

The Six Kalimahs

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First Kalimah

Tayyib · Purity

كلمة طيبة

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

Lā ilāha illallāhu Muḥammadur rasūlullāh.

There is no god but Allah. Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.

2

Second Kalimah

Shahādah · Testimony

كلمة شهادة

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ

Ash-hadu al lā ilāha illallāhu waḥdahū lā sharīka lahū, wa ash-hadu anna Muḥammadan ‘abduhū wa rasūluh.

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone, with no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and His Messenger.

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Third Kalimah

Tamjīd • Glorification

كلمة تمجيد

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

Subhānallāhi wal-ḥamdu lillāhi wa lā ilāha illallāhu wallāhu akbar, wa lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā billāhil-‘aliyyil-‘azīm.

Glory be to Allah, all praise is for Allah, there is no god but Allah, and Allah is the Greatest. There is no power and no strength except with Allah, the Most High, the Most Great.

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Fourth Kalimah

Tawhīd • Oneness

كلمة توحيد

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ أَبَدًا أَبَدًا ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Lā ilāha illallāhu waḥdahū lā sharīka lahū, lahul-mulku wa lahul-ḥamd, yuḥyī wa yumīt, wa huwa ḥayyul lā yamūtu abadan abadā, dhul-jalāli wal-ikrām, biyadihil-khayr, wa huwa ‘alā kulli shay’in qadīr.

There is no god but Allah, alone, with no partner. His is the kingdom and His is the praise. He gives life and causes death, and He is Ever-Living and will never die. He is the Owner of majesty and honour, all good is in His hand, and He has power over everything.

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Fifth Kalimah

Istighfār · Seeking forgiveness

كلمة استغفار

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ أَذْنَبْتُهُ عَمْدًا أَوْ خَطَأً سِرًّا أَوْ عَلَانِيَةً وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ
مِنَ الذَّنْبِ الَّذِي أَعْلَمُ وَمِنَ الذَّنْبِ الَّذِي لَا أَعْلَمُ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ وَسَتَّارُ
الْغُيُوبِ وَغَفَّارُ الذُّنُوبِ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

Astaghfirullāha rabbī min kullī dhambin adhnabtuhū ‘amadan aw khaṭa’an sirran aw ‘alāniyatan wa atūbu ilayhi minadh-dhambil-ladhī a‘lamu wa minadh-dhambil-ladhī lā a‘lam, innaka anta ‘allāmul-ghuyūbi wa sattārul-‘uyūbi wa ghaffārudh-dhunūb, wa lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā billāhil-‘aliyyil-‘azīm.

I seek forgiveness from Allah, my Lord, for every sin I have committed, on purpose or by mistake, in secret or in the open, and I turn to Him from the sin I know and the sin I do not know. You are the Knower of the unseen, the Concealer of faults and the Forgiver of sins. There is no power and no strength except with Allah, the Most High, the Most Great.

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Sixth Kalimah

Radd-e-Kufr · Rejecting disbelief

كلمة رد كفر

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ أَنْ أُشْرِكَ بِكَ شَيْئًا وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ بِهِ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا أَعْلَمُ بِهِ
تُبْتُ عَنْهُ وَتَبَرَّأْتُ مِنَ الْكُفْرِ وَالشِّرْكِ وَالْكَذِبِ وَالْغِيْبَةِ وَالْبِدْعَةِ وَالنَّمِيمَةِ
وَالْفَوَاحِشِ وَالْبُهْتَانِ وَالْمَعَاصِي كُلِّهَا وَأَسْلَمْتُ وَأَقُولُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ
اللَّهِ

Allāhumma innī a‘ūdhu bika min an ushrika bika shay’an wa ana a‘lamu bih, wa astaghfiruka limā lā a‘lamu bih, tubtu ‘anhu wa tabarra’tu minal-kufri wash-shirki wal-kidhbi wal-ghībati wal-bid’ati wan-namīmati wal-fawāḥishi wal-buhtāni wal-ma’āsī kullihā, wa aslamtu wa aqūlu lā ilāha illallāhu Muḥammadur rasūlullāh.

O Allah, I seek refuge in You from knowingly associating anything with You, and I ask Your forgiveness for what I do not know. I repent from it, and I free myself from disbelief, shirk, lying, backbiting, innovation, tale-carrying, indecency, slander and every sin. I submit, and I say: there is no god but Allah; Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.