

IN PRAISE OF ALLAH

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- In the Name of Allah, the All-merciful, the All-compassionate
- All praise is due to Allah. There is no god but He, the Living, the Just, the Manifest.
- He is the Administrator without any minister and without consultation with any of his slaves.
- He is the First, who cannot be described.
- He is Eternal and will live forever, (even) after the annihilation of all creatures.
- He is the greatest Cherisher and Sustainer and the Light of the earths and heavens and their Creator and Maker out of nothing.
- He created both of them and separated them - a proper separation.
- The heavens became stable in obedience to His commandment and the earths became fixed on the surface of the water with their pegs.
- Then our Lord the All-Merciful subdued the high heavens and ruled from the Throne.
- Everything that is in heaven and in the earth and in between them and what is below the earth belongs to Him.
- So, I bear witness that verily You are Allah.
- There is none to elevate what You have lowered
- and no one to exalt him whom You leave in disgrace
- and no one to bring into disgrace him whom You exalt
- and no one to prevent him upon whom You bestow Your favour
- and no one to bestow anything, which You have withheld.

- You are Allah, there is no god but You, who existed when there was neither the stable sky
- ❖ nor the broad earth
- ❖ nor the brilliant sun
- ❖ nor the dark night,
- ❖ nor the bright day,
- ❖ nor the vast and stormy sea,
- ❖ nor any sublime and stable mountain,
- ❖ nor any revolving planet,
- ❖ nor the luminous moon,
- ❖ nor any blowing wind,
- ❖ nor any raining cloud,
- ❖ nor flashing lightning,
- ❖ nor any praising thunder,
- ❖ nor any breathing soul,
- ❖ nor any flying bird,
- ❖ nor any blazing fire, nor any flowing water.

- You existed before the existence of everything
- and You created everything
- and controlled everything
- and originated everything.

- You enriched some and reduced others to poverty,
- caused some to die and brought others to life,
- and made some people glad and others weep.
- Verily You rule from the Throne.

- You are of vast blessing,
- Allah! You are Great and Supreme.
- You are Allah and there is no god other than You.

- You are the Creator and Supporter.

- ❖ Your Decree is everpowering and Your Knowledge is operative.
- ❖ Your strategy is wonderful;
- ❖ Your promise is true;
- ❖ Your word is right;
- ❖ Your command is just;
- ❖ Your utterance is right guidance;
- ❖ Your Revelation is light;
- ❖ Your mercy is vast and abundant;
- ❖ Your forgiveness is superb;
- ❖ Your grace is excessive;
- ❖ Your gift is most respectable;
- ❖ Your cord is strong;

- ❖ Your might is ever ready;
 - ❖ Your protégé is powerful;
 - ❖ Your wrath is severe;
 - ❖ and Your stratagem is entrapping.
- Lord! With You are lodged all complaints.
- You are present in all gatherings,
 - and are the witness of all secrets,
 - and the ultimate goal of all supplications,
 - the expeller of all sorrows,
 - the affluence of every needy person,
 - the stronghold for every refugee,
 - security for everyone who is terror-stricken,
 - a shield for the weak a treasure for the indigent,
 - the destroyer of griefs, the helper of the virtuous.
- Such is Allah, our Lord.
- There is no god but He.
- You satisfy such of Your slaves as trust unto You.
 - You are the protector of him who is firmly attached to You and humiliates himself before You,
 - a shield for him who seeks refuge with You,
 - the help of him who looks up to You for help, the forgiver of sins for him who begs Your pardon;
- the complier of the tyrant,
 - the most grand of the grand,
 - the most great of the great,
 - the master of masters,
 - the Lord of lords,
 - the Succour of the grieved,
 - the Helper of those crying for help,
 - the Responder to the call of the distressed,
 - the best of all listeners,
 - the best of all observers,
 - the best of all judges,
 - the quickest of all reckoners,
 - the most merciful of all the merciful the best of all forgivers,
 - the satisfier of the needs of the faithful,
 - and the hearer of the appeals of the virtuous.
- You are Allah, there is no god but You.

- You are the Cherisher and Sustainer of all the worlds You are the Creator and I am a creature.
- You are the Master and I am a servant,
- You are the Lord and I am a slave.
- You are the Provider while I am provided with sustenance,
- You are the Giver while I am a beggar,
- You are the Generous while I am a miser.
- You are the Mighty while I am weak,
- You are the Noble while I am humble.
- You are the Independent while I am needy.
- You are the Master while I am slave.

- You are the Forgiver of sins while I am sinful.
- You are the Omniscient while I am ignorant.
- You are the Forbearing while I am hasty.
- You are the All-Merciful and I have been treated with mercy.
- You are the Provider of safety but I am involved in suffering.

- You are the Responder and I am the distressed.

- And I bear witness that verily You are Allah,
- there is no god but You
- You bestow favours upon Your slaves even without their asking.
- And I bear witness that verily You are Allah,
- the One,
- the Peerless,
- the Unique,
- the independent,
- the Single,
- and verily to You we must return.

- May the blessings of Allah be upon Muhammad and his family the holy and pure.

- Lord, forgive my sins and keep my faults concealed and extend to me Your special mercy and bounteous sustenance
- the All-merciful!

- All praise is due to Allah the Cherisher and sustainer of all the worlds
- And for us Allah is the Sufficiency and the excellent Protector.

- There is neither might nor power but with Allah the Great, the Exalted.