## Ziyarat Ashura

Ziyarat-e-Ashura is a sacred tradition (Hadees-e-Qudsi) whose references can be found in Misbah al-Mutahajjid by Shaykh al-Tusi and Kamil al-Ziyarat by Ibn Qulawayh.

In expressing veneration and seeking higher levels of peace for Imam Husain (AS), we are trying to unite with his ideas, thoughts and towering volition, and in cursing his opponents who overtly declared themselves to be muslims and believers, but were extensions of hypocrites, we are trying to flee from all their ideas, thoughts and actions. Hence this recital of Ziyarat Ashura seeks to unite the reciter with the sacred spirit of Imam Husain (AS)

زيارة عاشوراء

السَّلامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ

Peace be on you, O Aba Abdullah!

Peace be on you, O son of the Messenger of Allah!

Peace be on you, O son of the commander of the faithfuls, the forebear of the successors!

Peace be on you, O son of Faatimah, the choicest among the women of the worlds!

Peace be on you, who was martyred while fighting heroically in the cause of Allah, the son of Allahs fearless warrior, you were isolated and had been attacked with a vengeance!

Peace be on you and on those souls who had gathered in your camp, in your journey. I pray and invoke Allah to keep all of you tranquil and restful, for ever; so far I am alive, this is my prayer, and till nights and days follow each other.

O Abaa Abdu I lah! unbearable is the sorrow, nerve-racking is the agony, you put up with, for us and for all the (true) Muslims,

Crimes committed against you also shocked and unnerved the dwellers of the heavens, one and all.

May Allah condemn and damn the people who laid the basis and set up the groundwork, to wander astray and turn aside from not only you and your family but to take liberties and bear hard upon you.

May Allah condemn and damn the people who tried to obscure and deny your office and status, wilfully neglected your rank and class Allah had made known in clear terms.

May Allah condemn and damn the people who killed you. May Allah condemn and damn the abettors who instigated and had a part in your murder.

I turn to you and Allah, away from them, their henchmen, their followers and their friends,

O Abaa Abdullah, I make peace with those who make their peace with you, I make war on those who go to war against you, till the Day of Judgement.

May Allah condemn and damn the family of Ziyaad and the family of Marwaan; may Allah condemn and damn the group and the tribe of Umiyyah, one and all, altogether;may Allah condemn and damn ibna Marjaanah;

May Allah condemn and damn Umar bin Saad; may Allah condemn and damn Shimr;

May Allah condemn and damn the people who celebrate, enjoy, sing and dance on the day of your martyrdom. My father and mother are at your disposal.

Profound is my sorrow for you. I beg Allah, who honoured you above others, to be generous towards me on account of you,

and give me the opportunity to be with the victorious Imaam, the descendant of Muhammad (blessings and peace be on him and on his children from Allah) at the time of the final and decisive war against Allahs enemies.

O my Allah make me attend to Thy cause, sincerely, in every respect following in Husayns footsteps, in this world and the hereafter

O Abaa Abdullah, I come nearer and seek greater intimacy with Allah, with His Messenger, with Ameerul Moomineen,

with Faatimah, with Hasan and with you, with the help of your love

and patronage, cutting off every connection with those who took up arms against you and killed you. I disconnect all links with those who, in the beginning, took the first steps to take liberties with and bear hard upon you,

I take refuge with Allah and His Messenger free from the guilt of associating with those who laid the foundation for (your suffering), devised and carried out their corrupt plan of action,

boldly gave currency to reign of terror and cruelty to oppress you and your friends and followers; detach myself from them and present myself to Allah and to you,

I (first) seek greater intimacy with Allah and then with you to win your love and patronage, and to make friends with your friends,

cut off all links with your enemies, and with those who planted the seeds of hostility against you, and reject and discard their associates, their followers and their friends.

I make peace with those who made their peace with you, I search out and confront those who waged war against you, I make friends with those who stood by you, I strive against those who came in conflict with you,

therefore, I make a request to Allah to acquaint (me) with the awareness that perceives you and your friends, to set me free from the corrupting influence of your enemies,

to make me keep company with you it, this world and in the Hereafter, stand firm beside you and follow your footsteps closely in this world and in the next world

I beseech Him that He helps me to reach your highly praised station, given to you by Allah, (to meet you),

that He provides me the opportunity to fight for justice and fairplay alongwith and under the leadership of the rightly guided guide (in your progeny) who surely will come and speak the truth.

I beseech Allah in the name of your right and the purpose He assigned to you, that He overwhelms me with grief in memory of your sorrows, more than the personal grief that torments any one who is in great agony,

sorrows which have no parallel and overshadow all calamities that took place in the history of Islam, for that matter, through out the whole universe.

O my Allah, in my on the spot situation, treat me like him (or her) who obtains from Thee (Thy) blessings, mercy and forgiveness.

O my Allah, bring me to life again, after death, in the place Muhammad and his Aal (children) are dwelling, and make me depart from this world like Muhammad and his Aal (children) had left,

O my Allah this day is a day of rejoicing for the Bani Umayyah,

the herd of hardened criminals, the eternally damned and accursed group, a fact that had been made public by Thee and by Thy Prophet (blessings of Allah be on him and on his children),

who, in every place and at all occasions, drew attention of people to this truism.

O my Allah condemn and damn Abu Sufyaan, Muawiyah bin Abu Sufyan, Yazid bin Muwawiyah and let it be an everlasting curse upon their from Thee.

Today the descendants of Ziyaad and Marwan make merry, laugh and dance because on this day they killed Husayn (blessings of Allah be on him).

O my Allah, therefore, double up the curse Thou brings upon them and also the punishment Thou decrees for them.

O my Allah, I seek nearness to Thee today in this frame of mind, cutting off all links with them for the rest of my life,

denouncing them because of my love for Thy Prophet and his children, peace be on him and them.

## :Say 100 Times

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O my Allah condemn and damn the first tyrant who unjustly and wrongfully usurped that which rightly belonged to Muhammad and the children of Muhammad, and bring curse upon those who, after him, followed in his footsteps.

O my Allah condemn and damn those conspirators who vexed and harassed Husayn, showed eagerness, agreed mutually, and joined hands to kill him. O my Allah bring curse upon all of them.

## :Say 100 Times

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Peace be on you, O Abaa Abdullah, and on those souls who came to your camp to put themselves at your disposal.

So far I am alive and the days and nights follow each other I invoke Allah to send blessings on you for ever and ever.

May Allah not make my this pledge of close association, physical as well as spiritual, with you the last fulfilment.

Peace be on Husayn, and on Ali son of Husayn, and on the children of Husayn, and on the friends of Husayn.

O my Allah, let the curse I call down on the head of the first tyrant stick like a leech; and stay put for ever on the first, then the second, the third and the fourth.

O my Allah damn and call down evil on the fifth, Yazid son of Muaawyah, and bring a curse upon Ubaydullah bin Ziyaad, ibna Marjanah,

Umar bin Saad, and Shimr, and on the descendants of Abu Sufyaan, on the descendants of Ziyaad, on the descendants of Marwaan, till the Day of Judgement.

:And then say in Sajdah:

O my Allah! (All) praise is for Thee (alone); praise of the Ever-thankful to Thee, who glorify Thee whatever come to pass. (All) praise is for Allah for my deepfelt intense grief.

O my Allah make available for me the recommendations of Husayn on the day I present myself before Thee,

let me stand firm in safety before Thee on account of my sincere attachment with Husayn, alongwith him and his comrades, who sacrificed everything they had (heart, mind, soul and life) for Husayn, peace be on him

