

# Allah (S.W.T)

Allah (S.W.T) is our Creator. He created the Heavens and the whole universe in six days. He created the earth where we live, the sky where the clouds glide, the twinkling of huge and small stars, the sun which provides us light and energy, the moon that shines at night, the air which we breathe, the mountains where we tour and climb and the rumbling waves of the oceans. This whole beautiful universe was created by Allah (S.W.T) for us. He created everything with such accurate precision and beauty that even if we tried with all our might, we would not find a single fault in anything. Allah (S.W.T) is Merciful and Gracious towards us.

Allah (S.W.T) created us and sent Prophets (A.S) with scriptures to guide us. Allah (S.W.T) sent our beloved Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) to guide us to the right path of Islam. We are blessed to have the best human being as our Prophet and guide. Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) is the best gift from Allah (S.W.T) to us. Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) taught us to believe in one God, to be good human beings, to speak the truth, to be respectful and polite, not to steal or drink, to be kind to the orphans and giving to the poor. Our Prophet would continuously pray to Allah (S.W.T) for his Ummah, meaning he would ask Allah (S.W.T) for forgiveness for us. On the day of Judgement, his Ummah will seek intercession from him and it will be granted.

Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) received the Holy Qur'an, which is a direct Word from Allah (S.W.T). There is no scripture or book that is recited and memorized as many times as the Qur'an. The Qur'an helps us get closer to Allah (S.W.T). We find peace when we recite the Qur'an. The Qur'an has been unchanged since the day it was revealed, as Allah (S.W.T) ensures its safety. From the Qur'an we learn many things and among them are the five pillars of Islam. The five pillars of Islam are the Shahada which is to bear witness that there is no God but Allah (S.W.T), and Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) is His Messenger, five daily Prayers in which we stand before Allah in His remembrance five times a day, Zakat (obligatory charity), fasting for the sake of Allah in the month of Ramadhan, and Hajj which is Pilgrimage to Makkah and Madina. If we follow the five pillars of Islam, we will surely attain Jannah (Paradise).

The Qur'an mentions the Most Beautiful Names of Allah (S.W.T) called Asma Al-Husna. Each Name describes a Divine Attribute of Allah (S.W.T). The most famous Names of Allah (S.W.T) are Ar-Rahman (The Most Gracious) and Ar-Raheem (The Most Merciful). Ar-Rahman is Allah (S.W.T)'s mercy upon all his creation whether they believe in Allah (S.W.T) or not. For example, Allah (S.W.T) causes rainfall for the crops and grass to grow. A small seed dug in the ground will erupt into a plant. Different seeds grow in many different forms and sizes and provide us with nourishment. Just a simple blinking of our eyes is such a blessing as it prevents our eyes from drying out. Ar-Raheem refers to Allah (S.W.T)'s mercy towards the believers. He is Ever-Forgiving and loves those who ask Him for forgiveness. We should try to recite the Most Beautiful Names of Allah (S.W.T) as they contain many blessings.

There are also many other recitations which bring us closer to Allah (S.W.T). Before starting something, we say Bismillah which means "in the Name of Allah (S.W.T)" as we want Allah (S.W.T)'s blessing in everything we do. When we intend to do something, we say InshaAllah which means "if Allah (S.W.T) Wills" as all future events are possible only by the Will of Allah

(S.W.T). We recite Praises of Allah (S.W.T) to remember Him such as, SubḥanAllah (Glory be to Allah (S.W.T)), Alḥamdulillah (Praise be to Allah (S.W.T)), Laa ilaha Illallah (there is no God but Allah (S.W.T)) and AllahuAkbar, (Allah (S.W.T) is the Most Great). We also recite Zikrullah in remembrance of Allah (S.W.T).

Allah knows and is aware of everything. He created us, the angels, the jinns, the animals and we all turn to Him in Prayer. We find His Mercy at every step of the way. Those who do not believe, wander aimlessly around the world achieving only worldly things. We as Muslims are so grateful to our Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) as we are aware of our direction through his example. We praise Allah (S.W.T) for all his Generosity, turn to Him only and aim to achieve Jannah. Praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds.

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