



Bismillahi-r-Rahmani-r-Rahim

Month of Rajab Observances:

During the month of Rajab fighting is prohibited, it is a time to be thankful for what Allah has given us and a time to give for the face of Allah (charity, service, fasting, extra prayers, etc.). Fasting is highly recommended this month, especially the first day. It is also a time to ask Allah for forgiveness of all our sins.

There are five nights in the Islamic calendar in which invocation (du`a) is not turned back: the nights of Jumu`ah, **the first night of Rajab**, the night of mid-Sha`ban, and the two nights of `Eid.

1 Rajab

This is a night to ask Allah's forgiveness and to ask Allah for whatever you want. Prayers made on these nights receive special attention from our Beloved Allah.

One prayer suggestion is:

When the worshipper has duly performed his salat on the first night of Rajab, he is recommended to offer the following Du'a:

"O Allah, to You the applicants apply this night, to You the aspirants aspire, and for Your gracious bounty and beneficence the seekers look in hope.

You have special favors [*nafahat*] to bestow this night, and prizes and gifts and presents. You will bestow them upon whomever You choose from among Your servants, and You will withhold them from those who are not ready to receive Your providential care [*'inaya*].

Well, here am I, Your servant who is sorely in need of You, hoping for Your gracious bounty and beneficence! If it pleases You, O my Master [*Ya Maulaa-ya*], to bestow Your Grace this night upon one of Your creatures, and if You will be so generous as to grant him/her a favor out of Your kindness, then bless Sayyidina Muhammad and his family, and let me enjoy Your Superabundance and Beneficence, Ya Rabbal-'Aalameen!"

27 Rajab - Al Isra' wal Miraj

The night of 27th Rajab is the night of Divine Mercy and Allah ﷻ will grant success and fulfillment of desires to the sincere devotees and also protect them from harm and Hellfire. Whoever performs sincere actions during the 27th night and fasts during the 27th day of Rajab, he/she will be blessed with a great spiritual reward.

Supererogatory Worship/Nawafil on the night of 27th Rajab:

- Offer twelve *raka'at nafl* in sets of two at a time: In every *raka'at* after *sūratu-l-Fatiha* recite *sūratu-l-'Ikhlas* 5 times. After the 12th *raka'at*, recite *salawatu-n-nabi* 100 times for fulfillment of wishes and pleas:

على آله اللهم صل على محمد النبي الامى و
allahumma salli 'ala muhammadin-nabiyyi-l-'ummi wa 'ala 'alih.

O Allah send blessings on Muhammad,
 the Unlettered Prophet, and on his descendants.

- Offer six *raka'at nafl* in sets of 2 cycles at a time: In each *raka'at* recite *sūratu-l-Fatiha* once and *sūratu-l-'Ikhlas* 7 times. After *salam salawat-n-nabi* 50 times. (look above for Arabic and transliteration of the salutations. One may do six sets of two *raka'at* with salutations upon the Prophet ﷺ /*salawat-n-nabi* 100 times as one wishes.)
- Offer one hundred *nafl raka'at* in sets of 2 cycles at a time: In each *raka'at*, after *sūratu-l-Fatiha* recite *sūratu-l-'Ikhlas*. Then repeat *salawat-n-nabi* 100 times. Make prostration/*sajdah* and appeal to Allah ﷻ. *'Insha'Allah!* Allah ﷻ will fulfill any wish without disappointment.
- Offer two *raka'at nafl salah* with the intention/*niyyah* of presenting it to our beloved Prophet ﷺ: In each *raka'at*, after *sūratu-l-Fatiha* recite *sūratu-l-'Ikhlas* 27 times and after *'At-ta-i-yatu'* recite *Da'ūd-'Ibrahim* 27 times.
- Offer two *raka'at nafl salah*. In the first *raka'at* after *sūratu-l-Fatiha* recite *sūratu-ash-Sharh* (94) once. In the second *raka'at* after *sūratu-l-Fatiha* recite *sūratu-l-Quraysh* (106). This prayer will enable the person to the reward of praying with the friends of Allah ﷻ *'awliyah*. *Sūratu-l-Quraysh* is the protection and safety of travelers and *sūratu-ash-Sharh* the promise of mercy of Allah ﷻ to the Prophet ﷺ.

27th Day of Rajab Practices

1. Offer 4 *raka'at* with one *salam* after *salatu-dh-Dhuhr*. In the first *raka'at*, after *sūratu-l-Fatiha* recite *sūratu-l-Qadr* 3 times. In the second *raka'at*, after *sūratu-l-Fatiha* recite *sūratu-l-'Ikhlas* 3 times. In the third *raka'at*, after *sūratu-l-Fatiha* recite *sūratu-l-Falaq* 3 times. In the fourth *raka'at*, after *sūratu-l-Fatiha* recite *sūratu-n-Nas* 3 times. After *salam*, repeat *salawat un nabi* 100 times. Make supplications for what you desire.
2. Fasting of this day: It is worth 100 fasts and prevents the punishment of the grave and Hellfire.

May Allah ﷻ accept our invocation and devotional worship and grant us the spiritual benefits in this month of Rajab and *Laylatu-l-Mi'raj*. May Allah ﷻ grant our supplications. *Amin!*

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