



## **Merits of Basmala (in the name of Allah the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful)**

### **First Sermon**

All praise is due to Allah the Lord of the Worlds, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful. Exalted is You, the Sovereign of the Day of Recompense, we praise You. We bear witness that there is no deity save You, having no associates. It is You we worship and You we ask for help. Indeed, You have honoured us and guided us to the straight path. We also bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is the Servant of Allah and His Messenger. The Almighty has chosen him to deliver His message and made him seal of the Prophets. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure blessed family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

### **As to what follows,**

I urge you, **O servants of Allah**, and myself to be aware that you are asked to obey Him the Most Exalted in line with His orders: **“Allah has prepared for them a severe punishment; so fear Allah, O you of understanding who have believed. Allah has sent down to you the Quran.”** (At-Talaq: ١٠).

### **O Worshipers,**

The name of Allah the Almighty has a glorified status in each Muslim’s heart, and for His mention there is a gracious standing and honour in each believer’s soul. Allah, the Most Exalted, says, **“blessed is the name of your Lord, Owner of Majesty and Honour.”** (Ar-Rahman: ٧٨). That is to say: sanctified the name of your Lord the possessor of greatness and superiority. Indeed, He is worthy of being obeyed, never to be challenged, and frequently mentioned, never to be forgotten.

In fact, glorifying Allah the Almighty can be achieved in several ways. For instance, one can glorify Him by mentioning His name before saying anything as well as before performing any act. Such tradition was part of the guidance of all the Prophets pbut. A good example on this is the one of Prophet Noah pbut when he said to the

people who accompanied him in the ship, **“embark therein; in the name of Allah is its course and its anchorage. Indeed, my Lord is Forgiving and Merciful.”** (Hood: ٤١). This means, in the name of Allah the ship will sail on water, and in His name it will reach to its destination safely.

Another example that can be brought here is when Suleiman (Solomon) pbuh sent a letter to the Queen of Sabaa, he wrote in it: **“in the Name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful, Be not haughty with me but come to me in submission [as Muslims].”** (An-Naml: ٢٠-٢١). Scholarly opinion says that no one has ever written (in the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful) before Suleiman pbuh did.

Furthermore, Allah, the Entirely Exalted, taught our Master Muhammad pbuh to recite the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, before any act. In evidence of this, the first Aya of the holy Quran that was revealed to the Prophet pbuh reads: **“recite in the name of your Lord who created.”** (Al-Alaq: ١). That is to say: recite what has been revealed to you from the Quran starting with the name of your Lord. Thus, the Prophet pbuh ordered that the Basmala (in the name of Allah) to be written in the beginning of each letter or agreement.

Going down to its meaning, the Basmala (saying: in the name of Allah the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful), means a Muslim should start any action seeking the help of Allah the Almighty in accomplishing it. The Basmala contains three of the beautiful names of Allah: Allah, the Entirely Merciful and the Especially Merciful. The Exalted is He has combined those three name in many places in the. For instance, the Almighty says, **“He is Allah, other than whom there is no deity, Knower of the unseen and the witnessed. He is the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.”** (Al-Hashr: ٢٢). The honoured name “Allah” is the most mentioned of Allah’s beautiful names in the holy Quran. It is the name that embraces all the names and qualities of Allah.

Some scholars are of the opinion that the name “Allah” is the greatest amongst Allah’s beautiful names, so when a person calls Him with it, He will grant them what they asked for and respond to

their supplications. Moreover, no one has ever been given this name, neither was it used except for Him. The Almighty says, “**do you know of any similarity to Him?**” (Mariam: ٦٥).

In like manner, the name “Entirely Merciful” is also a special name of Allah; no one else has ever been named with it, nor has anyone been described using it. Allah, the Most Exalted, mentioned these two noble names in one Aya of the Quran, for He says, “**say, ‘Call upon Allah or call upon the Most Merciful.’**” (Al-Israa: ١١٠). Contemplating on the meaning of the name “the Entirely Merciful”, it means the possessor of an entirely and unrivalled mercy that He grants to all His creation. Meanwhile, the “Especially Merciful” means that He shows special mercy for His true believers. The Most Exalted says, “**and ever is He, to the believers, Merciful.**” (Al-Ahzab: ٤٣).

### **O Who mentions Allah plentifully,**

It is good to know that Allah the Almighty urged His Servants to mention His name much, for He says, “**and mention the name of your Lord [in prayer] morning and evening.**” (Al-Insan: ٢٥). To this effect, the Prophet pbuh has taught us to start our day with the mention of Allah’s name as he said, “If anyone says in the morning three times: ‘In the name of Allah, when Whose name is mentioned nothing on Earth or in Heaven can cause harm, and He is the Hearing, the Knowing,’ he will not suffer sudden affliction till the evening, and if anyone says this in the evening, he will not suffer sudden affliction till the morning.”

So, by mentioning the name of Allah, the Most Exalted and Sublime, one will definitely attain the Divine care and protection. Thus, when going out of home, it is recommended to say “In the name of Allah” so as to be engulfed with His protection. The Messenger of Allah pbuh said, “When a man goes out of his house and says: ‘In the name of Allah, I trust in Allah; there is no might and no power but in Allah,’ the following will be said to him at that time: ‘You are guided, defended and protected’.”

Indeed, Basmala is beneficial at all times and occasions. So, when you get into your car you should say, “In the name of Allah” three times and “praise is due to Allah.” You are also recommended to say,

**“Exalted is He who has subjected this to us, and we could not have [otherwise] subdued it. And indeed we, to our Lord, will [surely] return.”** (Az-Zukhruf: ١٣-١٤). Saying so is conducive to bring you to be under the protection and care of Allah the Almighty. More to the point, when one returns back to his home, he should say Basmala: in the name of Allah, as it sufficient to send the Satan away. The Prophet pbuh said in this regard, “When a man enters his house and mentions Allah’s name on entering and upon eating his food, the devil says, ‘You have no place to spend the night and no evening meal.’ But, when he enters without mentioning Allah’s name on entering, the devil says, ‘You have found a place to spend the night,’ and when he does not mention Allah’s name at his food, the devil says, ‘You have found a place to spend the night and an evening meal’.”

### **O Servants of Allah,**

Please know that saying “in the name of Allah” upon eating is part of the guidance of our Master Muhammad pbuh and it is beneficial to say it at the beginning of the meal. Yet, if one forgets to recite it in the beginning of the meal, it is favourable to say it upon remembering during the meal. The Messenger of Allah pbuh said, “When one of you eats, he should mention Allah's name; if he forgets to mention Allah's name at the beginning, he should say: ‘In the name of Allah at the beginning and at the end of it’.”

With this in mind, we beseech Allah the Most Merciful to make us amongst those who mention His name frequently. O Allah, please make us amongst those who show gratitude to Your favours.

May Allah guide us all to obey Him and obey His Messenger Muhammad, the most honest amongst people, and obey those He have commanded us to obey in line with His orders: **“O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.”** (An-Nisaa: ٥٩).

May Allah direct us all to the blessings of the Glorious Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger pbuh.

I say this and ask Allah for forgiveness for me and you, so invoke Him for forgiveness, for He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

## **Second Sermon**

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad, his pure family, companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

I urge you, **O Servants of Allah**, and myself to be aware that you are asked to obey Him, the Most Exalted and Sublime.

### **O Worshipers,**

It is duty incumbent on each Muslim to mention the name of Allah the Almighty at all times and in all one's daily affairs. They are also responsible to teach their children to do so. Indeed, it is a great thing to start all the acts of worship with the Basmala, for the Messenger of Allah pbuh used to begin Wudu (ablution) with the mention of Allah's name (Bismillah). He further said it upon slaughtering the sacrifice. The same way we start our day, he pbuh taught us to also end our day by saying "in the name of Allah". He pbuh said, "When anyone of you goes to bed, he should dust it off three times with the edge of his garment, and say 'In Your Name, my Lord, I lay my side down, and in Your Name I raise it. And if You take my soul, then have mercy upon it, and if You release it, then protect it with that which You protect Your righteous worshipers'."

You are, therefore, urged to ensure mentioning the name of Allah before you perform any of your daily life matters.

That is said, please bear in mind that you are instructed to invoke peace and blessings on the Prophet pbuh. Allah, the Most Sublime, says, "**indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.**" (Al-Ahzab: ٥٦).

On the same matter, the Prophet pbuh said, “For everyone who invokes a blessing on me will receive ten blessings from Allah.”

O Allah, please confer Your blessings and grant peace upon our Prophet Muhammad pbuh, his family and all of the companions.

May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali, and all of the noble Companions.

May Allah have mercy on the honourable martyrs of our nation and gather them with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favour of the prophets. May Allah make the dwelling of the martyrs, their families, parents and relatives Indeed, You answer to the supplications.

O Allah, please grant the best reward for the families of the martyrs and offer them patience and solace. May Allah grant victory to the soldiers of the Arab Coalition who gathered to restore the rights to their owners. O Lord, please be by their side and guide the Yemeni people to everything that is good. O Allah, make them rally for the word of truth and legitimacy, and bless them with welfare and stability, O the Most Generous.

O Lord, we beseech You to bless all of the Muslim countries and the whole world with stability and peace.

O Allah, we seek Your grace to increase the UAE in delight and beauty and give the best of rewards and recompense to whoever sowed the seeds of goodness and welfare in it. Indeed, You are the Most Merciful of the merciful.

May Allah grant success and continued health and care to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. May Allah also ensure success to his Vice-President, trustworthy Crown Prince and his brothers, Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Emirates.

O Allah, please forgive all of the Muslims, men and women, living and dead. May Allah have mercy on Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the Late UAE Sheikhs. O Lord, forgive and show mercy on them and bless them with Your kindness and satisfaction. O Lord, forgive and show mercy on our parents, relatives and whoever has done a favour to us.

We pray to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, to continue blessing the UAE with stability and welfare and bless its provisions. O Allah, please continue blessing the UAE with safety and security.

O Allah, we seek Your favour to send us wealthy rain and make us not amongst those who are despondent. O Allah, relieve us! O Allah, relieve us! O Allah, give us from the blessings of the sky and grow for us from the blessings of the earth.

Remember Allah and He will remember you. Be grateful of His benevolence and He will increase His blessings to you.

Please stand up for prayer.