

LAST NIGHT OF RAMADHAN

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:A number of rites are advisably practiced at this blessed night. They are as follows

.First: It is recommended to bathe oneself at this night

.(Second: It is recommended to visit the holy tomb of Imam al-Husayn (a.s

Third: It is recommended to recite Surahs al-An'am (No. 6), al-Kahf (No. 18), and Yasin (No. 36). It is also recommended to repeat the following imploration one hundred times

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَ أَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

Fourth: It is recommended to say the following supplicatory prayer that is reported by al-Kulayni from Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq(a.s

اللَّهُمَّ هَذَا شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَتْ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنَ وَ قَدْ تَصَرَّعَ وَ أَعُوذُ بِوَجْهِكَ الْكَرِيمِ يَا رَبِّ أَنْ
يَطْلُعَ الْفَجْرُ مِنْ لَيْلَتِي هَذِهِ أَوْ يَتَصَرَّعَ شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ وَ لَكَ قِبَلِي تَبِعَةٌ أَوْ ذَنْبٌ تُرِيدُ أَنْ تُعَذِّبَنِي
بِهِ يَوْمَ الْقَاكَ

Fifth: It is recommended to say the previously mentioned supplicatory prayer that begins with
:the following

يَا مُدَبِّرَ الْأُمُورِ يَا بَاعِثَ فِي الْقُبُورِ...

Sixth: It is recommended to bid farewell to the month of Ramadan through the supplicatory prayers dedicated to this purpose and mentioned by al-Kulayni, al-Saduq, al-Mufid, al-Tusi, and Sayyid Ibn Tawus - may Allah be pleased with them all. Yet, the best farewell prayer in this respect may be the forty-fifth supplication of al-Sahifah al-Kamilah al-Sajjadiyyah, which begins with the following statement

اللَّهُمَّ يَا مَنْ لَا يَزْغِبُ فِي الْجَزَاءِ...

Sayyid Ibn Tawus has reported Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq(a.s.) as saying: Whoever bids farewell to the month of Ramadan with the following supplicatory prayer, Almighty Allah will forgive him before it dawns and will confer upon him with the bliss of submission before Him (i.e. Almighty Allah):

اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَجْعَلْهُ آخِرَ الْعَهْدِ مِنْ صِيَامِي لِشَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ وَاعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ يَطْلُعَ فَجْرُ هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ إِلَّا وَ قَدْ غَفَرْتَ لِي

Sayyid Ibn Tawus and Shaykh al-Saduq have both narrated the following on the authority of Jabir ibn 'Abdullah al-Ansari

I visited the Messenger of Allah (a.s.) on the last Friday of Ramadan. As he saw me, he said: O Jabir, this is the last Friday of Ramadan. You should thus bid farewell to it by saying the following

اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَجْعَلْهُ آخِرَ الْعَهْدِ مِنْ صِيَامِنَا إِيَّاهُ فَإِنْ جَعَلْتَهُ فَأَجْعَلْنِي مَرْحُومًا وَ لَا تَجْعَلْنِي مَحْرُومًا

Verily, whoever says this supplicatory prayer will win one of the two good things; either

.attaining the next Ramadan or having the forgiveness and mercy of Almighty Allah

Sayyid Ibn Tawus and al-Kaf'ami have reported the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) as saying, "At the last night of Ramadan, one may offer a prayer consisting of ten units at each of which Surah al-Faatehah is recited once and Surah al-Tawheed repeated ten times. In the genuflection of the prayer (ruku') and prostration (sujud), the following doxology may be repeated ten times

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

After each couple of units, one may say the Tashahhud and Taslim statements. After the accomplishment of the ten units, one may say the Taslim statement and repeat ISTEGFAAR one thousand times

:After that, one may prostrate and say the following

يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ يَا رَحْمَانَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَرَحِيْمَهُمَا يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ يَا إِلَهَ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا صَلَاتَنَا وَصِيَامَنَا وَقِيَامَنَا

The Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) then continues, "I swear by Him Who has sent me with the truth as prophet, Archangel Gabriel has reported to me from Archangel Seraph who directly reports from Almighty Allah that one who offers that prayer will not raise his head from prostration before Almighty Allah forgives him, accepts his acts during the month of Ramadan, and .overlooks his sins... etc

It is worth mentioning that other narrations have confirmed that this prayer is offered at the Night of 'Id al-Fitr (i.e. the first night of Shawwal) with a little difference in the form of the .supplicatory prayer