

## The first ten days of Dhil-Hajj

The first ten days of this month are full of significance and merit. According to some commentators of the Holy Qur'an, these ten days have been mentioned in Sura al-Fajr when Allah swears by the ten nights:

وَالْفَجْرِ وَ لَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ  
*I swear by the daybreak, and by the ten nights*  
(89:1-2)

### **Holy Prophet Muhammad al Mustafā (S.A.W.W) said:**

There are no days when Allah is as pleased with good deeds as He is in these ten days [of Dhil-hajj].

The following 'Amaal are recommended for the first nine days.

1. Fast from the first to the ninth of Dhil-Hajj
2. Recite a two rakaat prayer between Maghrib and Isha prayers. In each rakaat, after Sura al-Fatiha, recite al-Ikhlās once and then the following verse:

وَ وَاَعَدْنَا مُوسَىٰ ثَلَاثِينَ لَيْلَةً وَاَثْمَمْنَاهَا بِعَشْرِ  
فَتَمَّ مِيقَاتُ رَبِّهِ اَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً  
وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِاَخِيهِ هَارُونَ  
اُخْلُفْنِي فِي قَوْمِي وَاَصْلِحْ  
وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ الْمُفْسِدِينَ

And We appointed with Musa a time of thirty nights  
and completed them with ten (more),  
so the appointed time of his Lord  
was completed with forty nights.

And Musa said to his brother Harun;  
Take my place among my people and act well  
and do not follow the way of the mischief makers.

(Sura al-A`araaf, 7:142)

3. Recite the following dua any time after the Subh prayer and before the Maghrib prayer during these ten days.

اللَّهُمَّ هَذِهِ الْأَيَّامُ الَّتِي فَضَّلْتَهَا عَلَيَّ الْأَيَّامِ وَشَرَّفْتَهَا  
وَقَدْ بَلَّغْتَنِيهَا بِمَنِّكَ وَرَحْمَتِكَ  
فَأَنْزِلْ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ بَرَكَاتِكَ  
وَأَوْسِعْ عَلَيْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ نِعْمَائِكَ  
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ  
أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَأَنْ تُهْدِيَنَا فِيهَا لِسَبِيلِ الْهُدَى وَالْعَقَابِ  
وَالْغِنَى وَالْعَمَلِ فِيهَا بِمَا نُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى  
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ يَا مَوْضِعَ كُلِّ شَكْوَى  
يَا سَامِعَ كُلِّ نَجْوَى وَيَا شَاهِدَ كُلِّ مَلَأٍ  
وَيَا عَالِمَ كُلِّ خَفِيَّةٍ  
أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَأَنْ تَكْشِفَ عَنَّا فِيهَا الْبَلَاءَ

O Allah, these are the days that You have preferred over other days and have made noble and have made me reach them by Your Grace and Mercy.

so send Your blessings down on us and increase Your favors for us in these days.

O Allah I beseech You to bless Muhammad and his family and guide us, in them, to the path of guidance and chastity and self-sufficiency and deeds in it according to what You like and are pleased with.

O Allah, I ask You, O the Resource for every complaint

O the Hearer of every secret conversation

O the Witness of every gathering

O the Knower of every hidden thing that You bless Muhammad and his family

And You remove from us, in these days, all afflictions.

وَتَسْتَجِيبَ لَنَا فِيهَا الدُّعَاءَ وَتُقَوِّينَا فِيهَا وَتُعِينِنَا  
وَتُؤَقِّقِنَا فِيهَا لِمَا نُحِبُّ رَبَّنَا وَتَرْضَى  
وَعَلَى مَا اقْتَرَضْتَ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ طَاعَتِكَ  
وَطَاعَةِ رَسُولِكَ وَأَهْلِ وَوَلَايَتِكَ  
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ  
أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَأَنْ تَهَبَ لَنَا فِيهَا الرِّضَا إِنَّكَ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ

وَلَا تَحْرِمْنَا خَيْرَ مَا نُنَزِّلُ فِيهَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ  
 وَطَهَّرْنَا مِنَ الذُّنُوبِ يَا عَلَامَ الْغُيُوبِ  
 وَأَوْجِبْ لَنَا فِيهَا دَارَ الْخُلُودِ  
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
 وَلَا تَتْرُكْ لَنَا فِيهَا ذَنْبًا إِلَّا غَفَرْتَهُ  
 وَلَا هَمًّا إِلَّا فَرَجْتَهُ وَلَا دَيْنًا إِلَّا قَضَيْتَهُ وَلَا غَائِبًا إِلَّا أَدَيْتَهُ

and answer, in these days, our prayers and strengthen us in them, and help us,  
 and give us success in them to perform what You like and are pleased with  
 and on what You have ordained on us in obedience to You and in obedience to Your  
 Prophet, and those given Your special friendship.

O Allah I beseech You, O most Merciful of those who are merciful, that You bless  
 Muhammad and his family and You grant us, in it, Your pleasure surely You are the  
 Hearer of the supplications and do not deprive us of the good You send down in it, from  
 the heavens And purify us from our sins, O Knower of the unseen And grant us in these  
 days the eternal abode.

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family and let there not remain on us any sin in these  
 days except that You forgive it nor any grief except that You remove it nor any debt  
 except that You fulfill it nor anyone unknown (who has a right on us) except that You  
 recompense him nor any wish from the wishes of this world and the Hereafter except  
 that You make it easy and available Surely You have power over all things.

وَلَا حَاجَةَ مِنْ حَوَائِجِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ إِلَّا سَهَّلْتَهَا وَيَسَّرْتَهَا  
 إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ  
 اللَّهُمَّ يَا عَالِمَ الْخَفِيَّاتِ يَا رَاحِمَ الْعَبْرَاتِ  
 يَا مُجِيبَ الدَّعَوَاتِ  
 يَا رَبَّ الْأَرْضِينَ وَالسَّمَاوَاتِ  
 يَا مَنْ لَا تَنْشَابُهُ عَلَيْهِ الْأَصْوَاتُ  
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
 وَاجْعَلْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ عَتَقَائِكَ  
 وَطَلْقَائِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَالْقَائِزِينَ بِجَنَّتِكَ  
 وَالنَّاجِينَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ  
 وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ

O Allah, O Knower of the concealed things

O one who has mercy on tears

O Answerer of supplicants

O Lord of the earths and skies

O one who is not confused by many voices

Bless Muhammad and his family

And make us in these days from among those whom You have saved from the fire and freed them from it and who have attained Your Heaven and those who have been saved by Your mercy

O most merciful And bless our leader Muhammad and all his family.

4. Recite the following five duas on each of the ten days. The angel Jibraeel delivered these duas to Nabi Isa (a) as a gift from Allah.

(1) أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah , He is One, there is no partner for Him for Him is the supreme authority and for Him is all praise, all good is in His hands and He has power over all things.

(2) أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ أَحَدًا صَمَدًا لَمْ يَتَّخِذْ صَاحِبَةً وَلَا وِلْدًا

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, He is One, there is no partner for Him He is Unique, the Needless, He has not taken any partner nor a child.

(3) أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ أَحَدًا صَمَدًا لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah He is One, there is no partner for Him He is One, Needless, He has not given birth nor was He born and there is none equal to him.

(4) أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah He is One, there is no partner for Him For Him is supreme authority and for Him is all praise, He gives life and He gives death and He is ever Living, does not die, In His hands is all good and He has power over all things.

(5) حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ وَكَفَىٰ سَمِعَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ دَعَا لَيْسَ وَرَاءَ اللَّهِ مُمْتَهِنٌ  
أَشْهَدُ لِلَّهِ بِمَا دَعَا وَأَنَّهٗ بَرِيءٌ مِّمَّنْ تَبَرَّأَ وَأَنَّ لِلَّهِ الْآخِرَةَ وَالْأُولَىٰ

Sufficient for me is Allah and He is enough. Allah hears one who supplicates.  
There is no higher aim beyond Allah. I bear witness to Allah for what He has invited  
and that He is free from whoever disassociates and that the Hereafter and this world  
belong to Allah.

5. Recite the following dua each day

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ اللَّيَالِي وَالذُّهُورِ  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ أَمْوَاجِ الْبُحُورِ  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَرَحْمَتُهُ خَيْرٌ مِّمَّا يَجْمَعُونَ  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ الشُّوكِ وَالشَّجَرِ  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ الشَّعْرِ وَالْوَبَرِ  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ الْحَجَرِ وَالْمَدَرِ  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ لَمَحِ الْعُيُونِ  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ فِي اللَّيْلِ إِذَا عَسَسَ وَالصُّبْحِ إِذَا تَنَقَّسَ  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عَدَدَ الرِّيَّاحِ فِي الْبَرَارِيِّ وَالصُّخُورِ  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مِنَ الْيَوْمِ إِلَى الْيَوْمِ فِي الصُّورِ

There is no god but Allah (as many times as)  
the number of nights and days

There is no god but Allah the number of waves in the sea

There is no god but Allah *and His mercy is better than what they amass* (43:32)

There is no god but Allah the number of thorns and trees

There is no god but Allah the number of hairs and fur

There is no god but Allah the number of stones and mud

There is no god but Allah the number of blinks of the eyes

There is no god but Allah *in the night when it departs and in the morning when it  
brightens* (81:17)

There is no god but Allah the number of winds in the deserts and the rocks

There is no god but Allah from today until *the day the trumpet is blown* (20:102)