



Gifts for The Awaited ajtf

A collection of actions for us to implement during the days of our lifetime, to remember and gain proximity to the Imam of Our Time (ajtf) and to practically express our love for Him.

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All praises are for Allah (swt), Lord of the worlds, and may Allah's (saw) peace and blessings be upon our Master, Prophet Muhammad (saw), and his pure and Immaculate Household (as).

When claiming that we love someone, we are expected to show this through our actions to prove our claim. In the Holy Quran, Allah (swt) commanded the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) to make it clear to people that he requires nothing as a reward for his efforts and propagation except "**Muwaddah**" for his household.

قُلْ لَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِلَّا الْمَوَدَّةَ فِي الْقُرْبَىٰ

Say, "I do not ask you any reward for it except love of [my] relatives"...

Quran 23:42

Imam al-Sajjad (a) was asked about the meaning of al-Muwaddah verse and Imam (a) answered,

"the intended meaning of the verse is loving us, the Ahl al-Bayt (a)."

(Al Kafi)

Love can be of two kinds. The **love of emotion** and the **love of action**. The 'love of emotion' is a result of gaining knowledge, and results in inclination, appreciation and inspiration in which we feel emotionally attached to someone or an idea. This love has not yet transpired into actions meaning that there is still room for dispute, disagreements or conflict of interests.

The Love that is required from us is the next level of love which is the 'Love of Action'.

From the above verse, we can see that loving the Holy household of Prophet Muhammad (saw) is a direct command of Allah (swt). It is essential that we recognise that this 'Love' is not due to blood relations or affection of the Holy Prophet (saw) towards his family, rather, this love is due to the fact that the Holy Household are the beloved of Allah (swt) and their existence is the reason why Allah (swt) is known and loved. Therefore, Love towards them is loving Allah (swt) and hatred and enmity towards them is hatred and enmity towards Allah (swt). The 'Love of Action' will be manifested through recognition, submission, imitation and sacrifice.

1. **Recognition** – We cannot love someone whom we do not know. Therefore, the first step to recognition is gaining knowledge. Once we have gained this knowledge and contemplate on this knowledge rationally, we will truly recognise that Rasoolallah (saw) and the Holy Imams (as) are divinely appointed by Allah (swt) in order to guide and protect Humanity from ignorance and to show humanity the road to Allah (swt). It also means to recognise the elevated status of the divinely appointed guides and that only they have the ability and qualifications to guide us. Recognition and obedience of The Imam of the Time (ajtf) is recognition and obedience of Allah (swt)

2. **Submission** – Many times, we may claim that we love someone but there may still be room for disagreements and dispute. In relation to Muwaddah, submission is necessary in the sense that there is no conflict of thoughts, actions or ideas and to believe that the word and command of the Holy Household (as) is the word and command of Allah (swt) and therefore complete submission is required from us.

3. **Imitation** – loving someone means that you believe that their actions and words are the best and that to follow or imitate them would improve you as a person or improve your circumstances. We all have role models whom we aspire to be like. This is proof of your acknowledgement of his/her ability and qualification in the position that he is in. In the same way, if we truly love and believe that the Holy Household (as) are the true role models for humanity and are the true guides, we will imitate them in their ways and actions, their Sunnah.

4. **Sacrifice** – When we are in love, we have no problem in sacrificing our time, wealth and desires for them. Sacrificing your own comfort is a proof of love and proves that you desire the happiness of the beloved above you own happiness. In the case of our love towards the Ahlulbayt (as), we are first and foremost required to sacrifice our low carnal desires, to sacrifice all that displeases Allah (swt) and to refrain from Haram. This sacrifice also requires patience in performing the wajibaat and mustahabaat in order to please Allah (swt). The highest level of sacrifice would be to give our very lives for the sake of Allah (swt), an action that is a custom of this blessed Household (as) and their true followers.

As we can see, there is a great difference between the love of emotion and the Love of Action and we must be clear about how we prove our claim of love towards the Holy household (as).

The Imam of Our Time (ajtf)

Centuries have passed and we have not yet seen the immaculate face of our blessed Imam, may Allah (swt) hasten his reappearance. The veils of our sins, disunity, lack of recognition, and love of this world have veiled Him from us. Looking at the state of this world and the corruption and injustices that are prevalent, the heart naturally yearns for the one who is promised by Allah (swt) to bring peace, justice and equality to this dying world. We naturally turn to the Master of the Time (aj) in times of distress but what have we done to relieve His distress?

We can see from the lives of the previous Imams (as) who were subjugated to years of oppression and injustice and yet were not able to rise due to the lack of true followers who did not attain complete ma'rifa and lacked the Love of Action, Muwaddah.

This is the same state of Our Living Imam (aj). If we were to truly ask ourselves what level of love we have and express for Our Imam (aj), most of us would come to the conclusion that our love has not elevated to the Love of action. We apologise greatly to the Imam of Our Time (aj) for not being ready and prepared enough and we pray for Allah (swt) to remove the veils from our eyes by enabling us to purify ourselves enough to be worthy of seeing and assisting the Imam (aj). We claim that we are awaiting our relief when truthfully it is our beloved Imam (aj) who is waiting for us.

Now is the time that we must begin our preparation for the kingdom of Allah (swt) which will be actualised through the Master of the Time (aj). Our Imam (aj) is living and is amongst us. Therefore, we should pray to become his true companions during the occultation of the Imam (aj) as well as after His blessed reappearance. The act of awaiting for the Imam (aj) is in fact our relief, because the active awaiting of the Imam is proof of our Ma'rifa and Muwaddah towards Him. We should act as if we can see the Imam (aj) now. If we cannot be his true and loyal companions during the ghaybah, what guarantee do we have that we will acknowledge and obey him when Allah (swt) removes the veil from our eyes and grants permission to Our Imam (aj) to rise?

Prophet Muhammad (saw) says "A person who would like to meet Allah in a state of perfect faith and in the best form of submission should love al-Hujjah Sahib al-Zaman al-Muntadhar (ajtf)." (Biharul Anwar, vol. 36, pg. 296, sec. 41, no. 125)

In order for us to start showing our love to the Imam of Our time (ajtf), we have compiled a list of actions that we can do on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis to revive his remembrance and gain proximity to Him.

We ask Allah (swt) to help us in our mission and to give us the ability to perform some or all of these actions. May Allah (swt) hasten our relief.

Dedicated to the Imam of Our Time (ajtf)
The Imam Mahdi (ajtf) Awareness Campaign

Some things we must do before embarking on our journey towards the Imam (ajtf):

- ◆ **Do all actions with the intention of pleasing Allah (swt) and building a strong relationship with Imam Mahdi (ajtf)**
- ◆ **Do all actions with sincerity, attention and focus only for the sake of Allah (swt)**
- ◆ **Consistently pray to Allah (swt) to help us with our Journey.**
- ◆ **Be in a constant state of gaining knowledge of Allah (swt), the Holy Prophet (saw) and the Imam (ajtf) with the intention to gain Ma'rifa of them.**
- ◆ **Taqwa: Refraining from sins and futile actions whilst fulfilling our wajibaat with attention to the quality and presence of our hearts.**
- ◆ **Contemplate on your actions every night**
- ◆ **Constantly repent for your sins and shortcomings.**
- ◆ **Constantly thank Allah (swt) for His blessings.**
- ◆ **Comply with the shariah.**
- ◆ **Fulfil your responsibilities towards others i.e. parents, spouse, believers**
- ◆ **Maintain family ties and be on good terms with others.**
- ◆ **Take care of and return the amanah.**
- ◆ **Fulfil your promises.**
- ◆ **Ensure our livelihood is halal and that we are not consuming haram wealth. This also means paying your zakat and khums.**
- ◆ **Be aware of our responsibilities towards the Imam (aj).**
- ◆ **Constantly ask for forgiveness for our sins.**
- ◆ **Remember that Allah (swt) & Imam Mahdi (ajtf) are never negligent of us**
- ◆ **Start with a few actions and maintain them consistently. We can add more later.**

*May Allah (swt) accept our deeds and bring pleasure to the heart of
Our Blessed Imam (ajtf).*

Daily Gifts for our Blessed Imam (ajtf):

- Read at least one page about Imam (ajtf)
- Say salaam to Imam (aj) when you wake up
- When reciting salah, imagine you are reciting behind the Imam (aj) and imagine you can hear his voice
- Before starting your fajr prayer, ask Imam (aj) to help you to remain steadfast during the day and to complete all wajibaat and mustahabaat with concentration and focus
- Recite Salat al Layl (long or short version)
- Make an intention that you will gift the reward of good and accepted actions to the Imam (aj)
- Recite dua faraj or a dua for Imam (aj) in the qunoot of all of your prayers
- At the end of your salah, pray for Imam (aj) before anyone or anything else. Dua Faraj and dua Ma'rifa (short) are beautiful duas to begin with
- After fajr salah, read a little Quran with contemplation and gift the rewards of this to the Imam (aj) also
- Recite Dua al Ahad or verbally swear allegiance to the Imam (aj) by placing your hand on the holy Quran and imagining that it is the hand of Imam (aj)
- Take a few minutes after salah and to talk to Him. Ask him how he is and tell him about your concerns and worries. Ask him to pray for you
- Recite a tasbeeh of zikr and gift the rewards to Imam (aj)
- Recite the duas after each salah for Imam (aj)
- Recite a 2 Rakah prayer for the safety of Imam Mahdi (ajtf) and gift the rewards to Him
- Give sadaqah for the safety of Imam, shohadah, marhumeen, momineen, neighbours, friends, relatives and family members
- Play dua al Ahad loudly in your homes so all of the family can hear this.
- When going to school, work etc. remember that you are representing the Imam (aj) and that all your words and actions should be in line with the shariah and the Akhlaq of the Holy Household (as)

- Feed the birds and gift the rewards to Imam (aj)
- Keep your homes and environment clean
- When eating, recite dua before eating and “Allahumma ajil le waliyekal faraj”
- When outside, contemplate on the beauty and the mercy of Allah (swt) and remind yourself that the very existence of everything around you is because of the existence of the Imam (aj)
- Before doing any action, think to yourself: Would this be an action of the companions of Imam (aj)?
- Say astaghfar a lot and apologise to the Imam (aj) if you do something wrong
- If you are alone at any part of the day, reflect upon the fact that Allah (swt), the Imam, angels and your very own limbs are still with you and are witnessing your actions. You are never alone
- Keep informed of the people who are suffering from oppression and injustice around the world. Pray for them and do whatever you can to support the oppressed as this is the mission of Imam (aj).
- Help people and be kind every day. Even if it just a small act of kindness
- Read a hadith or listen to a lecture from which you will gain knowledge and make the Intention to apply what you have learnt
- Do not hurt anyone with your words or actions.
- Try and remain more silent during the day
- Stay clean and presentable
- Recite some Quran with family members, recite dua faraj together and read 1 hadith about Imam and discuss it
- Call or see a family member especially your parents and enquire about them. Help them if they need help
- Before going to sleep, reflect on your thoughts, actions, words and intentions of the day. Be grateful for your blessings and seek forgiveness for your wrongdoings

- Before sleeping, say salaam to the Imam (aj) and tell him that you are thinking about him
- Do the devotional acts before sleeping and gift the rewards to Imam (aj)

Add your own

Weekly Gifts for our Blessed Imam (ajtf):

- Fast on Mondays and Thursdays and gift the reward to Imam (aj)
- Recite dua Tawassul on Tuesday nights and pray to Allah (swt) through the blessings of Imam (aj)
- Perform the Thursday Night Devotional Acts (amaal)
- Perform Friday Devotional Acts (amaal)
- Recite Salat al Layl one a week if it is too difficult to perform everyday
- Listen / read about the tragedies of Imam Hussain (as) and pray for Imam (aj)
- Prepare a nice meal on Fridays for the family
- Perform Salat of Imam Mahdi (ajtf)
- Write an Ariza (letter) to Imam (ajtf)

Add your own

Monthly Gifts for Our Blessed Imam (ajtf)

- Perform the devotional acts recommended for each Islamic month
- Sponsor an orphan in the name of/on behalf of Imam (aj)
- Host a gathering in the name of any member of the Ahlulbayt (as) on behalf of Imam (aj)
- Hold a gathering for the majlis of Imam Hussain (as)
- Call or visit relatives whom you do not see often
- Visit those who are suffering from illness
- Complete reading a book in relation to the Imam (ajtf)
- Recite special duas related to Imam Mahdi (ajtf) in Rajab, Shahban, Shahr Ramadhan and Muharram.

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Gifts for Our Beloved Imam (ajtf) throughout the Year

- Increase your recitation, contemplation and understanding of the Holy Quran
- Recite Dua Nudba on the days of Eid
- Perform ziyarah/umrah/hajj on behalf of/in the name of Imam (aj)
- Organise gathering in which Imam (aj) is remembered and his qualities are related
- Try to be at Arafat as there is no doubt the Imam (aj) is definitely present there
- Organise a gathering to mourn Imam Hussain (as) on behalf of Imam (aj)
- Organise a fundraiser for the needy in the name of Imam (aj)
- Sponsor an orphan in the name of Imam Mahdi (aj)
- Seek out and help needy family members
- Recite special duas related to Imam Mahdi (aj) in Rajab, Shahban, Shahr Ramadhan and Muharram
- Pray for Him abundantly on the days of Arafat, Ashura, Arbaeen, 15th Shahban, The Day of Ghadir and all other highly venerated days throughout the year

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GIFTS FOR MY IMAM (AJTF) - PLANNER

MONTH

January

Daily Gifts	Weekly Gifts	Monthly Gifts	Annual Gifts
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February

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March

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April

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MONTH

May

Daily Gifts	Weekly Gifts	Monthly Gifts	Annual Gifts

June

Daily Gifts	Weekly Gifts	Monthly Gifts	Annual Gifts

July

Daily Gifts	Weekly Gifts	Monthly Gifts	Annual Gifts

August

Daily Gifts	Weekly Gifts	Monthly Gifts	Annual Gifts

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MONTH

September

Daily Gifts	Weekly Gifts	Monthly Gifts	Annual Gifts

October

Daily Gifts	Weekly Gifts	Monthly Gifts	Annual Gifts

November

Daily Gifts	Weekly Gifts	Monthly Gifts	Annual Gifts

December

Daily Gifts	Weekly Gifts	Monthly Gifts	Annual Gifts

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Website dedicated to Imam Mahdi (ajtf) – <http://imammahdiac.org>

Resources - <http://imammahdiac.org/resources>

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- Over 70 English Books
- Duas & Ziyarat related to Imam Mahdi (ajtf)
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- Questions & Answers related to Imam (ajtf)
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The Awaited Saviour of Humanity (ajtf) and
Al Fateha for all our Marhumeen**



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