

Prayers that believers should recite at least once in their lives

Allah reveals what Muslims should pray for in many verses of the Qur'an. Prayer leads us to that which already exists in our destinies. It is Allah Who both determines our destiny and Who causes us to pray. Prayer is one of the most important religious observances for a Muslim. A believer who prays knows his weakness before Allah and always submits himself to Him. In return for his prayers he may hope to be a valued servant possessed of taqwa in the Sight of Allah. In one verse Allah reveals:

"Say: 'What has My Lord to do with you if you do not call on Him? But you have denied the truth, so punishment is bound to come.'" (Surat al-Furqan, 77)

This chapter contains some of the prayers revealed in the Qur'an that believers should recite at least once in their lives.

... There are some people who say, 'Our Lord, give us good in the world.' They will have no share in the Hereafter. And there are others who say, 'OUR LORD, GIVE US GOOD IN THE WORLD, AND GOOD IN THE HEREAFTER, AND SAFEGUARD US FROM THE PUNISHMENT OF THE FIRE.'... (Surat al-Baqara; 200-202)

"The Messenger has faith in what has been sent down to him from his Lord, and so do the believers. Each one has faith in Allah and His angels and His Books and His Messengers. WE DO NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN ANY OF HIS MESSENGERS. THEY SAY, 'WE HEAR AND WE OBEY. FORGIVE US, OUR LORD! YOU ARE OUR JOURNEY'S END.'" (Surat al-Baqara; 285)

"... OUR LORD, DO NOT TAKE US TO TASK IF WE FORGET OR MAKE A MISTAKE! OUR LORD, DO NOT PLACE ON US A LOAD LIKE THE ONE YOU PLACED ON THOSE BEFORE US! OUR LORD, DO NOT PLACE ON US A LOAD WE HAVE NOT THE STRENGTH TO BEAR! AND PARDON US; AND FORGIVE US; AND HAVE MERCY ON US. YOU ARE OUR MASTER, SO HELP US AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF THE KAFIRUN." (Surat al-Baqara; 286)

"OUR LORD, DO NOT MAKE OUR HEARTS SWERVE ASIDE AFTER YOU HAVE GUIDED US. AND GIVE US MERCY FROM YOU. YOU ARE THE EVER-GIVING." (Surah Al 'Imran; 8)

"OUR LORD, YOU ARE THE GATHERER OF MANKIND TO A DAY OF WHICH THERE IS NO DOUBT. ALLAH WILL NOT BREAK HIS PROMISE." (Surah Al 'Imran; 9)

"THOSE WHO SAY, 'OUR LORD, WE HAVE FAITH, SO FORGIVE US OUR WRONG ACTIONS AND SAFEGUARD US FROM THE PUNISHMENT OF THE FIRE.'" (Surat Al 'Imran; 16)

"All they said was, 'OUR LORD, FORGIVE US OUR WRONG ACTIONS AND ANY EXCESSES WE WENT TO IN WHAT WE DID AND MAKE OUR FEET FIRM AND HELP US AGAINST THESE KAFIR PEOPLE.'" (Surah Al 'Imran; 147)

"those who remember Allah, standing, sitting and lying on their sides, and reflect on the Creation of the heavens and the earth: 'OUR LORD, YOU HAVE NOT CREATED THIS FOR NOTHING. GLORY BE TO YOU! SO SAFEGUARD US FROM THE PUNISHMENT OF THE FIRE.'" (Surah Al 'Imran; 191)

"OUR LORD, THOSE YOU CAST INTO THE FIRE, YOU HAVE INDEED DISGRACED. THE WRONGDOERS WILL HAVE NO HELPERS." (Surah Al 'Imran; 192)

"OUR LORD, WE HEARD A CALLER CALLING US TO FAITH: "HAVE FAITH IN YOUR LORD!" AND WE HAD FAITH. OUR LORD, FORGIVE US OUR WRONG ACTIONS, ERASE OUR BAD ACTIONS FROM US AND TAKE US BACK TO YOU WITH THOSE WHO ARE TRULY GOOD." (Surah Al 'Imran; 193)

"OUR LORD, GIVE US WHAT YOU PROMISED US THROUGH YOUR MESSENGERS, AND DO NOT DISGRACE US ON THE DAY OF RISING. YOU DO NOT BREAK YOUR PROMISE." (Surah Al 'Imran; 194)

"When they listen to what has been sent down to the Messenger, you see their eyes overflowing with tears because of what they recognise of the truth. They say, 'OOO LORD, WE HAVE FAITH. SO WRITE US DOWN AMONG THE WITNESSES.'" (Surat al-Ma'ida; 83)

"When they turn their eyes towards the Companions of the Fire, they will say, 'OUR LORD, DO NOT PLACE US WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE WRONGDOERS!'" (Surat al-A'raf; 47)

"They said, 'WE HAVE PUT OUR TRUST IN ALLAH. OUR LORD, DO NOT MAKE US A TARGET FOR THIS WRONGDOING PEOPLE,'" Surah Yunus; 85)

"AND RESCUE US, BY YOUR MERCY, FROM THIS KAFFIR PEOPLE." (Surah Yunus; 86)

"saying, 'GLORY BE TO OUR LORD! THE PROMISE OF OUR LORD IS TRULY FULFILLED.'" (Surat al-Isra'; 108)

"When the young men took refuge in the cave and said, 'OUR LORD. GIVE US MERCY DIRECTLY FROM YOU AND OPEN THE WAY FOR US TO RIGHT GUIDANCE IN OUR SITUATION.'" (Surat al-Kahf; 10)

Never say about anything, 'I am doing that tomorrow,' without adding 'IF ALLAH WILLS.' Remember your Lord when you forget, and say, 'HOPEFULLY MY LORD WILL GUIDE ME TO SOMETHING CLOSER TO RIGHT GUIDANCE THAN THIS.'" (Surat al-Kahf; 23-24)

"There was a group of My servants who said, "OUR LORD, WE HAVE FAITH, SO FORGIVE US AND HAVE MERCY ON US. YOU ARE THE BEST OF THE MERCIFUL." But you made a mockery of them so that they made you forget to remember Me while you were laughing at them." (Surat al-Muminun; 109-110)

"Say: 'MY LORD, FORGIVE ME AND BE MERCIFUL! YOU ARE THE BEST OF THE MERCIFUL.'" (Surat al-Muminun; 118)

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