

WHY WE MUST...



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Always, Any Place, Any Time.

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Ever Wooing Husband
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Halima,

Did you ask? I can't remember. And what does it matter? But I gave my word, if Allah (had willed before my words) wills. And you reminded me: "I am looking forward to what you promised writing for me."

Because you are:

Always with me.

When you give your words, you keep it. When I look for you, I find you.

When I ask for, you give.

Whatever I expect, you come forth with. Very often, before I ask.

At times, just when I ask.

Rarely, after my asking.

Not lagging. Not failing. Not refusing.

Here then, I oblige. I comply. I respond. I fulfill.

WHY WE MUST...

MUHAMMAD

In the name of Allah,
Most Beneficent, Most Merciful.
Praise be to Allah.
The Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds.
Most Beneficent, Most Merciful.
Master of the Day of Judgement.
Thee do we worship,
And Thine aid we seek.
Show us the straightway.
The way of those whom
Thou hast bestowed Thy Grace,
Those whose (portion)
Is not wrath
And who go astray.
Amin.

He is Allah,
The One and Only.
Allah, the Eternal, Absolute.
He begetteth not,
Nor is He begotten.
And there is none
Like unto Him.

Allah! There is no god
But He-the living,
The self-subsisting, Eternal,
No slumber can seize Him
Nor sleep. His are all things
In the heavens and on earth.
Who is there can intercede
In His presence except

As He permitteth? He knoweth
What (appeareth to His Creatures
As) Before or After
Or Behind them.
Nor shall they compass
Aught of His knowledge
Except as He willeth.
His Throne doth extend
Over the heavens
And the earth, and He feeleth
No fatigue in guarding

And preserving them
For He is the Most High,
The Supreme (in glory).

Allah is the light
Of the heavens and the earth
The parable of His light
Is as if there were a niche
And within it a lamp
The lamp enclosed in glass:
The glass as it were
A brilliant star:
Lit from a blessed tree
An olive, neither of the east
Nor of the west,
Whose oil is well-nigh luminous.

Though fire scarce touched it
Light upon light.

Muhammad is the Messenger
Of Allah; and those who are
With him are strong
Against Unbelievers, (but)
Compassionate amongst each other.

Thou wilt see them bow
And prostrate themselves
(In prayer), seeking Grace
From Allah and (His) Good pleasure.
On their faces are their
Marks, (being) the traces
Of their prostration.
This is their similitude
In the *Taurat*;
And their similitude
In the Gospel is:
Like a seed which sends
Forth its blade, then
Makes it strong; it then
Becomes thick, and it stands
On its own stem, (filling)
The sowers with wonder
And delight. As a result,
It fills the Unbelievers
With rage at them.

Allah has promised those
Among them who believe
And do righteous deeds
Forgiveness,
And a great Reward.

The Messenger believeth
In what hath been revealed
To him from his Lord,
As do the men of faith.
Each one (of them) believeth
In Allah, His angels,
His books, and His messengers.

**WHATEVER IS IN THE HEAVEN AND ON EARTH, DOTH DECLARE THE
PRAISES AND GLORY OF ALLAH- THE SOVEREIGN THE HOLY ONE, THE
EXALTED IN MIGHT THE WISE**

From among mankind. The messengers of Allah
And the believers.

From among mankind.
The unbelievers, the disbelievers,
The misbelievers, the doubtful
And their leaders.

From among Jinns and Mankind.
Those we have heard of
And those we have met.

From among Jinns and mankind.
Those before us, we
And those to come after us.

Who has resisted? Who is resisting? Who will resist
The command of Allah?

Is it ageing?
Is it ill-health? Is it death?
In isolation or in company?
Who does not eat?
Who does not waste?
Who does not use the eyes to see?
Who does not use the ears to listen?
Who does not use the nostrils to smell?

Who does not use the lungs to breath?
Who does not use the tongue to speak?
Who does not use the mind to coordinate all
For relation and understanding?
Who does not rest?
Whose basis for knowledge is without all of these?

Praise be to Allah,
The Cherisher and Sustainer of all the Worlds,
To Whom, willingly and unwilling all creations Submit to.
Praise be to Allah,
Most Compassionate Most Merciful,
To Whom, we have willingly, voluntarily
And consciously submitted.

And we turn to Him by the *Qibla*.
Some do so by turning to the north.
Some do so by turning to the south.
Some do so by turning to the east.
Some do so by turning to the west.
Some do so by turning to between
Two of these.
The believers turn to Him in unity.
And this is easy because we have only
One heart in each chest.

**TO ALLAH BELONG THE EAST AND THE WEST: WHITHERSOEVER
YETURN, THERE IS THE PRESENCE OF ALLAH FOR ALLAH IS ALL-
PERVADING**

The sun rises from the east
The sun sets towards the west,
But where does the one begin and end?

Are we in a box?
We had said the world is flat.
Then we said the world is round.
And now is strictly neither that nor this.

Without words, without controls, we cannot grasp.
Thanks to words.
Regrets, that we cannot be exact.
The north, the south are therefore only to
Overcome our failings.
Our strive at perfection, at precision is

Actually our exposure.

Allah is Lord
Of the two Easts
And Lord
Of the two Wests.

Lightening is a sign.
It can be of coming rain.
It can be of thunder.
The rain is a sign.
It may be good for crops.
It may be bad for crops.
It may be cooling for men.
It may be flood for men
And their possessions.

The sun is a sign.
It can prepare crops for harvest.
It can make life unbearable.
The ignorance of Angels saved them.
The knowledge of Satan ruined him.

Disobedience to Satan is the right path.
Obedience to Satan is the wrong path.

Every day is a step to death.
Every step to death is maturity.

Drug traders pray for sells.
Men's falling sick answer the prayer.

Every birth is a risky opening for
Investment from available resources.
Every death is a probable bonus to resources for sharing.

Every birth is a demand for a coffin.
Every death is market for coffin makers.

Wealth is a death insurance.
Poverty is a life insurance.
Men go to sleep only to wake up.
Men wake up and return to sleep.

The more believers persevere in trials
The higher they rise closer to Allah

The more unbelievers are provided with the
Goods of life, the more distant they get from Allah's mercy.

A war is waged to enlarge a territory.
A community is concentrated for effective epidemic.

In war:
Believers gain booties and martyrdom.
Unbelievers lose their lives and property.

Unbelief is cleansed with declaration of faith.
Faith is destroyed with Apostasy.

The living necessarily dies.
The dead will be returned to life.

From Allah are we and
Unto Him shall be our return.

Unbelievers rejoice for every death of a known friend of Allah.
Unbelievers mourn for every death of a *Mushrik*.
The army of unbelievers increases with every apostasy.
Every conversion from unbelief to belief
Is a registration for service.

Two friends of Allah gave birth to a Satan to be.
A friend of Allah executed the child and prayed
For his replacement for them.

Yusuf trusted his brothers and was dropped in a dry well.
Yusuf left the prison to honour.

Yakub suffered blindness for love of Yusuf.
Yakub regained his sight following the loss of Bilyamin.

Ibrahim deserved the fire for not recanting unity.
Ibrahim rose to honour for not even asking
To be saved by Al-khabir.

Ibrahim told lies to teach and protect his life.
Ibrahim regretted for what explanation he will give to Allah.

A father laid his beloved son for sacrifice.
Ismail's submission earned a ransom with a ram.

Ibrahim offered roasted meat to his guests who refused to eat.
Ibrahim's other strangers suffered for wanting the guests.

A few enemies in his dream boosted the believers' morale for war.
A few believers won at *Badr* over armed unbelieving thousands.

The agreeable path leads to Hell fire.
The disagreeable path leads to Paradise.

Lot believed in Allah.
His wife disbelieved in Allah.

Nuh believed in Allah.
His son disbelieved in Allah.

Ibrahim believed in Allah.
His father disbelieved in Allah.

By Allah, those who believed were successful.
By Allah, those who disbelieved were punished.

By Satan and Pharaoh we know the path of Allah's wrath.
By Satan and Pharaoh Allah taught
Al-Hallaj sticking to what he knew.

From the ownership of a garden the Arrogant failed a trial.
From the trial by poverty Allah answered the persevering servant.

Mansur stuck to Shari'ah and submitted to be executed.
The Jurists understood the Shari'ah and sentenced him to death.

Al-Hallaj insisted on the unity of Allah by not recanting his faith.
The Jurists executed him to cleanse the Ummah of Shirk.

A servant rested on a king's throne briefly
And secured flogging by Umar.
King Umar learnt self-examination
From flogging a servant.

A shepherd was on king Umar's roof in search for his lost sheep.
King Umar abandoned his throne to search for the Truth.

The death of a believer is a relief
From the trappings of this deceitful world
The prosperity of a disbeliever is an added beauty to this passing life.
The birth of a child is a relief

From a mother's months of load.
The birth of a child is another entrance into
This mine field of Satan

The death of a child is a step to paradise for believing parents.
The birth of a child is another trial for testing believing parents.

From your spouse and children come your friends.
From your spouse and children come your enemies.

The love of this world distances a believer from Allah.
The struggle with this world draws a believer close to Allah.

An arm's length to death can be a way to Hell.
An arm's length to death can be a way to Paradise.

War with one's self exposes one to Truth.
Freedom for one's self obstructs one from Him.

Believers are guided by a similitude even of a gnat.
Unbelievers stray far away by a token of the same similitude.

The magicians of Pharaoh recognized
Musa's stick as a Sign and submitted.
Pharaoh saw Musa as a greater magician
And rejected the Sign of Allah.

The Qur'an attracted Meccans to plot the killing of Rasul.
The Qur'an was recited to escape from the plot.

WHY WE MUST NEVER LEAVE THE PRESECE OF ALLAH

He is the only One.
He is Odd.
His Oneness does not meet with loneliness.

We are even.
We pray to be saved from loneliness by
Uniting with His Unity.

He is Allah.
He is describable only as He permits.
Words and Understanding don't grasp Him

We are grateful for His
providing veils for us
By which we can call on Him

He is Holy.
He cannot be reached by dirt.
We pray to be constantly clean
So that we may keep audience with Him.

He is the Light.
Those who see by Him and of Him
Will always be a-right.
We pray that He lights before us, behind us,
Beside us, above us, below us, inside us
And around us with His light.

He comes First before our first.
He opens and commences every number.
We are grateful for His leading company every time.

He comes Last after our last.
He covers and completes every number.
We are grateful for His covering and completing company
Every time.

His is Manifest.
He is everywhere.
We are appreciative of His company
In our manifestations.

He is Hidden.
He is everywhere.
We are appreciative that He is in our company
Even in our hiding.

He is the Truth.
He is True.

He is Everlasting.
He was ever before ever.
He will be ever after ever.

We were never then now.

We pray that He desires for us everlasting
Bliss from the time we depart to Him.

He is eternal.

We are temporal.

We pray that He grants us Eternal life
After this passing life for Bliss.

He is All-Embracing.
His blessings in this world embrace everybody.
His arrest of every life at due time excludes nobody.
His provision for believers and unbelievers will cover all.
We pray that He embraces us by hosting in His *Jannah*.

Is He not Noble?
Is He not Subtle?

We do not deny Him these attributes.

He guided His Messengers and those who believed.
He has guided us to Islam.
We pray to remain in His guide.

He is ceaselessly praised by Angels.
He was praised by Dawood along with rocks and birds.
He was praised by Sulayman when the throne of Bilqis was brought.

We are required to praise Him five times daily.
We pray to be in His praise at death.
He guarded the faith of Yusuf when he was tempted.
He guarded the faith of Musa before Pharaoh.

We pray that He will always guard our faith
To grow from strength to strength.

He protected us in our mothers' wombs.
He has been protecting us against our enemies.
We pray He will not cease to protect us against ourselves.

He guides to the Right Path.
He sent Muhammad (S.A.W).
He revealed the Qur'an.
He prescribed the seven off-repeated verses.
We submit in His name,
In accordance with Muhammad's example.

He brings into being from nothing.
He brings into being from something.
He brings men into being, from clay,
From ribs, from sperm and without sperm.

He is living.
He lives with us closer than the jugular vein in our neck.

We are alive in His image.
We pray to enjoy eternal life, when we are resurrected.

He gave life to a sounding clay.
He gave life to a rock to deliver a calf.
He gave us life through our parents.
He gave us life and consciousness.
He will give us death and unconsciousness.
He has promised to give us everlasting life.

He is alone and Unique.
He created creations with this quality.
He created no two things without any difference.
We are grateful for our originality which gives us identity.

Is He not Incomparable?
There is none like unto Him.
Is He not the Evolver?
From our seedlings sowed in soil.
From our seed placed in a womb.

We are signs of His fashioning in evolvment.

He fashioned Adam from sounding clay.
He fashioned Hauwa'u from the ribs of Adam
He fashioned our parents from sperm drop.
He fashioned us into male and female.

We pray He will raise us in a befitting form for eternal life.

There was no death.
He created death.
We are grateful for His promise
To kill death in the hereafter.

He has gathered us in this world by race,
nation, language, blood, faith.
He gathers believers five times daily, once a week, once a year.

He will gather us on the Day of Resurrection.
We pray that He gathers us in *Jannatul-firdausi*.

Is He not the Expediter?
His command is but 'Be'.

He made the split of the moon a sign for the end.
He keeps us alive till our time is due.
His command keeps the planets in their course.
And these do not extend our time.

He took the life of His servant and his donkey
And restored them to strengthen faith.
He will restore us back to life after death.

He raised the dead for Isa.
He eventually raised the People of the Cave
From sleep of hundreds of years.
We believe that we shall be resurrected.

He is the forgiver of Adam's mistake.
He forgives us any wrongs before maturity.
He forgives faults when we ask.
We hope that He will forgive us even in *Qiyama*.

He forgives an unbeliever who submits all wrongs.
He forgives us sins of our limbs by ablution.
He forgives us sins weekly with Friday prayers.
He forgives us all-through, with pilgrimage.
He forgives us all-through, with martyrdom.
We pray He will forgive us all our faults.

He accepts our repentance again and again.
We pray that He grants us a high station of acceptance with Him.

He effaces the sins of an unbeliever, on submission
He pardons a believer if he goes back not to evil.
We pray that He pardons us and excuses us from Questioning.

He forbore with the people of Nuh for hundreds of years.
He forbore with Musa's Pharaoh before drowning him
He forbore with Meccans before Islam grew and overcame them.
He is forbearing with our misdeeds till our appointed time.
He leaves us alive till our appointed time.
He is waiting, as we must necessarily return to Him.
He sets a path for us and is most particular about the end.

Is He not Exalted?
He Opened the Qur'an with Fatiha.
He has opened our hearts to the Qur'an
We pray to remain open and increase in such.

He bestowed our parents with us.
He has bestowed us with male and female children.
We are not tired of His additional rewards.

He provided our parents with us.
He has provided us with children.
We pray that He provides us with the
Needs, wants and fancies to remain in faith.

He expanded the permissible scope of Islam to all the worlds.
He has expanded His Mercy to cover all of mankind and Jinns.
We pray that He expands our hearts to be filled with faith.

He owns the source of all treasures.
He gives to whom He wills with or without measure.
His giving covers both believers and unbelievers.
We will not mind any favours He may desire for us.

He multiplies reward for believers' grant.
He multiplies grains for our harvest.
He multiplies us from between ourselves.
We pray that His generosity shall not be a veil
To blind us to mix belief and unbelief.

He preserved the lives of *Ahl-Khaf*.
He preserved the wealth of orphans
Under a falling wall amended by Khidr.
He has preserved the Qur'an for the benefit of believers.

He maintains the Heavens and the Earth.
He will maintain everlasting life after resurrection.
He does not need us to provide for Him.
He does not benefit from our disbelieving.
We know that we need Him for everything

He exalted His messenger to the position of a first slave.
He has exalted Islam to be the only acceptable *Deen*.
He continues to exalt believers who are sincere.
We pray to be exalted in His presence by His grace.

He honoured our parents with submitting to Him.
He has honoured us with submitting along with them.
We pray to remain in honour at death.

He created all creations.
He rules all creations without fatigue and irresistibly too.
To Him belongs all creations.
He administers the relation between creations as He desires.
Is He not Lord of Majesty and Bounty?
We pray to be in His favour.

He inherited the property of past generations.
He shares it among later generations in trust.
He allows us to inherit from our parents personal qualities.
He receives in deposit the deeds that we advance for next life.
And we are eager to permanently own what
He has promised to allow us inherit.

He needs no aid from anybody.
He is not needy.
He created need.
Is He not self-subsisting?
We pray that our needs do not mislead us to Hell fire.

He benefits us with rain, sunlight,
Air, land, sky and space.
He has benefitted us with love between us
And reproduction.
He has benefitted us with Prophets and Messengers.
He has benefitted us with convenient Religion.
We share in His one percent Mercy in this life.
We pray to benefit from the balance
Of ninety-nine percent at *Qiyama*.

He is the most beneficent.
He placed love and compassion between us.
We pray to enjoy an increase in His love
And compassion as the only basis
For saving us from the fire.

He welcomes believing friendship.
He meets voluntary submission with friendship.
He accepts consistently sincere servants as friends.
We pray that He accepts our service in friendship.

He kept His promise with His Messengers.
He has promised believers bliss.
We place all our trust in His hosting us in Paradise.

All things are from Him.
All results return to Him.
We turn to Him for all goodness.

He is Peace.
He showers peace on whomsoever He wills.
May we continue to experience the descendance
Of peace as we recite the Qur'an, when we pray,
When we remember Him and when He solves our problems

He showed Ibrahim how He permits life.
He showed to Musa the need for a veil
Between Him and His servants
He saved Maryam from questions about Isa.
He will allow Muhammad to intercede.
We pray that He pays our debts for us.

He loves us.
He permits us to love ourselves.
We pray He will make our love expire into His love,
That we may love only by His love.

He answered our parents.
He has been answering us.

We pray that He answers us and our following
While we are asking and especially when we become silent.

To Unbelievers.
To Disbelievers.
To Misbelievers.
To hypocrites.
To our enemies.
O Distresser, O constrictor, O Abaser,
O Dishonourer, O Avenger.
Return to them what they desire against us.
Suffice for us against them.
Be these against them for us before them,
With them, after them and around them, always.
And so be it.

He subdued the enemies of Islam for Muhammad.
He subdues the hypocrites among believers
We pray that He subdues Satan for us.

He is sufficient for all creations.
He is sufficient for His Religion.
He is sufficient for believers.
We look up to Him to reward us with Bliss
And save us from the Fire.

He sees us even though we see Him not.
He sees everything in every sense.
We pray that He aids us to see by His seeing.

He heard our prayer to get joined.
He is hearing our pleas for more requests.
We look forward to hearing Him bless us Himself.

He was watchful of People of the Cave and their dog.
He was watchful of *Badr*, *Hunayn* and *Tabuk*.
He is watchful of how we build our faith with good deeds.
We pray that He intervenes in our failings as He watches us stray.

He is the second when one is alone.
He is the third when we are two.
We pray that we never forget of His presence with us,
Alone and in company.

He knew us before we came to know ourselves.
He knows us more and better than we know ourselves.
He has made it possible for us to know Him through His creations.
We pray that He will increase us in His Knowledge
And record us among His learned servants.

He is aware of before us, our present and our future.
He is aware of our awareness.
We are aware only of what He makes us aware of.
We pray to focus our awareness on Him alone.

He appreciates our sincere service.
We pray we will continue to appreciate His appreciation of our service.

He reckoned with the plots against believers.
He reckons with the plots of unbelievers.
We affirm that to Him alone belongs the knowledge of all details.

He brought every life into being.
He keeps us alive.
He will find us out for return to Him.
We are grateful that we cannot get lost
Even though we cannot hide.

He recompenses according to deed.
He rewards unbelievers fully in this world.
He rewards believers partly in this world.
And reserves the balance for the next life.

He blessed Luqman with wisdom.
He enabled Ibrahim to ask wise questions.
We acknowledge the wisdom in Trial as the test of faith.

He was just in destroying by flood and saving the people of Nuh.
He was just in destroying the people of Lot
Along with his wife and saving those who believed.
He was just in making the people of Musa
Inherit the People of Pharaoh.
He will be just in forgiving believers
And punishing unbelievers.

He is strict in judgement.
May He not question us.

He is firm with belief in Him.
He was firm against the son of Nuh.
He was firm against the father of Ibrahim
He was firm with the wife of Lot.
We pray that He keeps us firmly in His faith.

Is He not Sovereign Lord?
Is He not Mighty?
Is He not Majestic?
Is He not Able?
Is He not Powerful?
Is He not Great?
Is He not Most High?
Is He not Most Great?
Is He not Sublime?
Is He not Glorious?
Is He not Strong?

He prevented fire from burning Ibrahim.
He prevented shark from digesting Yunus.

He will prevent Hell from affecting those near to Him.
We pray to be among those to be elected.

He overcame Umar I to submit.
He overcame Yakub to release Yusuf
and then Bilyamin.
He overcame Muhammad to attend to the blind beggar
over the Meccan elite.

He was He.
He created creation and became king.
He will take the lives of all kings and remain the only king.
He will remain the only true king.

Then which of the favours of Allah shall we deny?

HOW WE MAY REMAIN IN HIS PRESENCE

O Halima!
By Humility
Constantly asking for His forgiveness.
That He may forgive us.
That He may do so to us, again and again.
That He may pardon us.
That He may erase our sins.
That we may return to Him with only good.

O Halima!
Have we not learnt this?
Have we not confirmed this?
Do we not know the way and form?
Do we not know as Muhammad did?
Do we not know as other servants did?
Do we not know How to follow suit?

O Halima!
By Humility.
Regularly keeping the obligatories
That we may keep seeking Him.
That we may keep remembering Him.
That we may keep our SELF for Him.
That He may accept our turning.
That He may turn to us.
That His turning will be peace for us.

O Halima!
Do we not know the five?
Do we not know their times?
Do we not know their identity?
Do we not know their conditions?
Do we not know their opportunities?
Do we not know their content?
Do we not know How to perform them?

O Halima!
By Humility.
Building on the obligatory five.
Before some.
After some.
And independent additions.
That, our submission may be voluntary.
That, our worship may be sincere.
That, our belief may be true.

O Halima!
Do we not know the one before Zuhr?
Do we not know the one after it?
Do we not know the one after Magrib?
Do we not know that which is by our choice and design?
Do we not know How to do these?

O Halimah!
By Contentment.
Constantly asking for Muhammad's blessing
Until our associates begin to think of our insanity.

O Halimah!
Do we not know how to send blessings to him?
Do we not know how he taught his companions?
Do we not know how other formulations have followed?
Do we not know at least twenty-one forms?
Do we not know How to express this?
Shall we not join Allah and His angels?

O Halimah!
By Contentment.
With perseverance.
With patient perseverance.

O Halimah!
Do we not know what is good?

Do we not know what His command is?
Do we not know what Muhammad enjoined?
Do we not know our SELF?
Do we not know How the two go to war?
Shall we not choose the weapons of commands?
Shall we prefer the escape to SELF?

O Halimatu!
By Trusting
Constantly remembering Allah by His attributes.
With our eyes whenever we see.
With our ears whenever we hear.
With our grasp whenever we stretch out.
With our step wherever we move to.
With our mouth, for any intake.
With our mind, for many fantasy or wish.
With our lips, in all utterances.
With our totality in every understanding.

O Halimatu!
Do we not know His beauty?
Do we not know the Goal?

Hajimlimas!
Now that we know How.
Now that we are adopting this culture.
Allah is our Goal
When?
Any Time.
Every Time.
All the Time.
Where?
Any Place.
Every Place.
All Places.
With Who?
Alone.
With me.
With my family members who believe.

WHY WE MUST FEAR ALLAH

Trial is the path to paradise.
Trial is the path to Hell fire.
Success in this world is by struggle.
Success in the hereafter has to be struggled for in this life.
The good things of this life are the test.
The offending things of this world are the test.
Trail tests separate the impure from the pure.
Trial tests establish acclaimed mettle.
Neither believers nor unbelievers are exempted.

Allah is swift.
Allah is strict.
In recording our deeds.
By our senses to testify to Him.
By our guardian angels.
By Himself.
Not an atom of good escapes.
Not an atom of evil escapes.
Neither what we reveal.
Nor what we conceal.

We are ignorant.
We are careless.
The power of evil deeds in damaging good is out of our reach.
The scale of measure is not really an answer.
Does not a voice above Muhammad's
Render all good deeds vain?

But no one can feel secure from the plan of Allah,
Except those (Doomed) to ruin!

None despairs of Allah's
Soothing Mercy, except
Those who have no Faith.

Allah's decision.
Not according to anybody's wish.
Not the business of believers.
Not the responsibility of Muhammad.
He may punish if He desires so.
He may forgive if He desires so.
Only as He pleases.

Muhammad will go to Paradise.
By the Grace and Mercy of Allah.

Believers have been promised.
A number of people.
From those of past generations.
And a few from later generations.

He cannot be compelled.
When you ask, He may answer.
If you do not ask, He may meet you.

No sustenance does He require
Of us, nor does He
Require that we should
Feed Him.

O ye men! It is
Ye that have need
Of Allah: but Allah is
The One Free of all wants,
Worthy of all Praise.

Those who reject Allah,
Hinder (men) from
The Path of Allah, and resist
The Messenger, after Guidance
Has been clearly shown to them,
Will not injure Allah
In the least, but He
Will make their deeds
Of no effect.

Allah forgives all wrongs except Shirk.
For any who associates Him and repents
And never returns to it,
If it pleases Him, He may forgive.

Muhammad spoke the truth.
For Allah's love,
Abandon the world.

WHY WE MUST PLACE ALL OUR TRUST IN ALLAH.

Nuh Cried out:
I have been overcome.
And Allah met him.
He drowned the unbelieving.
And saved the believing.

Ibrahim did not cry out.
He persevered in his knowledge of Allah.
Allah met him with comfort.
He commanded the fire to be cool.

A servant of Allah
In the palace of Sulayman was blessed
With knowledge and Faith.
He moved Bilqis' throne to Sulayman's palace
In a twinkle of an eye,
By Allah's leave.

The mother of Maryam prayed for a child.
Allah gave her a female.
She committed her to Allah's trust.
And He blessed her with Isa.

Sulayman prayed for exceptional blessing.
Allah granted him wind for transport.
And Jinns and men for service.

Aged Zakariya asked for a child.
Allah granted him Yahya.
Dawood realised after
Adjudicating between two
Angels, that he was tried.
He asked for forgiveness.
Allah covered him with His Mercy.

Yusuf needed a witness against
The accusation by his lady.
Allah enabled the child to speak.

It pleased Him to answer Israelites.
He dropped *Manna* for them.

Isma'il's mother placed her
Trust in Allah and found

The boy in water after
Her going to search for water.

And the family of Imran
Is a blessed example. And
Allah is the witness.
And He is a sufficient certificate.

Abubakar gave out everything
For Allah and Muhammad willingly.
His wealth and his person throughout his life.
Allah accepted him and promised
Him paradise before he died.

Umar fought and established
Justice with wealth and his
Person, throughout his life time.
Allah and His Messenger recognised
This service and was promised the Goal.

Uthman was always forthcoming.
His wealth was for the believers.
His wealth was a weapon against
Famine. He won and freed believers.
He is in the company of those promised by Allah.

‘Ali fought and enlightened.
He persevered. Allah answered
To pay back in multiple.

Several believers fought
And made the supreme sacrifice
For Allah and His Messenger.
They were martyred.
They are not dead.

Ghazzali, Umar II, Bukhari,
Malik, Rabi'atu, Fatimatu
Are all recognised as sincere
And always receive prayers
Of believers for Allah's blessings.
And Allah is the guide of believers.

Fodio, Salga, Abdulqadir
Lived a struggling life for Islam.
They have benefitted believers.

Allah has promised to reward such.

Jimada our grandfather,
Through your mother and
Through my father. He lived
And died as an honourable and firm believer.
Our late father was
A sincere and contended believer.
We pray for Allah's forgiveness
And Mercy in their favour.

And be steadfast in patience.
For verily Allah will not suffer
The reward of the righteous
To perish.

To Allah then
Let us turn FULLY.

Oh Halimah!
Why then not we?
Why not me and you?
What excuse have we?

O Halimatu!
We have made
The Straight Choice.
Will you then
Always follow me?
Me first?

And if prostration were
To be for men, Muhammad
Would have enjoined yours
To me. For me.

Truly,
It is Allah who comes
Between us and our desires
Between our loss and Safety.

It is not fitting.
For a man that Allah
Should speak to him
Except by inspiration,
Or from behind a veil,

Or by the sending
Of a Messenger
To reveal, with Allah's permission,
What Allah wills: for He
Is Most High, Most Wise.

COVER WORD

Praise be to Allah,
The Compassionate, the Merciful.
Lord and Master of the Day of necessary
Return and Decision.

My thanks are due to Allah for the Grace.
His Compassionate cover over Mustapha and Aishatu.
My submission is due to Allah
A creator, Originator and
Fashioner of His will.
A daughter from between Mustapha and Aishatu.

My appreciation is due to Allah.
For He desired a Thursday to reveal His will.
To Mustapha and Aishatu through Aishatu.
My gratitude is due to Allah, whose will
Whose sign, whose veil is variously read, named and called.

To Allah, it is Halimah.
Some call on Lami and yet others, Baiwa.
In some communities, they will read,
Name and call Bayi and Kyauta.

O Allah! My thanks are due to you,
For joining me with this gift by the
Love and blood
You have founded between me and
Mustapha and Aishatu.

All Praise be to Allah who has met
Me by this Veil, this bosom friend,
This Companion, this Cousin, this Wife,
This Garment, this Beloved, this Love,
This TRIAL.

O Allah!
In unity we submit.
We remain in Your worship.
We seek for help from You alone.

Continue to guide us on Your path.
Towards Yourself.
Me. She. He and She.

Arrange our affairs to Yourself, under
Your noble and exemplary servant's shade.

O Allah! Excuse us from questioning.
Me. Her. Mine. Hers. Ours.

O Allah! Return us to Your Grace.
Your peace.

Ameen!!!