

Ziarat Arbaeen

(20th of Safar)

It is the fortieth day after Imam Hussain (asws)'s martyrdom. According to both Sheikh Tusi and Sheikh Saduq it is the day when the household members of Imam Hussain (asws) came back to Medina from Shaam, and it is the day when Jabir ibn Abdullah al-Ansari went to Karbala to make ziarat to Imam Hussain (asws)'s holy grave. Actually, he was the Imam (asws)'s first pilgrim. So it is recommended to go on ziarat to his holy shrine on this day. Imam Hasan `Askari (asws) was quoted as saying, "A believer holds five characteristics: saying 51 rak`ats of obligatory and recommended prayers within 24 hours, reciting the ziarat of al-Arba`in, wearing ring in the right hand, putting one's forehead on earth when observing prostration, and saying "In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful" (bismillahir rahmanir rahim) loudly. "

The manner of performing the ziarat of Imam Hussain (asws) is cited in Tahdhib al-Ahkam and Misbah al-Mutahajjid from Safwan al-Jammal: Safwan said that regarding the ziarat of Arba`een his master, Imam Sadiq (asws) had told him, "*Perform the ziarat in the middle hour of the forenoon by reciting:*" (the following is the ziarat of arbaeen)

السَّلَامُ عَلَى وَلِيِّ اللَّهِ وَحَبِيبِهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَى خَلِيلِ اللَّهِ وَنَجِيِّهِ

ASSALAAMU A'LAA WALIYYILLAHI WA H'ABEEBIHEE ASSALAAMU A'LAA KHALEELILLAHI WA NAJEEBIHEE

Peace be upon the Wali of Allah and His most beloved! Peace be on the beloved friend of Allah, His distinguished!

السَّلَامُ عَلَى صَفِيِّ اللَّهِ وَابْنِ صَفِيِّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَى الْحُسَيْنِ الْمَظْلُومِ الشَّهِيدِ

ASSALAAMU A'LAA S'AFIYYILLAHI WABNI S'AFIYYIHEE ASSALAAMU A'LAL H'USAYNI L MAZ'LOOMSIH SHAHEED

Peace be on the chosen of Allah and son of His Chosen! Peace be on Hussain (asws), al Mazloom (oppressed) al Shaheed (martyr)!

السَّلَامُ عَلَى أَسِيرِ الْكُرُبَاتِ وَقَتِيلِ الْعَبْرَاتِ

ASSALAAMU A'LAA ASEERIL KURUBAATI WA GATEELI L A'BARAAT

Peace be on the captive of afflictions, and the killed with flowing tears.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَشْهَدُ أَنَّهُ وَلِيُّكَ وَابْنُ وَلِيِّكَ وَصَفِيُّكَ وَابْنُ صَفِيِّكَ الْفَائِزُ بِكَرَامَتِكَ

ALLAAHUMMA INNEE ASH-HADU ANNAHOO WALIYYUKA WABNU WALIYYIKA WA S'AFIYYUKA WABNU S'AFIYYIKAL FAA-IZU BL-KARAAMATIKA

O Allah I testify He is Your Wali and Son of Your Wali and Your Chosen and Son of Your Chosen who is victorious by Your Might!

أَكْرَمْتَهُ بِالشَّهَادَةِ وَحَبَوْتَهُ بِالسَّعَادَةِ وَاجْتَبَيْتَهُ بِطَيْبِ الْوَلَادَةِ

AKRAMTAHOO BISH SHAHAADATI WA H'ABAWTAHOO BIS SA-A'ADATI WAJ-TABAYTAHOO BI-T'EEBI L WI LAADATI

You honored Him with martyrdom and bestowed upon Him prosperity. You choose for Him Purified Parents

وَجَعَلْتَهُ سَيِّدًا مِّنَ السَّادَةِ وَقَائِدًا مِّنَ الْقَادَةِ وَذَائِدًا مِّنَ الدَّادَةِ وَأَعْطَيْتَهُ مَوَارِيثَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ

WA JA-A'LTAHOO SAYYIDAN MINAS.SAADATI WA GAA-IDAN MINAL OAADATI WA D'AA-IDAN MINAD'D'AADATI WA AA'-T'AYTAHOO MAWAAREETHAL AMBIYAAA-I

And You made Him one a masters from the masters, and a leader from the leaders, and a defender of rights from the defender of rights and You gave the inheritance of the Prophets (as)

وَجَعَلْتَهُ حُجَّةً عَلَى خَلْقِكَ مِنَ الْأَوْصِيَاءِ فَأَعْذَرَنِي الدُّعَاءِ وَمَنْحَ النَّصْحِ

WA JA-A'LTAHOO H'UJJATAN A'LAA KHALQIKA MINALAWS'IYAAA-I FA-AA'-D'ARA FID DU-A'A-I WA MAN H'AN NUS'H'A

And You made Him as a Hujjat (proof) upon Your creation from the Successors. And in invitation He left no room for excuse and preached without hesitation

وَبَدَّلَ مُهْجَتَهُ فَيْكَ لِيَسْتَنْقِذَ عِبَادَكَ مِنَ الْجَهَالَةِ وَخَيْرَةِ الضَّلَالَةِ

WA BAD'ALA MUHJATAHOO FEEKA LL-YASTANGID'A I'BAADIKA MINAL JAAHALATI WA H'AYRATIZ" Z"ALAALATI

And gave His life in Your way to save Your servants from the yoke of ignorance and the evil of misguidance

وَقَدْ تَوَازَرَ عَلَيْهِ مَنْ غَرَّتْهُ الدُّنْيَا وَبَاغَ حَظَّهُ بِالْأَرْضِ ذَلِ الْأَذْنَى وَشَرَىٰ آخِرَتَهُ بِالثَّمَنِ الْأَوْكَسِ

WA QAD TAWAAZARA A'LAYHI MAN GHARRATHUD DUNYAA WA BAA-A'H'AZ'Z'AHOO BIL-ARD'ALIL ADNAA WA SHARAA
AAKHIRATAHOO BITH-THAMANILAWKASIWA

And indeed those who were deceived by the world united against Him and for a low price they sold their share of eternal prosperity and bought their place in the hereafter at a depreciated value

وَتَغَطَّرَسَ وَتَرَدَّى فِي هَوَاهُ وَأَسْخَطَكَ وَأَسْخَطَ نَبِيَّكَ

TAGHAT'RASA WATARADDAA FEE HAWAAHU WA ASKHAT'AKA WA ASKHAT'A NABIYYAKA

And took pride in insolence, threw himself into his desires, and displeased You and Your Prophet (saw)

وَأَطَاعَ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ أَهْلَ الشَّقَاقِ وَالنِّفَاقِ وَحَمَلَةَ الْأَوْزَارِ الْمُسْتَوْجِبِينَ النَّارَ (لِلنَّارِ)

WA AT'AA-A' MIN I'BAADIK AHLASH SHIQAAQI WAN NIFAAQI WA H'AMALATAL AWZAARIL MUSTAWJIBEENAN NAAR

And obeyed from Your servants those who sow discord and hypocrisy and the bearers of sins who were condemned to Hellfire

فَجَاهَدَهُمْ فِيكَ صَابِرًا مُحْتَسِبًا حَتَّىٰ سَفِكَ فِي طَاعَتِكَ دَمُهُ وَاسْتُبِيحَ حَرِيمُهُ

FA-JAAHADA HUM FEEKA S'AABIRAN MUHTASIBAN H'ATTAA SU FIKA FEE T'AA-A-RIKA DAMUHOO WASTUBEEH'A H'AREEMUHOO

He (the Holy Imam asws) fought them for You with patience until in Your obedience His blood was spilled and His sanctity shattered

اللَّهُمَّ فَالْعَنُهُمْ لَعْنًا وَبِيلًا وَعَذِّبْهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا

ALLAAHUMMA FAL-A'NHUM LAA'-NAN WA BEE LAN WA A'D'D'I B H U M A'D'AABAN ALEEMAA

O Allah, Curse them with a violent curse and chastise them with a painful chastisement

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا ابْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا ابْنَ سَيِّدِ الْأَوْصِيَاءِ

ASSALAMU ALAIKA YA IBNE RASOOLALLAH ASSALAMU ALAIKA YA IBNE SYEDUL WASIEEN

Peace be on you O the son of RasoolAllah (saw)! Peace be on you O the son of Master of Successors!

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ أَمِينُ اللَّهِ وَابْنُ أَمِينِهِ عَشْتَ سَعِيدٍ أَوْ مَضِيَّتِ حَمِيدٍ أَوْ مُتَّ فَقِيدًا مَظْلُومًا شَهِيدًا

ASH-HADU INNAKA AMEEN ALLAH WA IBNE AMEENAH SHAT SAEEDIN WA MAZIAT HAMEEDIN WA MAT FAQAYDIN
MAZLOOMIN SHAHEEDIN

I testify that You are the Trustee of Allah and the Son of His Trustee and You lived a blessed and praiseworthy life and You departed from this world as a martyr, forsaken, and oppressed.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ مُنْجِزُ مَا وَعَدَكَ وَمُهْلِكُ مَنْ خَذَلَكَ وَمُعَذِّبُ مَنْ قَتَلَكَ

WA ASH-HADU ANNALLAHA MUNJIZUN MA WA-A'DAKA WA MUH-LI KUN MAN KHAD'ALAKA WA MU-A'D'D'IBUN MAN
QATALAKA

I testify that Allah will indeed fulfill the promise He made to You and will destroy those who abandoned You and will punish those who killed You

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ وَفَيْتَ بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ وَجَاهَدْتَ فِي سَبِيلِهِ حَتَّى أَتَاكَ الْيَقِينُ

WA ASH-HADU ANNAKA WAFAYTA BI-A'HDILLAHI WA JAAHADTA FEE SABEELIHEE HATTAA ATAYKAL YAQEEEN

I testify that You fulfilled Your promise to Allah and fought in His way until You departed from this world,

فَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ مَنْ قَتَلَكَ وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ مَنْ ظَلَمَكَ وَلَعَنَ اللَّهُ أُمَّةً سَمِعَتْ بِذَلِكَ فَرَضِيَتْ بِهِ

FA-LA-A'NALLAAHU MAN QATALAKA WA LA-A'NALLAAHU MAN Z'ALAMAKA WA LA-A'NALLAAHU UMMATAN SAMI-A'T BI-
D'AALIKA FARAZ" IYAT BIHEE

May the curse of Allah be on those who killed you, may the curse of Allah be on those who oppressed you, may curse of Allah be on the people who came to know and were pleased upon hearing it

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَشْهَدُكَ أَنِّي وَلِيُّ لِمَنِ وَالَاهُ وَعَدُوُّ لِمَنِ عَادَاهُ

ALLAAHUMMA INNEE USH-HIDUKA ANNEE WALIYYUN LIMAN WALAAHU WAA'DUWWUN LIMAN A'ADAHU

O Allah be my witness that I make friends with those who love him and oppose those who deny him.

بِأَبِي أَنْتَ وَأُمِّي يَا ابْنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ كُنْتَ نُورًا فِي الْأَصْلَابِ الشَّامِخَةِ وَالْأَرْحَامِ الْمُطَهَّرَةِ
(الطَّاهِرَةِ)

BI-ABEE ANTA WA UMMEE YABNA RASOOLILI AAH ASH-HADU ANNAKA KUNTA NOORAN FIL AS'LAABISH SHAAMIKHATI WAL
ARH'AAMIL MUT'AHHARAH

May my parents be sacrificed on You, O Son of RasoolAllah (saw)! I testify that You were
noor in the sublime loins and in the pure wombs,

لَمْ تُنَجِّسْكَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةُ بِأَنْجَاسِهَا وَلَمْ تُلْبِسْكَ الْمَذْهَبَاتُ مِنْ ثِيَابِهَا

LAM TUNAJJISKAL JAAHILIYYATU BI-ANJAASIHA WA LAM TULBISKAL MUDLAHIMMAATU MIN THIYAABIHA

You were free from all the impurities of ignorance for no filth could come near You

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ مِنْ دَعَائِمِ الدِّينِ وَأَرْكَانِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَمَعْقِلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

WA ASH-HADU AN NAKA MIN DA-A'AA-IMID DEENI WA ARKAANIL MUSLIMEENA WA MAA'-QILIL MOO-MINEEN

I testify that You are the pillar of the religion, strong support of the Muslims, refuge of the
momineen (believers);

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ الْإِمَامُ الْبَرُّ التَّقِيُّ الرَّضِيُّ الرَّكِّيُّ الْهَادِي الْمَهْدِيُّ

WA ASH-HADU ANNAKAL IMAAMUL BARRUT TAQQIYYUR RAZ'IYYUZ ZAKIYYUL HAADI L MAHDIYY

I testify that You are the rightful Imam (asws), al Taqi, al Reza, al Zaki, al Hadi (guide), and al
Mahdi

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ الْأِيْمَةَ مِنْ وَلَدِكَ كَلِمَةُ التَّقْوَى وَأَعْلَامُ الْهُدَى وَالْعُرْوَةُ الْوُثْقَى وَالْحُجَّةُ عَلَى أَهْلِ الدُّنْيَا

WA ASH-HADU ANNAL A-IMMATA MIN WULDIKA KALIMATUT TAQWAA WA AA' LAAMUL HUDAA WAL U'RWATUL WUTHQAA WA
L H'UJJATU A'LAA AH LID DUNYAA

I testify that the Imams (asws) from Your Offspring are Kalimat al Taqwa (words of piety),
Signs of Guidance, the firmest handle, and the Hujjat (proofs) over the people of this world

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنِّي بِكُمْ مُؤْمِنٌ وَبِإِيَابِكُمْ مُوقِنٌ بِشَرَائِعِ دِينِي وَخَوَاتِيمِ عَمَلِي

WA ASH-HADU ANNEE BIKUM MOO-MINUN WA BI IYAABIKUM MOO-QINUN BI-SHARAA-YI-I'DEENEE WA KHAWAATEEMI
A'MALEE

I testify that I have full faith in You, and I know for certain that You shall return. I am, fully committed to the laws of my religion and my deeds

وَقَلْبِي لِقَلْبِكُمْ سَلَمٌ وَأَمْرِي لِأَمْرِكُمْ مُتَّبِعٌ وَنُصْرَتِي لَكُمْ مُعَدَّةٌ حَتَّى يَأْذَنَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ

WA QALBEE LL-QALBI KUM SILMUN WA AMREE LI-AMRIKUM MUTTABU-U'N WA NUS'RATEE LAKUM MU-A'DDATUN H'ATTAA
YAAD'ANALLAAHU LAKUM

My heart is submissive to Your heart and my affairs are in accordance with Your commands and I am ready to assist You until Allah permits you

فَمَعَكُمْ مَعَكُمْ لَا مَعَ عَدُوِّكُمْ

FA-MA-A'KUM MA-A'KUM LA MA-A'A'DDUWWIKUM

I am with You, with You and not with Your enemies

صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَعَلَى أَزْوَاحِكُمْ وَأَجْسَادِكُمْ (أَجْسَامِكُمْ)

S'ALAWATULLAAHI A'LAYKUM WA A'LAA ARWAAH'IKUM WA AJSAADI KUM WA JISMAKUM

Blessings of Allah be on you, on your souls, on your bodies,

وَشَاهِدِكُمْ وَغَائِبِكُمْ وَظَاهِرِكُمْ وَبَاطِنِكُمْ آمِينَ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

WA SHAAHIDIKUM WA GHAA-IBIKUM WA Z'AAHIRIKUM WA BAAT'INIKUM AAMEEN RABBAL A'ALAMEEN

when You are visible, when You are invisible, on Your zahir (apparent), on Your batin (hidden) ameen, O Lord of the worlds!

Then say two rak`ats of prayer, and pray for what you wish, after that go back.

Reference Mafatih al Jinan