

## THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NAMES BELONG TO ALLAH

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ. اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ. لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ. وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ  
كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ.  
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ.

Dear Muslims,

In the Surah al-Ikhlâs I recited at the beginning of the khutbah, our Lord Almighty (swt) describes Himself as follows: “Say, o Prophet, ‘He is Allah—One and Indivisible. Allah—the Sustainer needed by all. He has never had offspring. Nor was He born. And there is none comparable to Him.’”<sup>i</sup>

Dear Believers!

Allah the Almighty is the Lord of the worlds. To Him (swt) alone belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. He (swt) is the Creator, the Sustainer, and the Ruler.

When we look through the lens of wisdom, we see the reflections of the names and attributes of Allah the Almighty, the Creator of the universe, everywhere. We order our lives inspired by the beautiful names of our Lord (swt). We get inspired by His (swt) matchless creations and glorify Him by uttering, **سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ** (Subhan Allah). By saying, **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ** (Alhamdulillah), we thank for His

offerings and blessings. With the chant of **اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ** (Allahu Akbar), we acknowledge His Glory and Majesty. We show our helplessness by saying **لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ** (La hawla wa la quwwata illa billah), “**There is no power except with Allah.**”<sup>ii</sup> We rely on Him (swt) in all circumstances and conditions by saying, **حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ** (Hasbunallahu wa ni'mal wakil), meaning “**Allah alone is sufficient as an aid for us. He is the best Protector.**”<sup>iii</sup> In accordance with our Lord Almighty’s (swt) verse, **فَاذْكُرُونِي أَذْكَرْكُمْ** “**Remember Me; I will remember you.**”<sup>iv</sup>, we start everything we do in the name of Allah (swt). When we have a wish in our hearts, we say “Insha Allah!” and declare that nothing will happen without Allah’s (swt) will. We express our congratulations and appreciation with “Masha Allah!” and “Barak Allah!” When we set out on a journey or say goodbye to our loved ones, we say “Fi Amanillah.”

Dear Muslims!

Let us know our Lord (swt) as He has made Himself known to us. Let us be true to our promise to Him (swt) until our last breath. Let us bless our lives with worship, righteous deeds and good morals, which are indicators of our submission to Allah (swt). May our path be tawhid and wahdat, and our direction be to gain the pleasure of our Lord (swt).

<sup>i</sup> Ikhlâs, 112/1-4.

<sup>ii</sup> Muslim, Dhikr, 47.

<sup>iii</sup> Al-i ‘Imran, 3/173.

<sup>iv</sup> Baqarah, 2/152.