

# 1ST NIGHT OF SHAWWAL

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The first night of Shawwal is one of the blessed nights. Many narrations have referred to the great merits and rewards of those who spend this night, as a whole, with acts of worship. Moreover, some narrations have mentioned that this night is not less blessed than the Qadr Night. The devotional acts at this night are as follows

.First It is recommended to bathe oneself at sunset

Second It is recommended to spend the whole night with offering prayers, supplicating, .imploring for forgiveness, and staying at mosques

Third It is recommended to say the following doxology after the obligatory Maghrib Prayer, Isha' Prayer, Fajr Prayer, and the 'Id al-Fitr Prayer

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَى مَا هَدَانَا وَ  
لَهُ الشُّكْرُ عَلَى مَا أَوْلَانَا

Fourth After accomplishing the Maghrib obligatory and supererogatory prayers, it is recommended to raise the hands towards the sky and say the following

يَا ذَا الْمَنْ وَالْطَّوْلِ يَا ذَا الْجُودِ يَا مُضطَفِي مُحَمَّدٍ وَنَاصِرَهُ صَلَّى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ  
أَغْفِرْ لِي كُلَّ ذَنْبٍ أَحْصَيْتَهُ وَهُوَ عِنْدَكَ فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ

Then, it is recommended to prostrate oneself and repeat the following statement one hundred times

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Then, one may pray Almighty Allah for all needs required, for they shall be granted, by Almighty Allah's permission

According to the narration mentioned by Shaykh al-Tusi, it is recommended to prostrate after the Maghrib and Isha' Prayers and then say the following supplicatory prayer

يَا ذَا الْحَوْلِ يَا ذَا الطُّولِ يَا مُصْطَفِيَا مُحَمَّداً وَ نَاصِرَهُ صَلَّى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ اغْفِرْ لِي  
كُلَّ ذَنْبٍ أَذْنَبْتُهُ وَ نَسِيَتُهُ أَنَا وَ هُوَ عِنْدَكَ فِي كِتَابٍ مُّبِينٍ

Then, one may repeat the following one hundred times

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Fifth It is recommended to visit the holy tomb of Imam al-Husayn (a.s.), for this act brings about a great reward. In the coming chapter of Ziyarat, the form of Ziyarah that is dedicated to .this night will be cited

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