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 abrraheemi

1:4 Master of the Day of Judgment.

   Maliki yawmi alddeeni

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

   Iyyaka naAbudu wa-iyyaka nastaAAeenu

1:6 Show us the straight way;

   Ihdina aAAlrrirata almustaqeem

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 aAAlldallleena