

# Blessings of

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ

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الْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ  
 أَمَا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ ط

## Blessings of بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ

وَعَلَى الْإِكِّ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ

الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ

وَعَلَى الْإِكِّ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ

### نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

“I have made the intention of sunnah *i'tikāf*.”

Dear Islamic brothers! Whenever you enter a masjid, make the intention of *i'tikāf*, for you shall continuously gain the reward of *i'tikāf* for as long as you stay inside. Normally, when we are in a masjid, sharḥāh does not give permission for us to eat, drink, sleep, have suḥūr or ifṭār, and not even to drink Zamzam water or the water on which *dam* has been made. Yet, if the intention of *i'tikāf* is made, all these actions will become permissible. One should not make this intention of *i'tikāf* only to eat, drink or sleep. This intention should instead be made to please Allah.

It is stated in *Fatāwā Shāmī*:

If someone wants to eat, drink or sleep in a masjid, he should make the intention to observe *i'tikāf* and perform the dhikr of Allah for some time. Then he may proceed as he wishes (i.e. now if he wants to eat, drink or sleep, he can do so).

## The excellences of reciting *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet ﷺ

The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

حَيْثُ مَا كُنْتُمْ فَصَلُّوا عَلَيَّ فَإِنَّ صَلَاتَكُمْ تَبْلُغُنِي

Recite *ṣalāt* upon me wherever you are, as your *ṣalāt* certainly reaches me.<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: **أَفْضَلُ الْعَمَلِ النَّيَّةُ الصَّادِقَةُ**, “A truthful intention is the best action.”<sup>2</sup> O those who love Allah’s Messenger! Make good intentions before every action, as this can be a means of entering Paradise. Before listening to the speech, make good intentions. For example,

- You will listen to the entire speech to gain knowledge of Islam.
- You will sit in a respectful manner.
- You will refrain from laziness during the speech.
- You will listen to the speech to reform yourself.
- Whatever you hear and learn, you will try to convey it to others.

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

<sup>1</sup> *Mu‘jam al-Kabīr*: 2729

<sup>2</sup> *Jāmi‘ al-Ṣaghīr*: 1284

## Intriguing account of a non-Muslim man and woman

A non-Muslim man once fell in love with a non-Muslim woman. This misplaced love overwhelmed every fibre of his being and drove him to act as though he had lost his senses. He began forgetting to eat and drink as a result. Seeking a solution for this worry, he came to the foremost saint of the time, ‘Aṭā’ رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ and explained his situation. The saint gave him a piece of paper with بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ written upon it and told him to swallow it.

The non-Muslim did so (and this caused his heart to change). He then exclaimed, “O ‘Aṭā’! I have tasted the sweetness of faith and light has kindled in my heart. I have forgotten the love I had for that woman. Please, tell me more about Islam!” When the saint ‘Aṭā’ informed him of Islam further, the man then became Muslim by the blessings of

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ.

When the woman this man was infatuated with heard that her captivated admirer had accepted Islam, she also approached the saint and said, “O imam of the Muslims! I am the very woman that the man who accepted Islam was obsessed with. I had a dream in which someone said, ‘If you wish to see your abode in Paradise, go to ‘Aṭā’ and he will show you.’ So here I am! Tell me, where is Paradise?”

The saint then explained, “If you wish for Paradise, you must first open its door before you can go towards it.”

The woman asked, “How can I open the door to Paradise?”

“Recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ”, the saint replied.

She then recited it (which caused a revolution to take place in her heart). “O ‘Aṭā’!”, she announced, “I find my heart has filled with light. Please tell me more about Islam!”

The saint ‘Aṭā’ told her more about this beautiful religion of Islam, and by the blessings of بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ, she too became Muslim.

When she slept that night, she had a dream and saw herself in Paradise. There, she saw beautiful domes and a magnificent palace. On one of the domes, it was written:

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ اَلَا اِنَّ اللّٰهَ مُخَبِّرٌ رَّسُوْلَ اللّٰهِ

The woman recited these words, and someone then called out, “O reciter! Allah has granted all of this to you.”<sup>1</sup>

### بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ is a part of a Quranic verse

Dear Islamic brothers! بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ is a complete verse of the Quran. It was revealed to separate between two sūrahs and is also part of a verse in *juz* 19, Sūrat al-Naml:<sup>2</sup>

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ ﴿٢٣﴾

With the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.<sup>3</sup>

### Jubilation

The Companion Jābir bin ‘Abdullāh رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ explains:

When بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ was revealed, clouds rushed towards the east, winds came to a standstill, the seas became exuberant, four-legged animals focused to listen attentively and devils were pelted with rocks from the skies. Allah stated, “By My Honour

<sup>1</sup> *Kitāb al-Qalyūbī, story 26, pp. 22-23*

<sup>2</sup> *Ḥalabī al-Kabīr, p. 307,*

<sup>3</sup> *Al-Quran, 27:30, Translation from Kanz al-Īmān*

and Majesty! I shall bless whatever بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ is recited upon.”<sup>1</sup>

## Begin every permissible act with بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ

O those who love Allah’s Messenger! The pure speech of Allah, the Quran, begins with بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ. This teaches us to begin our actions and tasks with بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ.

The scholar Aḥmad al-Şāwī رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ said:

The Quran begins with بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ, so the servants of Allah follow this and begin every good action with بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ themselves.<sup>2</sup> Hadith also encourage us to recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ at the beginning of (good and) important actions.<sup>3</sup>

## Wisdom in the 19 letters of بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ

Imam Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ writes:

There are 19 letters in بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ, and 19 angels are appointed to administer punishment in the Hellfire. It is hoped that through the blessings of each letter in it, the punishment of each angel will be distanced.

<sup>1</sup> *Tafsīr al-Durr al-Manthūr, Fātiḥah, vol. 1, p. 26*

<sup>2</sup> *Ḥāshiyah al-Şāwī ‘alā Tafsīr al-Jalālayn*

<sup>3</sup> *Jāmi‘ li-akhlāq al-Rāwī, vol. 32, p. 322, hadith 1198*

## Actions remain incomplete

The final Prophet of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ declared:

كُلُّ أَمْرٍ دُئِيَ بِآلٍ لَا يُبَدَأُ فِيهِ بِبِسْمِ اللّٰهِ فَهُوَ أَقْطَع

Every important action not begun with بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ remains incomplete.<sup>1</sup>

Dear Islamic brothers! Let's think for a moment! How big a deprivation would it be for us to not recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ and then have our every action remain incomplete. This means, we will have no blessings in what we do.

Sometimes, however, we say, "I didn't recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ, but my works and tasks all end up complete." In reply, it is one thing for a matter to become complete outwardly, and another for it to be deprived of blessings. For example, someone consumed food without reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ. The food will go down the throat, but there will not be any blessing in this. And what would happen if the food was not digested completely and did not become a part of one's body?

Nowadays, these issues are widespread. Business is flourishing and income is considerable, but it still does not suffice for one's needs. We eat food, but it has no positive impact on our bodies. Many people complain that their days pass badly or whatever they touch falls apart.

Students of knowledge complain they repeat their lessons but still cannot remember them. There may be many reasons for this, and not starting actions with بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ could be one of them.

<sup>1</sup> Jāmi' al-Ṣaghīr, p. 391, hadith 6284

## Save yourself from superstition

The illness of not accepting one's own mistakes and blaming others is sadly widespread. Take the month of Şafar as an example. If people arrange a wedding in this month, then make the Devil happy with much drumming, music and dancing throughout the night, and then the marriage fails, they will say, "It was in Şafar; this month is ill-omened."

Let's also say someone wakes up after the time of fajr has passed, having enjoyed a long sleep. He gets ready for work quickly. When he reaches his office, some problem then occurs, there is financial loss, or his boss scolds him. He then starts saying all kinds of superstitious things, blaming someone he saw or a black cat that crossed his path!

O those who love Allah's Messenger! The fault neither lies with the month of Şafar nor the poor cat. If good actions are begun with the pure name of Allah and we prostrate in thankfulness to Him, we shall find all blessings and ease in what we set out to do. When the pure name of Allah is not mentioned or matters are begun with acts that please Satan, what blessings do we then hope to attain?

## Devotee of بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ

As mentioned in *Blessings of Sunnah*, a book written by the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah, Mawlana Ilyas Attar al-Qadiri دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمْ اَلْعَالِيَةِ:

A muballigh was once describing the excellence of بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ in a gathering. A non-Muslim girl was greatly moved by listening to this, and she went on to accept Islam.

She developed a habit of reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ before sleeping, when waking up, standing, sitting, walking and doing everything else. In short, she started reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ all the time.

The girl's parents were disbelievers, and they were extremely displeased with her. Due to their hatred for Islam, they started giving her all kinds of difficulties and even conspired to have her murdered under false charges. So, one day, as the girl's father worked for the king of the time as a minister, he took the king's ring and gave it to his daughter.

Reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ, she took the ring and put it into her pocket, also reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ as she did so. When night fell and the girl went to sleep, her father secretly took the ring from her pocket and threw it into the river. A fish in the river then swallowed it.

The next morning, a fisherman cast his net in the river, catching the same fish coincidentally. The fisherman gifted the fish to the minister, who then gave it to his daughter to cook. Reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ she took the fish. When she cut open the stomach of the fish whilst reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ, she found the king's ring that her father had taken from her pocket. Reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ, she put the ring into her pocket again and served the cooked fish to her father.

After the meal, it was time for her father to go to the royal court, so he asked his daughter for the ring. Reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ she took out the ring from her pocket and handed it over to him. Seeing this, he was completely taken aback.

In this way, Allah saved the girl who loved to recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ from being murdered.<sup>1</sup>

سُبْحَانَ اللّٰهِ You already heard that a black cat and other superstitions can cause no harm. You have now heard how despite the father's full efforts, he was unable to do anything. By the blessings of بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ, the girl remained successful in her task and was protected from being unjustly murdered. Indeed, the name of Allah brings untold blessings. So, we should avoid superstitions and make a habit of reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ. If we are sincere in this, then اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ we will receive these unimaginable blessings.

### Recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ before eating

It is sunnah to recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ before eating and drinking. The Companion Ḥudhayfah رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ narrates of how the final Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "Satan considers that food lawful on which Allah's name is not mentioned."<sup>2</sup>

Not reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ results in the food not having any blessings in it. The Companion Abū Ayyūb al-Anṣārī رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ explains:

We were with the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ when food was presented. At the onset we experienced blessings the likes of which we had never seen in any food, yet towards the end, we found said blessings had departed. We asked, "O Messenger of Allah! Why did this happen?"

<sup>1</sup> *Blessings of Sunnah*, pp. 85 - 86

<sup>2</sup> *Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim*, hadith 2017

He replied, “We all recited بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ when eating. A person then sat to eat without reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ, so Satan ate along with him.”<sup>1</sup>

Umm al-Mu'minīn, Lady 'Ā'ishah رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهَا relates how the final Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “Whenever a person eats, he should mention the name of Allah. If he forgets to recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ at the beginning, he should recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ أَوْلَهُ وَإِخْرَاقَهُ.”<sup>2</sup>

Dear Islamic brothers! Always recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ before eating food. Whoever does not recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ, a Satan called Qarīn shares in his food.

### Recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ before wuḍū

As narrated by the Companion Abū Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ declared, “O Abū Hurayrah! When you perform wuḍū, recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ. As long as your wuḍū remains, your angels (Kirāman Kātibīn) will continue to write good deeds for you.”<sup>3</sup>

### Reward at every step

The following is found in *Tafsīr Na‘īmi*:

Whoever recites بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ and اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ when mounting a conveyance, reward will be recorded for him for every step of that animal. Similarly, whoever recites بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ and اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ when boarding a

<sup>1</sup> *Sharh al-Sunnah*, vol. 6, p. 480, hadith 2824

<sup>2</sup> *Sunan Abī Dāwūd*: 3767

<sup>3</sup> *Al-Mu‘jam al-Ṣaghīr*: 196

boat, reward will be recorded for him for as long as he remains upon it.<sup>1</sup>

## Amazing litany for blessings in earnings

Muftī Aḥmad Yār Khān Na‘īmī رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ said:

When entering the home, one should recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ and enter the right foot first in the doorway. Then, greeting his household with salam, he should enter inside. If no one is inside, he should recite ‘اَسْلَمْتُ عَلَیْكَ اَیُّهَا النَّبِیُّ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ’. It is seen from some righteous people that when they enter their homes at the beginning of the day, they recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ and Surah al-Ikhlāṣ. This maintains family unity and brings blessings in earnings.<sup>2</sup>

## Make children habitual of reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ

Prophet ‘Īsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ passed by a grave in which the inhabitant was being punished. After some time, he passed by it again and noted the grave was illuminated and the mercy of Allah was descending upon it. He was surprised, and asked Allah to reveal the secret behind why this had happened.

He was told, “O ‘Īsā! This man was punished due to being a severe sinner. At the time of his passing, his wife was expecting a child. She gave birth to a son, who was sent to a madrassah today. The teacher taught him بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ. My mercy means I shall not punish someone on earth whose child is mentioning my name upon it.”<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Tafsīr al-Na‘īmī, Fātiḥah, vol. 1, p. 55*

<sup>2</sup> *Mirāt al-Manāḥij, vol. 6, p. 9*

<sup>3</sup> *Al-Tafsīr al-Kabīr, Fātiḥah, vol. 1, p. 155*

سُبْحَانَ اللّٰهِ We should all teach our children to say the name of Allah from the get-go instead of meaningless words. The parents not only receive this reward, but also those who taught and learnt this. Whilst playing with your children, say “اللّٰهُ” in front of them repeatedly with the intention of teaching them. اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ The first word they say will be the name of اللّٰهُ.

## Pious Deed 46

Dear Islamic brothers! There are countless blessings and benefits of reciting بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ. We should make a habit of reciting this before every permissible act. For this purpose, one of the 72 pious deeds listed by the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah, Mawlana Ilyas Attar al-Qadiri دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمْ الْعَالِيَةِ is pious deed number 46:

- ◆ Today, have you recited بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ before every permissible and reverential task?

Dear Islamic brothers! In this way, in order to live your life according to the sunnah, affiliate yourselves with the Islamic environment of Dawat-e-Islami and participate wholeheartedly in the 12 Islamic activities.

اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ By the blessings of this, you will gain the mindset to be punctual in salah, perform righteous deeds and avoid sins.

## Cure for Fever

It is narrated that a person once suffered from fever. His teacher, Shaykh Faqīh Walī ‘Umar b. Sa‘īd رَحِمَهُ اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ went to visit him. As the shaykh departed, he gave him an amulet and advised, “Do not open it or look inside.” After the shaykh left, the person put the amulet on and was instantly cured of fever. Amazed, he could not help seeing what was written inside.

As he unfolded it, he saw بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ written within. A Satanic whisper occurred to him that ‘anyone could have written this!’ As soon as his reverence for his shaykh diminished, his fever immediately returned. Worried, he went to his shaykh and apologised for his mistake. The shaykh again prepared an amulet and fastened it to the person’s arm with his own hands, curing the fever again instantly.

Though the shaykh had not prohibited him from seeing the inside of the amulet this time, the person himself refrained from doing so due to his previous experience. Eventually, when he unfolded it after a year, he saw that it too had بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ written in it.<sup>1</sup>

Dear Islamic brothers! Indeed, there are great blessings in بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ and it is a cure for illnesses. The foregoing account teaches us that if a saint ever prohibits someone even from a (permissible) action, one should abstain from it even if he is unable to comprehend the wisdom behind it.

Another lesson is that one should not unfold and look inside an amulet, as one’s devotion may be affected by this. Furthermore, the amulet is folded in a special way and sometimes particular invocations are also recited during this process. Therefore, unfolding and seeing it may reduce its benefits.

## Remedy for headache

Julius Caesar, the Roman politician, once sent a letter to the second Caliph of Islam, ‘Umar bin al-Khaṭṭāb رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. In this letter he said, “I suffer from a chronic headache. If you have any medicine for this, please send it to me.” Sayyiduna ‘Umar sent him a cap. Whenever Caesar wore this, his head would stop hurting, and whenever he removed it, his

<sup>1</sup> Faizan-e-Sunnat, p. 63

headache would reoccur. Amazed, he eventually unstitched the cap and found a piece of paper on which بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ was written.<sup>1</sup>

Dear Islamic brothers! It is not permissible for males to wear an amulet kept in gold or silver or any other metallic casing. Likewise, it is also impermissible and a sin for males to wear a chain made of any metal, whether the chain is linked with an amulet or not.

It is also not permissible for males to wear a locket, bracelet or bangle made of gold, silver, steel or any type of metal, whether or not anything is inscribed on it, or even if the sacred name of Allah or the kalimah etc., is engraved on it. Women, however, are permitted to wear an amulet encased in silver or gold.<sup>2</sup>

## Treatment for a nosebleed

If anybody's nose bleeds, he should write بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ with his index finger starting from his forehead and finishing at the end of the nose. The bleeding will stop اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ.<sup>3</sup>

## Spiritual Cure Department

O those who love Allah's Messenger! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ The Spiritual Cure Department of Dawat-e-Islami works day and night to console the grief-stricken *ummah* of the Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ Efforts are made to administer spiritual cures to hundreds of thousands of unwell and troubled people through this department, free of cost. The blessings of the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's spiritual cures, litanies and amulets are not restricted to one specific city or place.

<sup>1</sup> *Al-Tafsīr al-Kabīr, Fātiḥah, vol. 1, p. 155*

<sup>2</sup> *Blessings of Sunnah, p. 69*

<sup>3</sup> *Blessings of Sunnah, p. 73*

Islamic brothers and sisters have set up branches of the Spiritual Cure Department across the entire world, whereupon Muslims can seek help for their worries, issues, unemployment, or any other issue.

Dear Islamic brothers! You too should go to your nearest Spiritual Cure stall. You can then get hold of amulets, invocations, and litanies to help solve your issues. You can also watch the Spiritual Cure programme on Madani Channel, upon which viewers can attain spiritual remedies for their issues, and *istikhārah* is also performed for them.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ The IT Department of Dawat-e-Islami has also made the Spiritual Cure app. Using this, you can request *istikhārah* online. You can also obtain amulets for illness, evil eye, magic and jinn problems, etc. These are distributed freely and purely for the sake of Allah. Furthermore, many different litanies are available for various problems such as illness, poverty, anxiety, calamities, etc.

Kindly download this app on your phone. Take benefit yourself and encourage others to do the same!

### Virtues of writing بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ

The Companion Anas رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the final Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “Allah will forgive whoever writes بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ beautifully out of reverence for Him.”<sup>1</sup>

Dear Islamic brothers! If possible, to gain the immense reward of writing بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ, write it in a state of wuḍū from time to time on paper etc. in a beautiful style. However, do not write it in a place of disrespect. Sacred words should not be written on walls either, as over time the words may fall or peel away, eventually ending up on the floor.

<sup>1</sup> Tarīkh Aṣbahān, vol. 2, p. 285, raqam 1746

Once, Allah’s Messenger صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ went past a place where بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ had been written on the ground. Seeing this he said, “Curse upon he who did this. Keep بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ in its place.”<sup>1</sup>

O those who love Allah’s Messenger! In conclusion, let us hear some rulings and beneficial litanies relating to بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ.

### Blessings of بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ

1. Shaykh Abū al-‘Abbās Aḥmad bin ‘Alī al-Būnī رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ explains, “Whoever recites بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ 786 times for 7 days straight (with *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet recited once before and after), his every need will be fulfilled, whether it relates to attainment of good, removal of evil or success in business - *إِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ*.”<sup>2</sup>
2. Whoever recites بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ 21 times at night before going to sleep (with *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet recited once before and after), they will remain safe from Satan, theft, sudden death and every calamity - *إِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ*.
3. If someone recites بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ and *ṣalāt* on the Prophet 300 times each whilst facing the sun during sunrise, Allah will grant them sustenance from a source they cannot even imagine. By reciting this daily, they will become wealthy within a year - *إِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ*.
4. If someone with weak memory recites بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ 786 times (with *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet recited once before and after), blows on

<sup>1</sup> *Tafsīr al-Durr al-Manthūr, Fātiḥah, vol. 1, p. 29*

<sup>2</sup> *Shams al-Ma‘ārif, p. 74*

water and then drinks it, their memory will become strong to the extent they remember whatever they hear - *إِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ*.

5. If there is a drought, recite *بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ* 61 times (with *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet recited once before and after, and then make du'ā). It will then begin to rain - *إِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ*.<sup>1</sup>
6. Write *بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ* 35 times on a piece of paper (with *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet recited once before and after) and hang it in the house. Satan will not pass through, and there will be an abundance of blessings therein. If one hangs it in a shop, the business will flourish - *إِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ*.
7. Whoever writes *بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ* 130 times (or has it written by someone) on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Muḥarram and keeps it with him (wearing it by coating it in plastic or sewing it in some cloth or leather), no evil will afflict him or anyone in his household all his life - *إِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ*.
8. Write *بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ* 70 times and place it in the shroud of the deceased. *إِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ* Their interaction with Munkar and Nakīr will be eased.<sup>2</sup>

(It is better that a niche is made in front of the deceased's face in the *qiblah* wall and this is placed in it. The Shajarah and Ahd Nāmāh should be placed there also.)<sup>3</sup>

Dear Islamic brothers! Recite *بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ* to a qāri' or scholar. If you are not pronouncing its letters correctly, kindly learn how to do so.

<sup>1</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>2</sup> *Shams al-Ma'arif*, p. 75

<sup>3</sup> *Blessings of Sunnah*, vol. 1, pp. 134,138

Otherwise, you may end up suffering inadvertent loss rather than benefit.

O Lord of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Grant us the blessings of بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ, and grant us the ability to recite it before every permissible action!

اٰمِیْنِ بِجَاہِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِیِّیْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوْا عَلٰی الْحَبِیْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰی مُحَمَّدٍ

## Sunnahs and etiquettes of cutting nails

Dear Islamic brothers! Let us listen to some pearls of wisdom relating to clipping nails, extracted from the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's book *101 Madani Pearls*.

- ◆ It is recommended to clip nails on a Friday. However, one should not wait until Friday if the nails have grown long.<sup>1</sup>

Muftī Amjad ‘Alī al-A‘zamī رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ says:

It is narrated that whoever clips his nails on a Friday, Allah will protect him from calamities until the next Friday, as well as for three more days after that, i.e., for 10 days. In one narration, it is also stated that whoever clips his nails on Friday, mercy will arrive for him, and his sins will depart.<sup>2</sup>

- ◆ The following is a summary of the narrated method of clipping one's nails. Begin with the index finger of the right hand and clip

<sup>1</sup> *Durr al-Mukhtār*, vol. 9, p. 668

<sup>2</sup> *Al-Durr al-Mukhtār ma‘a Radd al-Muhtār*, vol. 9, p. 668; *Bahār-e-Sharī‘at*, vol. 16, pp. 225,226

your nails in order up to and including the little finger, but do not clip your thumb nail. Then beginning with the small finger of the left hand, clip your nails in order up to and including the thumb. In the end, clip the nail of the right thumb.<sup>1</sup>

## Announcement

The remaining sunnahs and etiquettes of clipping nails will be taught in study circles, so please do participate in them to learn more!

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

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<sup>1</sup> *Al-Durr al-Mukhtār*, vol. 9, p. 670; *Iḥyā al-'Ulūm*, vol. 1, p. 193