

THE SURATULFAATIḤA OR THE FAATIḤATULKITAAB (1)

The *Suratulfaatiḥa* or the *Faatiḥatulkitaab* is a microcosm (a miniature representation) of the macrocosm (the whole of a complex structure) __ the *Quraan* __ and a prayer also. It is a microcosm in that it comprehends the three fundamentals of the *Quraan* __ the unity of the Godhead, the Last Judgement, and the office of bearing messages. It is a prayer in that, through it, __ the first complete Surah revealed to the Last Messenger __ guidance is sought and hence, it is prescribed as a compulsory recitation in all the obligatory and non-obligatory prayers. Since this surah is a prayer, the *Quraan* is its answer.

SURATULFAATIHA

1. In the name of ALLAH, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
2. Glory (abiding praise and thanksgiving) to Allah, the *Rabb* (the Lord Sustainer and Maintainer) of all the worlds in the cosmos (an orderly harmonious systematic universe),
3. The Most Gracious, the Most Merciful,
4. The Sole Sovereign of the Day of Judgement, (when reward and punishment shall be dispensed to all the human beings).
5. You, alone, do we serve (render exclusive obedience to) and from You, alone, do we seek help.
6. Guide us the straight path ____
7. The path of (those people) on whom You have been conferring the grace (of guidance) other than (the path of those people) on whom Your wrath (retributory punishment) has been inflicted and, (also), not (the path of) the strayed. (Amen)

سُورَةُ الْفَاتِحَةِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢﴾

الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿٣﴾

مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ﴿٤﴾

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ﴿٥﴾

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ﴿٦﴾

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ
الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٧﴾