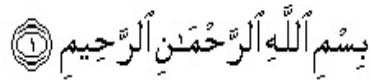


Surah 1 - The Opening - Al Fatihah (This *surah* has been called the very essence of the Qur'an; its seven *ayah* or verses have a special role in daily prayer, being recited at the start of each unit of prayer; when recited, the Surah Al-Fatiha is usually followed by the word *Amin*, i.e., Amen; a calligraphic style presentation of the Arabic phrase, "In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful" precedes each *surah* in the Qur'an; English translation with a transliteration of the original Arabic. The *Qur'an* verses based on translation by Abdullah Yusuf Ali.)



1:1 In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

Bismi Allahi alrrahmani alrraheemi

1:2 Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds;

Alhamdu lillahi rabbi alAAalameena

1:3 Most Gracious, Most Merciful;

Alrrahmani alrraheemi

1:4 Master of the Day of Judgment.

Maliki yawmi alddeeni

1:5 Thee do we worship, and Thine aid we seek.

Iyyaka naAAabudu wa-iyyaka nastaAAeenu

1:6 Show us the straight way;

Ihdina alssirata almustaqeema

1:7 The way of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy Grace, those whose (portion) is not wrath, and who go not astray.

Sirata allatheena anAAamta AAalayhim ghayri almaghdoobi AAalayhim wala alddalleena