

EID PRAYER

Eighth: It is recommended, thereafter, to offer the 'Id Prayer (Salat al-'Id), which consists of two units. In the first unit, recite Surah al-Faatehah and Surah al-A'la (No. 87). After the recitation of these Surahs, say the Takbir statement (i.e. Allahu-akbar) five times and raise your hands for Qunut after each Takbir, saying:

اللَّهُمَّ أَهْلَ الْكِبْرِيَاءِ وَالْعَظَمَةِ وَأَهْلَ الْجُودِ وَالْجَبْرُوتِ
 وَأَهْلَ الْعَفْوِ وَالرَّحْمَةِ وَأَهْلَ التَّقْوَى وَالْمَغْفِرَةِ أَسْأَلُكَ
 بِحَقِّ هَذَا الْيَوْمِ الَّذِي جَعَلْتَهُ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ عِيدًا وَلِمُحَمَّدٍ
 صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ ذُخْرًا وَشَرَفًا وَمَزِيدًا أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ
 مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَنْ تُدْخِلَنِي فِي كُلِّ خَيْرٍ أَدْخَلْتَ فِيهِ
 مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَنْ تُخْرِجَنِي مِنْ كُلِّ سُوءٍ أَخْرَجْتَ
 مِنْهُ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلِّوا عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَيْهِمْ أَجْمَعِينَ
 اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ مَا سَأَلَكَ مِنْهُ عِبَادُكَ الصَّالِحُونَ وَ
 أَعُوذُ بِكَ فِيهِ مِنَّا اسْتَعَاذَ مِنْهُ عِبَادُكَ الصَّالِحُونَ
 ﴿الْمُخْلِصُونَ﴾

You may then say the Takbir statement for the sixth time, do the genuflection (ruku'), and prostrate yourself (sujud). When you stand up for the second unit, recite Surah al-

Faatehah and Surah al-Shams (No. 91) and then say the Takbir statement four times only raising the hands for Qunut after each statement. After that, say the fifth Takbir statement and continue the prayer. After accomplishment of the prayer, say the famous Tasbih al-Zahra'(a.s.).

Narrations have mentioned many supplicatory prayers to be said after the `Id Prayer; rather, the best of them may be the forty-sixth supplication of al-Sahifah al-Kamilah al-Sajjadiyyah

It is also recommended to offer the `Id Prayer outdoors, directly on the ground without putting a carpet or any other thing under the feet, to return from a way other than the one taken in the coming, and to pray Almighty Allah for accepting the acts of one's brethren-in-faith.

Ninth: It is recommended to visit the holy tomb of Imam al-Husayn (a.s.).

Tenth: It is recommended to say the famous supplicatory prayer known as Dua al-Nudbah, which will be cited later on in this book. Sayyid Ibn Tawus has instructed, saying: After saying Dua al-Nudbah, prostrate yourself and say the following:

أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ نَارٍ حَرُّهَا لَا يُطْفِئُهَا وَلَا يَبْئَلُهَا وَلَا يَبْلِي وَ
عَظْمَانِهَا لَا يَرْوِي

You may then put your right cheek on the ground and say the following:

إِلَهِي لَا تُقَلِّبْ وَجْهِي فِي النَّارِ بَعْدَ سُجُودِي وَتَعْفِيرِي
لَكَ بِغَيْرِ مَنْ مَنِّي عَلَيْكَ بَلْ لَكَ الْمَنُّ عَلَيَّ

You may then put your left cheek on the ground and say the following:

إِرْحَمْ مَنْ أَسَاءَ وَاقْتَرَفَ وَاسْتَكَانَ وَاعْتَرَفَ-

You may then return to the (ordinary) prostration and say the following:

إِنْ كُنْتُ بِئْسَ الْعَبْدُ فَأَنْتَ نِعْمَ الرَّبُّ عَظَمَ الذَّنْبُ مِنْ
عَبْدِكَ فَلْيُحْسِنِ الْعَفْوُ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ يَا كَرِيمُ

You may then repeat the following word one hundred times:

الْعَفْوُ الْعَفْوُ

Sayyid Ibn Tawus then adds, "Do not spend this day with entertainment and negligence while you do not know whether your deeds have been accepted or rejected. Rather, if you hope for acceptance of your deeds, you must show thanks; and if you anticipate rejection, you must be intensely sad."