

[From Mafatihul Jinan]

This is a month of grief for the progeny of the Holy Prophet (as) and their friends. Imam Redha (as) is reported to have said that when the month of Muharram entered, his father was not seen laughing, but was always deep in grief and sorrow till the tenth which would be the day of calamity, grief and mourning and he would say that that was the day Hussein (as) was Martyred.

Aamal for the eve of the First of Muharram

Two rakaats in each of which after the recitation of the Chapter on Al-Hamd, the Chapter on Ikhlas be recited eleven times. It has been reported from the Holy Messenger (saws) that whoever recites these two rakaats and observes fast the following day which would be the first day of the year, will be rewarded as though he has spent that whole year in good deeds, he will remain protected for the whole year and if he dies he will proceed to heaven.

Also recite the dua on page 304 of Mafatihul Jinan on that day.

On the third day of Muharram, it is recommended to fast as this was the day when Hazrat Yusuf was released from custody. Whoever fasts on this day, Allah will make his difficult tasks easy for him, will protect him from sorrow and, according to a report from the Holy Prophet (saws) his wishes will be granted.

On the tenth day, it is the day of the martyrdom of Abu Abdillahil Hussein (as) and his dear family and companions who sacrificed their lives in order to save Islam in its true essence. It is indeed a great sacrifice of sacrifices. It is a day of calamity for Imams (as) and their friends and for us. Let us mourn on this day as though we were mourning our near and dear ones and keep the message of Islam alive.