Munajaat of Imam Ali A.S. in the month of Sh'abaan

It has been narrated by Ibn Khalawayh who commented on it, saying, "This is the prayer of Imam `Ali Amir al-Mu'mineen and the Holy Imams, his descendants, (a.s) who used to recite it in the month of Sha'baan." It is very meaningful, powerful, and thought provoking. It is advisable to recite it with the "presence of heart."

Bismillahir Rahmaanir Raheem

O Allah: Send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad;

and listen to my prayer (Du'aa) whenever I pray You;

and listen to my call whenever I call upon you;

and accept from me whenever I secretly whisper to You,

for here I am fleeing to You,

and I am standing before You in submission to You,

imploring You,

hoping for the reward that You have.

And You do know what is in my inner self;

and You understand my needs; and You are aware of my essence;

and all my moves and stillness are known to You;

Allahumma salli `ala Muhammadin wa Aali Muhammadin

wasma` du`aaiy idha da`awtuka

wasma` nidaaiy idha naadaytuka

wa aqbil `alayya idha naajaytuka

faqad harabtu ilayka wa waqaftu bayna yadayka mustakenan laka

mutazarr`an ilayka

rajiyan lima ladayka thawaabe

wa ta`lamu maa fi nafsi

wa takhburu haajate

wa ta`rifu zamere

wa la yakhfa `alayka amru munqalaby wa mathwaaiy اللّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَاسَّمَعْ دُعَائِي إِذَا دَعَوْثُكَ، وَاسَّمَعْ نِدَائِي إِذَا دَادَنْثُلَانَ

وَأَقَبِلْ عَلَيَّ إِذَا نَاجَيْتُكَ فَقَدْ هَرَبْتُ إِلَيْكَ، وَوَقَقْتُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ مُسْتَكِيناً لَكَ، مُتَضَرِّعاً إِلَيْكَ، رَاجِياً لِمَا لَدَيْكَ، تُوابِي، وَتَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِي،

وَتَخْبُرُ حَاجَتِي، وَتَعْرِفُ ضَمِيرِي، وَلا يَخْفَى عَلَيْكَ أَمْرُ مُنْقَلَبِي وَمَثْوَايَ، and so are all the utterances that I want to begin with

and all the requests that I want to express,

and all the hopes I have for my future.

All that which You, O my Master, have decided for me

up to the end of my life,

including my secret and open matters.

And in Your hand, not anybody else's Hand, are all increases and decreases,

benefits and harms that come upon me.

O my God: If You deprive me (of Your sustenance), then who else can ever provide me with it?

And if You disappoint me, then who else can ever help me?

O my God: I do seek Your protection against Your wrath and against Your ire that might fall upon me.

O my God: Even if I do not deserve Your Mercy,

You are still expected to confer

wa ma**a** uridu an ubdiya bihi min mantiqi

wa atafawwha bihi min talibati

wa arjuhu li 'aaqibati wa qad jarat maqaaderuka 'alayya ya sayyidy

fema yakunu minny ila akhiri `umry

min sareerati wa 'alaaniyaty

wa biyadika la biyadi ghayrika ziyaadaty wa naqsy

wa naf y wa zar-ree

ilaahi in haramtany faman dhalladhy yarzuqunee

wa in khadhaltany faman dhal-ladhy yansurunee

ilaahy a`udhu bika min ghazabika wa hululi sakhatika

ilaahy in kuntu ghayra mustahilin lirahmatika

fa-anta ahlun an

وَمَا أُربِدُ أَنْ أَبْدِئَ بِهِ َنْ ذَا الَّذَى

upon me with Your expansive favor.

O my God: I imagine how I will stand before You

shaded by my good opinion about You, trust in You,

and You will decide for me that which befits You, and You will grant me forgiveness.

O my God: If you pardon me, then who else is worthier than You in pardoning.

And if my time of death is approaching while my deeds are insufficient for me to approach You,

then I confess my guilt, seeking means (of approach) to You.

O my God: I have wronged myself when I allowed myself to behave unrestrained;

therefore, woe will betide me if You do not forgive.

O my God: You have never ceased Your favors on me throughout my life;

so, do not stop conferring Your favors upon me after my death.

O my God: How can I despair of Your gracious guardianship over me after my death, tajuda 'alayya bifazli sa'atika ilaahi ka-anne binafsy waqifatun bayna yadayka wa qad azallaha husnu tawakkaly 'alayka faqulta ma anta ahluhu wa taghammdtany bi'afwika ilahy in 'afawta faman awla minka bidhlika

wa in kaana qad dana ajali wa lam yudniny minka `amaly

faqad ja`altul iqraara bidh-dhanbi ilayka waseelaty

ilaahi qad jurtu `alaa nafsy fe alnn"ari laha

Falahal-waylu in lam taghfir lahaa

ilahy lam yazal birraka `alayya ayyama hayaty

fala taqt'a birraka `an-ni fi mamaati

ilaahy kayfa aayasu min husni nazarika li ba`da mamaaty

عَلَى بَفَضْلُ سَعَتِكَ. وَ اقْفَةٌ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكُ وَقَدْ أَظُلُّهَا حُسْنُ تُوكَّلِي عَلَيْكَ فَقُلْتَ مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ وَتَغَمَّدْتَنِي بِعَفُوكَ. إلهي إنْ عَفَوْتَ فُمَنْ أوْلِي مِنْكَ بِذُلِكَ؟ وَ إِنْ كَانَ قَدْ دَنَا أَجَلَى بالدَّنْب إلَيْكَ وَسِيلَتِي فُلَهَا الْوَيْلُ إِنْ لَم َظُركَ لِي بَعْدَ

And You have not showered upon me, except what is good, throughout my life.

O my God: (please) manage my affairs in the way that befits You;

and confer upon me, a sinner covered with ignorance, with Your favors.

O my God: You have concealed my sins in my worldly life,

And I am in need of concealment (of my sins) more urgently in the life in the Hereafter.

You have not disclosed my sins to Your righteous servants;

Therefore, do not expose me on the Resurrection Day to all the witnesses.

O my God: It is Your magnanimity that increased my hope:

and surely, Your pardon is more honorable than my (good) deeds.

O my God: so (please) delight me when I meet You on the day when You shall judge between Your servants.

O my God: I submit to You the apology, from one who cannot do

wa anta lam twalliny il-lal jameela fe hayaati ilaahy tawalla min amry maa anta ahluhu

wa 'ud 'alavva bifazlika 'ala mudhnibin gad ghamarahu jah-luhu

ilahy qad satar-ta `alayya dhunooban fid-dunya

wa anaa ahwaju ila satrihaa `alayya minka fe al-'ukhra

idh lam tuzhir-ha laahadin min `ibadikas-saaliheena

fala tafzahny yawmal qiyaamati `ala ruoosil-ash-haadi

ilaahy juuduka basata amali

wa `affwuka afzalu min `amali

ilahy fasurrany biliqaaika yawma taqzy fihi bayna `ibaadika

ilaahy 'itidhaary ilayka

وَأَنْتَ لَمْ ثُولَنِي إِلاًّ الْجَمِيلَ فِي حَيَاتِمِ إلهي تُولَ مِنْ أَمْرَى مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ، وَعُدْ عَلَىَّ بِفَصْلَكَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَلَى رُؤُوسِ

إلهى اعْتِدُارِي إلَيْكَ

without the acceptance of his excuse;

So, accept my excuse, O the most Magnanimous of all, before whom the guilty submit apologies.

O my God: do not reject my request; and do not let down my hope in You:

and do not disappoint me in my hope and expectation from You.

O my God: Had You wanted to humiliate me, You would not have guided me (to You);

and had You decided to disgrace me, You would not have saved me.

O my God: I do not expect You to reject my request, for I spent my whole life asking You for this.

O my God: all Praise be to You, forever, forever, perpetually, everlastingly,

increasingly, and unceasingly, as You please.

O my God: If You do punish me for my offense, I do ask Your pardon;

and if You punish me for my sins,

`itidhaaru man lam yastaghni 'an qabuli `udhrihi

faqbal `udhry ya akrama mani a`tadhara ilayhi almusei£na

ilahy la tarudd hajate wa la tukhayyb tama`e

wa la taqta` minka rajaiy wa amale

ilahy law aradta hawany lam tahdine

wa law aradta fazehaty lam tu`afine

ilahy ma a"unnka taruddny fe hajatin qad afnaytu `umry fe talabiha minka

ilahy falaka alhamdu abadan abadan da'iman sarmadan

yazedu wa la yabedu kama tuhibb wa tarza

ilahy in akhadhtany bijurmy akhadhtuka bi`afuika

wa in akhadhtany

اعْتِدَارُ مَنْ لَمْ يَسْتَغْنِ عَنْ قَبُولِ عُدْرِهِ فَاقْبَلْ عُدْرِي يَا أَكْرَمَ مَن اعْتَدَرَ إلَيْهِ الْمُسِيئُونَ.

إلهي لا ترد حاجتِي، وَلا تُخَيِّبْ طَمَعِي، وَلا تَقْطعْ مِثْكَ رَجَائِي وَأُمَلِي. لام أَمْلِي.

إلهي لو اردت هوايي لَمْ تَهْدِنِي، ه َلَه ْ أُر َدْتَ فَضِيحَتَى

لم تعاقبي.
إلهي ما أظنُّكَ تَرُدُّنِي فِي حَاجَةٍ قدْ أَقْنَيْتُ عُمْرِي فِي طَلَبها مِذْكَ

إلهي قُلكَ الْحَمْدُ أَبَداً أَبَداً دَائِماً سَرْمَداً يَزيدُ وَلا يَبِيدُ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى. الهي إنْ أَخَدْتَنِي بِجُرْمِي أَخَدْتُكَ بِعَقُوكَ، I do ask Your forgiveness;

and if You decide to put me in Hell, I shall declare to its inhabitants my love for You.

O my God: If my deeds are few in Your obedience,

then my hope and expectation in You is greater.

O my God: How can it be that I am turned down by You, disappointed and deprived,

while I depend upon Your magnanimity, in Your safety and Mercy?

O my God: I have spent my whole life, with vigor, being negligent of You

and I have wasted my youth in its drunkenness, moving away from You.

O my God: I did not wake up during that period when I was deluded away from You.

and when I was taking the path that led to Your ire.

bidhunuby akhadhtuka bimaghfiratika

wa in adkhaltany alnnara a`lamtu ahlaha anne a'uhibbka

ilahy in kana saghura fe janbi ta`atika `amaly

faqad kabura fe janbi raja'ika amale

ilahy kayfa anqalibu min `indika bilkhaybati mahruman

wa qad kana husnu "anne bijudika an taqlibany bilnnajati marh£man

ilahy wa qad afnaytu `umry fe shirrati alssahwi `anka

wa ablaytu shababy fe sakrati alttba`udi minka ilahy falam astayqi" aiyyama aghtirary bika

wa ruk£ny ila sabeli sakhatika أَخَدْتُكَ بِمَغْفِرَتِكَ،

وَإِنْ أَدْخَلْتَنِي الثَّارَ أَعْلَمْتُ أَهْلَهَا أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ.

الهي إنْ كَانَ صَغَرَ فِي جَنْبِ طَاعَتِكَ عَمَلِي

بَ جَائِكَ أَمَلِي. إلهي كَيْفَ أَنْقِلِبُ مِن

مَحْرُ وَمُا وَقَدْ كَانَ حُسنْ ظنِّي بِجُودِكَ أَنْ تَقْلِبَنِي بِالنَّجَاةِ مَرْحُوماً؟

> َ ﴿ وَيُ رَصِّهُ الْمَرَّةِ عُمْرِي فِي شَرِرَّةِ السَّهْوِ عَنْكَ،

وابليت شبابي فِي سكْرَةِ التَّبَاعُدِ مِثْكَ. الهي قَلَمْ أُسْتَدْقظْ أَيَّا

اعْتِرَارِيَ بِكَ، وَرُكُونِي إِلَى سَبِيلِ O my God: Nevertheless, I am— Your servant and the son of Your servant—now standing before You.

begging You in the name of Your generosity.

O my God: I am Your servant, who relinquishes that which he used to commit.

Out of lack of shame in front You,

and I am hereby appealing for Your pardon, since pardon is the feature of Your generosity.

O my God: I have no strength by which I would rid myself of acts of disobedience to You

except after You aroused Your love in me.

Hence, I am, as You want me to be.

I have thus thanked You, for You have favored me with Your generosity

and You have purified my heart from the filths of being inattentive to You.

O my God: Look at me in the same way as You have looked at him whom You called and he has responded to You,

ilahy wa ana `abduka wabnu `abdika qa'imun bayna yadayka

mutawasslun bikaramika ilayka ilahy ana `abdun atanasslu ilayka mimma kuntu awajihuka bihi

min qillati astiheaiy min na arika

wa a§lubu al`afwa minka idhil`af£u na`tun likaramika

ilahy lam yakun le hawlun fantaqila bihi `an ma`siyatika

illa fe wa qtin aeqa"tany li mahabbatika

wa kama aradta an akuna kuntu

fashakartuka biidkhale fe karamika

wa litatheri qalby min awsakhi alghaflati `anka

ilahy an ur ilayy na ara man nadaytahu fajabaka

الهي وأثا عَبْدُكَ إلهي عَبْدٌ أَتَنَصًّا أُ الَىْكَ ممَّا أَنَا كُنْتُ أه أحفك به و أطلب الْعَقْو مثك اذ

وَلِّتَطُهِيرِ قَلْبِي مِنْ أُوسَاخُ الْغَقْلَةِ عَنْكَ. أُوسَاخُ الْغَقْلَةِ عَنْكَ. الْهِي الْظُرُ الْيَ نَظرَ مَنْ نَادَيْتَهُ فَأَجَابَكَ، مَنْ نَادَيْتَهُ فَأَجَابَكَ،

and upon whom You have conferred with Your aid, and he thus has obeyed You.

O near one Who does not keep away from one who is negligent of Him.

O He Who is too magnanimous to deprive him, who hopes in His reward.

O my God: Grant me a heart whose longing for You will allow it to approach You;

and grant me tongue that is directed to You with truthfulness;

and a sight whose truth causes it to be near to You.

O my God: Verily, he who recognizes You shall, never be ignominious;

and he who seeks Your shelter, shall never be disappointed;

and he who is attended by You shall never feel bored.

O my God: Verily, he who abides by Your Path, shall be enlightened;

and he who resorts to You, shall be succored.

I am thus seeking recourse to You, O my God; so, (please) do not disappoint me in regard to bestowing Your Mercy upon me; wasta`maltahu
bima`unatika
fata`aka
ya qareban la
yab`udu `ani
almughtarr bihi
wa ya jawadan la
yabkhalu `amman
raja thawabahu
ilahy hab le qalban
yudnehi minka
shawquhu

wa lisanan yurfa`u ilayka sidquhu

wa na aran yuqarrbuhu minka haqqhu

ilahy inn man ta`arrfa bika ghayru majhulin

wa man ladha bika ghayru makhdh£lin

wa man aqbalta 'alayhi ghayru maml£lin ilahy inn mani antahaja bika lamustanerun wa inna mani a'tasama bika lamustajerun

wa qad ludhtu bika ya ilahy fala tukhayyb "anne min rahmatika

مَمْنُولِ.
إلهي إنَّ مَنِ انْتَهَجَ
بِكَ لَمُسْتَنِيرٌ،
وَإِنَّ مَنِ اعْتَصَمَ بِكَ
لَمُسْتَجِيرٌ،
وَقَدْ لُذْتُ بِكَ يَا إلهي
فلا تُخَيِّبْ ظنِّي مِنْ
رَحْمَتكَ،

and do not divest me of Your kindness.

O my God: grant me to be among those who show servitude to You,

the position of him who (incessantly) longs for increase in love for You.

O my God: (please) inspire me with passionate love of Dikr to Praise You;

and inspire me in my resolve to strive for success in remembering Your Name, and to attain the delight of the success, achieved through Your Names and Your Holiness.

O my God: I ask You, (by Your Majesty), that You place me among those who are obedient to You

and in a righteous standing, in Your good pleasure,

for I, verily, have no power to rescue myself,

or to benefit.

O my God: I am Your servant—the feeble and the guilty—

and Your slave—the penitent. So, (please) do not include me with those from whom You have turned away Your face

wa la tahjubny `an rafatika

ilahy aqimny fe ahli wilaiyatika

muqama man raja alzzeadata min mahabbtika ilahy wa alhimny wa lahan bidhikrika ila dhikrika

wa himmty fe rawhi najahi asma'ika wa mahall qudsika

ilahy bika `alayka illa alhaqtany bimahall ahli ta`atika

wal-mathu alssalihi min marzatika

fa'inne la aqdiru linafsy daf`an

wa la amliku laha naf`an

ilahy ana `abduka alzz`efu almudhnibu

wa mamlukuka almunebu fala taj`alny mimmn sarafta `anhu wajhaka وَلا تَحْجُبْنِي عَنْ رَأَفْتِكَ. الْمَقِكَ. الْمَقِي أَهْلِ وَلاَيَتِكَ مَنْ رَجَا الزِّيَادَة مُقَامَ مَنْ مَحَبَّتِكَ مِنْ مَحَبَّتِكَ مِنْ مَحَبَّتِكَ. الزِّيَادَة الْهِي وَأَلْهِمْنِي وَلَها بِذِكْرِكَ إِلَى ذِكْرِكَ، بِذِكْرِكَ إِلَى ذِكْرِكَ، وَهِمَّتِي فِي رَوْحِ فَي رَوْحِ فَي رَوْحِ فَي رَوْحِ فَي رَوْحِ فَي مَنَائِكَ وَمَحَلِّ قَدْسِكَ.

إلهي بك عليك إلاَّ الْحَقْتَنِي بِمَحَلِّ أَهْلِ طاعَتِكَ، وَالْمَثُوَى الصَّالِح مِنْ مَرْضَاتِكَ، فَإِنِّي لا أقدِرُ لِنَقْسِي دَفْعاً،

وَلا أَمْلِكُ لَهَا نَفْعاً. إلهي أَنَا عَبْدُكَ الضَّعِيفُ الْمُدْنِبُ، وَمَمْلُوكُكَ الْمُنِيبُ فلا تَجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ صَرَفْتَ عَنْهُ وَجْهَكَ،

or with those who are deprived of Your pardon because of their inattentiveness to You.

O my God: (please) grant me absolute devotion to You:

and illuminate the sights of our hearts with Your Light,

so that the sights of the hearts will penetrate the Veils of Light

and arrive at the Core of Your Magnificence,

and that our souls hang on to the Majesty of Your Holiness.

O my God: (please) make me of those who responded to You when You call them and those who were awed by Your Majesty when You turned towards them; and You took them into confidence and they acted for You manifestly.

O my God: I have not cast shadow of despair or gloom over my good opinion about You;

and I have never lost hope in Your excellent magnanimity.

O my God: if my sins have abased me in Your sight,

wa hajabahu sahwuhu `an `afwika

ilahy hab le kamaala alangita'i ilayka

wa anir absara aulubina bizva'i na ariha ilayka hatta takhriga absaru alqulubi hujuba alnnuri

fatasila ila ma'dini al`a"amati

wa tasera arwahuna mu'allqatan bi'izz qudsika ilahy waj`alny mimmn nadaytahu fajabaka

wa laha"tahu fasa'iga lijalalika

fanajaytahu sirran wa `amila laka jahran

ilahy lam a'usallt `ala husni "anne qunuta alaeasi

wa la anqata`a rajaiy min jameli karamika

ilahy in kanati alkhataea qad asqatatny ladayka

جِبَهُ سَهْوَهُ عَنْ الانقطاع النك، ه أنر " أنصار قله بنا بضباء نظر هَا النَّكَ، ئادَنْتُهُ فَأَحَانَكَ، اجَبْتَهُ سِرِّاً وَعَمِلاً حُسْن ظنِّي قَنُوط

then please pardon me because of my excellent trust in You.

O my God: if my wrongdoings have caused me to lose Your honorable kindness.

then I call to my belief in Your generous inclination.

O my God: if my inadvertence has prevented me from preparing myself to meet You,

then my recognition of the generosity of Your bounties has awakened me.

O my God: if Your severe chastisement has drawn me towards Hellfire,

then Your opulent reward has drawn me towards Paradise.

O my God: You alone do I pray and You alone do I implore and desire.

And I beseech You to bless Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad

and to include me with those who always remember You,

who never breach their covenant with You,

fasfah `anne bihusni tawakkly `alayka

ilahy in hat-tatny aldhdhnubu min makarimi lutfika

faqad nabbhany aliyaqenu ila karami `atfika

ilahy in anamatny alghaflatu `ani alasti`dadi liliqa'ika

faqad nabbahatny alma`rifatu bikarami ala'ika ilahy in da`any ila alnnari `a¨emu `iqabika faqad da`any ila aljannati jazelu thawabika ilahy falaka asalu wa ilayka abtahilu wa arghabu

wa asaluka an tusalliya `ala muhammadin wa ali muhammadin

wa an taj`alany mimmn yudemu dhikraka wa la yanquzu `ahdaka

wa la yaghfulu `an who never fail to thank You. shukrika and who never belittle Your wa la yastakhiff orders. biamrika ilahy wa alhiqny O my God: (please do) take in me with the most brilliant Light of Your binoori `izzika Dignity alabhaji so that I will recognize You fa-akuna laka `arifan wa `an siwaka and I will let go everybody else munharifan and that I will fear You and be wa minka kha'ifan careful: muraqiban ya dhaljalali wal-O the Lord of Majesty and Honor. ikrami

May Allah send blessings upon Muhammad, His Messenger, and upon members of his Household, the purified,

and send on them abundant peace and blessings.

wa la yaghfulu `an shukrika
wa la yastakhiff biamrika
ilahy wa alhiqny binoori `izzika alabhaji
fa-akuna laka `arifan
wa `an siwaka munharifan
wa minka kha'ifan muraqiban
ya dhaljalali walikrami
wa salla allahu `ala muhammadin rasulihi wa alihittahirena
wa sallama tasleman katheran

wa la yaghfulu `an shukrib` ala na ya dhaljalali walikrami

wa salla allahu `ala muhammadin rasulihi wa alihittahirena

wa sallama tasleman katheran

wa la yastakhiff

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This whispered prayer (*munajat*), ascribed to the Holy Imams (a.s), is highly significant since it comprises excellent meanings. It is advisable to recite it with presence of heart.