universe a transformative event - the birth of Amīr al-Mu'minīn 'Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib (as) inside the Ka'abah, a unique honour that shall never be repeated until Qiyāmah. This night is not only a commemoration but also an opportunity to alter one's Taqdīr (destiny) through istighfār (by Taubah) and 'ibādah. If sins can be forgiven, then by Allah's Rahmah, the obstacles of this world may also be removed. Therefore, do not waste this night, spend it in sincere worship until the completion of Ṣalāt al-Fajr. As you present gifts to your beloved ones, consider presenting a gift to Moulā Amir al-Mumineen, 'Alī (as): a firm, humble promise to abandon at least one harmful and sinful habit forever. Seek his Wasilah to help you fulfil this vow, by the divine authority Allah has exclusively granted him.

During your Du'ā, remember your departed loved ones who have joined the eternal life. Mention their names and recite: Allāhumma 'Ghfir bi-Haqqi Amīr al-Mu'minīn Maẓhar al-'Ajā'ib (O Allah, forgive them by the right of Amīr al-Mu'minīn, the Manifestation of Wonders) Offer Dua that, by the Wasilah of al-Khamsah al-Aṭḥār (as), Allah's continuous Rahmah descends upon them. Their Du'ā for you, in shā' Allāh, will benefit your affairs. Offer Sadaqah (charity) in this joyous month to attain greater reward.

Perform Gush before the night begins. After Ṣalāt al-'Ishā', offer Ṣalāt Tasbīḥ al-A'ẓam, also known as Ṣalāt Ja'far al-Ṭayyār (as). Offer two Rak'āt Ṣalāt al-Tawassul with the Niyyah of seeking the Shafaah of Amīr al-Mu'minīn 'Alī (as). Recite the following Tasbīḥ 1,000 times:
Astaghfirullāh Dhā al-Jalāli wal-ikrām Min Jamī' al-Dhunūb wal-Aāthām
Recite Salawāt upon Muḥammad and the Āal of Muḥammad 110 times.

A'māl Umm'e Dawood on the 15th day of Rajab al-Asab:

Umm'e Dawood, Fatimah was the wife of Al-Hasan al-Muthanna (ra) and the foster mother of Moulā Abi Abdillah Al-Imam Jafar al-Sadiq (as). She was the daughter of Abdullah b. Ibrahim. Her son Dawood was one of the leading Ash'ab of Al Imam Jafar al-Sadiq (as). She is known by her son, Dawood b. al-Hasan (ra). A'māl of Umm'e Dawood are transmitted by her direct from Al-Imam Jafar al-Sadiq (as). According to the historical sources her son, Dawood (ra) was arrested in Madinah during the Abbasid Emperor Abu Dawaniq Mansur (L) and was transferred to Iraqi jail. Umm'e Dawood was unaware of his condition for a long time. She daily offered Dua after each Salaat for the Hifadah and release of her son, but to no avail. She also performed several A'māl but her Waza'if did not solve the problem either. She had lost hope of ever seeing her son again.

One day, she went in the presence of her Moula Al Imam Jafar al-Sadiq's (as) for Eyadah because the Imam was not keeping well. The Imam asked about Dawood, and she told him about the problem. Moula (as) told him:

"Why do you not recite Dua al-Istiftah ?"

The Imam instructed her to keep Siy'am during "Ayyam al-Bid", and perform certain practices on the last day (Rajab 15), and then recite the Dua. Umm'e Dawood followed the Imami instructions and saw Rasulullah (S) in her dream who gave her tidings of her son's release. After a while, Dawood went back home and told her that he was released on exactly that night. Whoever performs this Amal, the doors of skies are opened for him/her, and Malaek descend from heavens to help them and say A'ameen on their Dua.

Dawood narrated to her mother that he was imprisoned in a very high-security jail with chains on his neck, hands, and feet. Suddenly, one day the soldiers came in and took him to Mansur (L), the tyrant Abbasid emperor. He ordered the chains to be removed, gave Dawood ten thousand Dirhams, and a fast horse to take him home. Umm'e Dawood asked whether this Amal can be performed in any other month apart from Rajab. The Imam (as) replied in the affirmative and said that it can be performed on the Day of Arafah and if Arafah falls on Jumuah, the performer will not have finished his A'māl yet he/she will be pardoned of their sins.

This A'māl can be performed in any month. One should observe Siy'am on the 13th, 14th, and 15th day of the month and recite this Dua on the 15th as recommended for all wishes 'in sha Allah to be fulfilled.

Eiltimas al-Dua

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