

The holy month of Muharram.

Muharram

Muharram is the first month of the Islamic calendar.

Literal meaning: Forbidden. It was forbidden to wage war and fight during this month. Muharram is so-called because it is sacred [harâm] and as an affirmation of its sanctity.

It is regarded as one of the sacred months [*Ash'hurul-Hurum*].

A blessing of Muharram:- There are many bounties of this month, especially the tenth of Muharram.

Prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) has said: "The best of fasts besides the month of Ramadhân is fasting (luring Allâh's month (ie. Muharram) " (Sahih Muslim).

Hazrat Abu Qataada (R.A.) has related that the prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) has reported to have said, It is my thought that by fasting on the 10th of Muharram Allah (swt) will pardon the sins of the past year. (Tirmizi)

Âshura:

This is the tenth day of the month of Muharram and is a day of great significance and virtue.

Occurrence of Significance:

Prior to Islam

- Sayyidina Hazrat Adam (A.S.) was born and entered paradise on 10th Muharram
- Sayyidina Hazrat Ayyub (A.S.) was cured from his illness.
- Allâh (swt) granted deliverance to Sayyidina Moosa (A.S.) and the Bani Isra'îl from the tyranny of Fir'oun.
- A way was made in the sea for Bani Israel.
- Sayyidina Hazrat Suleman (A.S.) was ordained King.
- The oceans and Heavens were created
- After the floods, the ark of Sayyidina Hazrat Nuh (A.S.) settled on Mount Judi

During Islam :

- Martyrdom of Imam Hussain at Karbala on 10th of Muharram
- Prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) went to defeat Bani Muhaarir and Bani Tha'laba (Tribes of Bani Gafan) in the year 4 A.H.
- Qiyaamah will take place on the 10th of Muharram

Important Date:

- Birth ; Hadrat Imam Hassan on 25th of Muharram
- Yaum-e-Ashura Amal
- Urs of Hazrat Ghaus-UI-Alam Mehboob-e-Yazdani Makhdoom Sultan Saiyed Ashraf Jahangir Simnani (r.a.), Kicchocha Shareef on 28th of Muharram

A brief glance of Hazrat Ghaus-UI-Alam Mehboob-e-Yazdani Makhdoom Sultan Saiyed Ashraf Jahangir Simnani (r.a.)

Birth: 708 Hijri in the city of Simnan, which is 210km from Tehran (capital of Iran) on Mushhad Highway. Simnan was the capital of Persia at the time.

Parents: Father was Sultan Saiyed Ibrahim Shah Simnani who was the king of Persia (Iran). Mother was Saiyedna Khadijah who was Hazrat Khawaja Ahmed's daughter.

Education: Every kind of religious knowledge was gained by the age of 14 in 722 Hijri.

Becoming King: King of Simnan in 723 Hijri, continuing the Noor-Bakhshia Dynasty.

Leaving the Throne: In 733 Hijri after ruling for 10 years Makhdoom Pak (r.a.) left his throne and kingdom to his younger brother and took the Sufi path.

Spiritual Allegiance (baya) and Vicegerent (Khilafa): After 2 years in 735 Hijri he arrived in Pandwa Sharif, Bengal and took allegiance and vicegerency from Pir O'Murshid Hazrat Shah Ala-UI-Haq Pandwi (r).

To read more about Hazrat Ghaus-UI-Alam Mehboob-e-Yazdani Makhdoom Sultan Saiyed Ashraf Jahangir Simnani (r.a.) go to our sufi saint section

Practices to be Observed on the Day of Âshura

1. To fast on the 9th and 10th or the 10th and 11th of Muharram.

- This is a nafl fast.
- The act of fasting is sunnah.

The Jews in Madinah fasted on the 10th Muharram because Allâh (swt) saved Mûsa Alayhis Salâm and the Bani Isra'îl on this day from the tyranny of Fir'oun, prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) was informed that they fasted on this day. He then instructed us to fast on the 9th as well. Thus this will demonstrate a shift from the practice of the Jews.

In the light of this, the fuqahâ have ruled that it is makrûh to fast only on the 10th of Muharram only.

Prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) said: "He who will be generous on his family on the day of Âshura, Allâh Ta'âla will be generous on him for the entire year." (Tabrani, Baihaqi).

NOTE: It is meritorious that one spends freely on one's family, however the needy, orphans and widows should not be forgotten.

Rewards for Fasting on the Day of Âshura.

Prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) said: "It is a compensation for the sins of the past year."

All minor sins of the past year will be forgiven. The major sins are forgiven only when sincere Tawbah is made.

Shab-e-Ashura

On the 9th and 10th of Muharram it is important to observe a fast all Awliya, pegumbars and pious saints would take the following ten things into consideration and hope the followers of many generations would also do so:

1. Take a bath
2. Wear surma
3. Fast
4. Pray nafil namaz
5. Bless the orphans
6. Make two Muslim people settle their arguments
7. Feed needy children
8. Look after the ill
9. Make dua for all believers
10. Visit graves and tombs.

Nafil namaz to be read on the night of Ashura (10th Muharram)

1. After Isha namaz read 4 Rakats with 2 Salaams (read in twos).

In each Rakat after Surah Fateha read **Iyatul Kursi 1 time and Surah Ikhlas 3times.**

After each salaam read **3rd Kalima 70times**
Surah Ikhlas 100times
Darood Sharif 111 times

After which make dua asking for forgiveness from all sins past, present and future. By doing such the reader will receive immense blessings and all forthcoming troubles will be put at ease.

2. **For safety from the punishment of the grave.**

At any point during the night make fresh wadu and pray 2 Rakat namaz tahitul wadu, followed by:

8 Rakats with 4 Salaams (read in twos).
In each Rakat after Surah Fateha read **Surah Ikhlas 25times.**
After each salaam read **Darood e Ibrahim 70times**
Istagfar 70times

After which make dua for mugfirat. By doing such the reader will fill their graves with light and on the Day of Judgment will be forgiven and will receive the benefits of Jannah.

3. **Zikr-e- Salatul Ashura**

On the 10th of Muharram when the moon is in the sky read 2 Rakat nafil with the intention of Salatul Ashura.

In each Rakat after Surah Fateha read **Iyatul Kursi 1time**
Surah Ikhlas 3times.

After salaam read **Darood e Ibrahim 101times** and make the following dua

“ Ya awwal awwalina, ya akhiral akhirina, la illaha illa anta khalkut awwala ma khalaf fi hazal yaumi watukluku akhirah, ma takluko fi hazal yaumi a ayatina fihey khereyma awaleyta fi hai auliyayika wa ambiyaika wa afsiyahika min sawabil balaye wa asharka ma aayetethum fihe minal karamati be haqqe mohammedin alehi wassalum”

Starting firstly with **Darood e Ibrahim 70times** and then

“HUS BUNALLAH NEYAMAL WAKIL, NEYAMAL MOWLA WA NEYAMAL NASSER”

Who so ever who reads this on the night of Ashura Allah (swt) will surely give him mughfirat and save him from all enemies and any wrong doing.

After this gather friends and family and together read the following dua: This dua is related to Imam Zainul Abedeen (rda).

Read 7 times following dua:

“Bismillahirehmanirahim – Subhanallahe min al mizane wa muntahal illme wa mabalgirda wa zinatul arshi wala malza wala manza minallahi illa illahi subhanallahe a dus shaf ye walwatre wal aldal kalimati tamatit tuamati wa asailah husallah mata bi rehmatehi wala howla wala kuwata illa billahil aliyil azim wa hua hasbi wa neymal wakil wa neymal maula wa neymal nassir wa sallallahu alla khaire khaalkehi mohammedin wa aalehi ajmayin”

Then read **Darood e Ibrahim 10times**

Then raise your hand and read this dua:

“Ya fariza khurbi jinnune yauma e ashura ya zameya shamble yakooba yauma ashura wa ya samiya wa dawaate musa wa haroon yauma ashura wa rehmanu duniya wal aakhirati wah rehimhuma salleallah sayedina ala jamil aambiyae wal mursalina wa haqe hajatina fi duniya wal akhirati watawil umrana be rehmatika ya urhumur rahemeen”

“Illahi behurmatil husain wa abbahi wa ummehi wa abbahi wajadayhi wa banihi faariz amma anna fi hey wa salullaho ala khaire khalqehi sayedina mohammedin wa aallehi ajmaein”

Hazrat Ghaus-ul Azam Makhdoom Ashraf Jahangir Simnani (rda) has written in Lataif-e-Ashraf those who read this 7times will be protected from the pain of death and if his death is written that year then for whatever reason will be unable to read it.

Salatun Dushman

Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf has said “All the Awliya Allah of the land used to pray this namaz, this namaz holds immense blessings from which Allah (swt) would safeguard the reader from his enemies, you will receive blessings in health and wealth, Allah (swt) will give the person the strength to repay all his debt. By reading this namaz Allah (swt) will protect you from all evil and will fulfill all your prayers Insha Allah.”

4 rakat nafil namaz with intention (niyat) of salatun dushman

1st rakat after **Surah Fateha** read **Aytul Kursi (1 time)** and **Surah Ikhlas (10 times)**

2nd rakat after **Surah Fateha** read **Surah Takasur (1 time)** and **Surah Ikhlas (10 times)**

3rd rakat after **Surah Fateha** read **Surah Kafiroon (1 time)** and **Surah Ikhlas (10 times)**

4th rakat after **Surah Fateha** read **Surah Izzaja (1 time)** and **Surah Ikhlas (10 times)**

After namaz read **Ayate Karima “ La illaha illa anta subhanaka ini kuntum minaz zalamin”** and **Darood Sharif 22 times**

Pray 2 Rakats nafil namaz in each rakat after Surah Fateha read **Surah Ikhlas 10times.**

After salaam read **Iyatul Kursi 11times**

Darood e Ibrahim 11 times.

This namaz must be read in the honor (sawab) of Hazrat Ali (rda).

In one riwayat it is said that Imam Hussain (rda) used to perform this namaz, in the first rakat after **Surah Fateha** he would read **Surah Nashra 1time** and **Surah Izaja 50times.**

After salaam one should read **Darood e Ibrahim 11times**, while making him Imam Husain (r.d) the link between you and Allah (swt) make your desired dua.

It is wise to take the immense blessing associated with this holy night, read five times namaz and make dua for the entire the Muslim population.

MANKABAT: Shan-e- Sher-e-Khuda Hazrat Maula Ali (r.d)

**Aap ka Martaba Bane Khairul wara
Tajdare wali Ya Ali Ya Ali**

**Isme kya shak hai Mushkil khusha aap hai
Hum gharibo ke hajat rava aap hai
Jab khabi kar diya Tazkira aap ka
Har musibat tali Ya Ali Ya Ali**

**Aapne jab uttahi nigahey karam
Bab-e-Khyber ne bi badke choome kadam
Kufr larja hua moo ke bal ghir pada
Khalbali mach gayi Ya Ali Ya Ali**

**Har taraf huk ki chah gayi hai ghata
Fir wohi daur aaya hai Sher-e-Khuda
Aaj utta do nayan Lahelaaye Amaan
Bol uthi har kali Ya Ali Ya Ali**