

رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَى وَالِدَيَّ

My Lord! Inspire and bestow upon me the power and ability that I may be grateful  
for Your Favours which You have bestowed on me and on my parents,

# An Namal

(The Ant)

*In the name of Allāh, Most Gracious, Most Merciful*

1. **TâSîn.**

[These letters are one of the miracles of the Qur'ân, and none but Allâh (Alone) knows their meanings].

These are the Verses of the **Qur'ân**, and (it is) a Book (that makes things) clear;

2. A guide (to the Right Path);

and glad tidings for the believers [who believe in the Oneness of Allâh (i.e. Islâmic Monotheism)].

3. Those who perform **AsSalât (IqâmatasSalât)** and give **Zakât**

and they believe with certainty in the Hereafter (resurrection, recompense of their good and bad deeds, Paradise and Hell, etc.).

4. Verily, those who believe not in the Hereafter, We have made their deeds fair-seeming to them, so they wander about blindly.

5. They are those for whom there will be an evil torment (in this world).

And in the Hereafter they will be the greatest losers.

6. And verily, you (O Muhammad SAW) are receiving the **Qur'ân** from the One, All-Wise, All-Knowing.

7. (Remember) when **Mûsa (Moses)** said to his household:

"Verily! I have seen a fire,

I will bring you from there some information, or I will bring you a burning brand, that you may warm yourselves."

8. But when he came to it, he was called:

"Blessed is whosoever is in the fire, and whosoever is round about it!

And glorified be Allâh, the Lord of the '**Alamîn** (mankind, jinns and all that exists).

9. "O **Mûsa (Moses)**!

Verily! It is I, Allâh, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

10. "And throw down your stick!"

But when he saw it moving as if it were a snake, he turned in flight, and did not look back.

(It was said):

"O **Mûsa** (Moses)! Fear not, verily! The Messengers fear not in front of Me.

11. "Except him who has done wrong and afterwards has changed evil for good, then surely, I am Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.
12. "And put your hand into your bosom, it will come forth white without hurt.

(These are) among the nine signs (you will take) to **Fir'aun** (Pharaoh) and his people,

they are a people who are the **Fâsiqûn** (rebellious, disobedient to Allâh).

13. But when Our **Ayât** (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) came to them, clear to see, they said:

"This is a manifest magic."

14. And they belied them (those **Ayât**) wrongfully and arrogantly, though their own selves were convinced thereof

[i.e. those (**Ayât**) are from Allâh, and **Mûsa** (Moses) is the Messenger of Allâh in truth, but they disliked to obey **Mûsa** (Moses), and hated to believe in his Message of Monotheism].

So see what was the end of the **Mufsidûn** (disbelievers, disobedient to Allâh, evil-doers, liars.).

15. And indeed We gave knowledge to **Dawûd** (David) and **Sulaimân** (Solomon), and they both said:

"All the praises and thanks be to Allâh, Who has preferred us above many of His believing slaves!"

16. And **Sulaimân** (Solomon) inherited (the knowledge of) **Dawûd** (David).

He said:

"O mankind!

We have been taught the language of birds, and on us have been bestowed all things.

This, verily, is an evident grace (from Allâh)."

17. And there were gathered before **Sulaimân** (Solomon) his hosts of **jinn**s and men, and birds, and they all were set in battle order (marching forwards).

18. Till, when they came to the valley of the ants, one of the ants said:

"O ants!

Enter your dwellings, lest **Sulaimân** (Solomon) and his hosts crush you, while they perceive not."

19. So he [**Sulaimân** (Solomon)] smiled, amused at her speech and said:

"My Lord!

Inspire and bestow upon me the power and ability that I may be grateful for Your Favours which You have bestowed on me and on my parents, and that I may do righteous good deeds that will please You, and admit me by Your Mercy among Your righteous slaves."

20. He inspected the birds, and said:  
"What is the matter that I see not the hoopoe?  
Or is he among the absentees?"
21. "I will surely punish him with a severe torment, or slaughter him, unless he brings me a clear reason."
22. But the hoopoe stayed not long, he (came up and) said:  
"I have grasped (the knowledge of a thing) which you have not grasped and I have come to you from **Saba'** (Sheba) with true news.
23. "I found a woman ruling over them, and she has been given all things that could be possessed by any ruler of the earth, and she has a great throne.
24. "I found her and her people worshipping the sun instead of Allâh, and **Shaitân** (Satan) has made their deeds fair-seeming to them, and has barred them from (Allâh's) Way, so they have no guidance,"
25. **Al-Lâ** (this word has two interpretations)  
**(A)**  
[As **Shaitân** (Satan) has barred them from Allâh's Way] so that they do not worship (prostrate before) Allâh, or  
**(B)**  
So that they may worship (prostrate before) Allâh, Who brings to light what is hidden in the heavens and the earth,  
and knows what you conceal and what you reveal.  
[Tafsir At-Tabarî]
26. **Allâh, Lâ ilâha illa Huwa** (none has the right to be worshipped but He), the Lord of the Supreme Throne!
27. [**Sulaimân** (Solomon)] said:  
"We shall see whether you speak the truth or you are (one) of the liars.
28. "Go you with this letter of mine, and deliver it to them,  
then draw back from them, and see what (answer) they return."
29. She said:  
"O chiefs!  
Verily! Here is delivered to me a noble letter,
30. "Verily! It is from **Sulaimân** (Solomon), and verily! It (reads):  
In the Name of Allâh, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful;
31. "Be you not exalted against me, but come to me as Muslims (true believers who submit to Allâh with full submission)' "

32. She said:  
"O chiefs!  
Advise me in (this) case of mine.  
I decide no case till you are present with me."
33. They said:  
"We have great strength, and great ability for war, but it is for you to command; so think over what you will command."
34. She said:  
"Verily! Kings, when they enter a town (country), they despoil it, and make the most honourable amongst its people low.  
And thus they do.
35. "But verily! I am going to send him a present, and see with what (answer) the messengers return."
36. So when (the messengers with the present) came to **Sulaimân** (Solomon), he said:  
"Will you help me in wealth?  
What Allâh has given me is better than that which He has given you!  
Nay, you rejoice in your gift!"
37. [Then **Sulaimân** (Solomon) said to the chief of her messengers who brought the present]:  
"Go back to them. We verily shall come to them with hosts that they cannot resist, and we shall drive them out from there in disgrace, and they will be abased."
38. He said:  
"O chiefs!  
Which of you can bring me her throne before they come to me surrendering themselves in obedience?"
39. An **Ifrît** (strong) from the **jinns** said:  
"I will bring it to you before you rise from your place (council).  
And verily, I am indeed strong, and trustworthy for such work."
40. One with whom was knowledge of the Scripture said:  
"I will bring it to you within the twinkling of an eye!"
- then when [**Sulaimân** (Solomon)] saw it placed before him, he said:  
"This is by the Grace of my Lord to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful!  
And whoever is grateful, truly, his gratitude is for (the good of) his ownself,  
and whoever is ungrateful, (he is ungrateful only for the loss of his ownself).  
Certainly! My Lord is Rich (Free of all wants), Bountiful."

41. He said:  
 "Disguise her throne for her  
 that we may see whether she will be guided (to recognise her throne), or she will be  
 one of those not guided."
42. So when she came, it was said (to her):  
 "Is your throne like this?"  
 She said:  
 "(It is) as though it were the very same."  
 And [Sulaimân (Solomon) said]:  
 "Knowledge was bestowed on us before her, and we were submitted to Allâh (in  
 Islâm as Muslims before her)."
43. And that which she used to worship besides Allâh has prevented her (from Islâm),  
 for she was of a disbelieving people.
44. It was said to her:  
 "Enter **As-Sarh**" [(a glass surface with water underneath it) or a palace],  
 but when she saw it, she thought it was a pool, and she (tucked up her clothes)  
 uncovering her legs,  
**Sulaimân (Solomon) said:**  
 "Verily, it is **Sarh** [(a glass surface with water underneath it) or a palace] paved  
 smooth with slab of glass."  
 She said:  
 "My Lord!  
 Verily, I have wronged myself, and I submit (in Islâm, together with **Sulaimân**  
 (Solomon), to Allâh, the Lord of the '**Alamîn** (mankind, jinns and all that exists)."
45. And indeed We sent to **Thamûd** their brother **Sâlih** (Saleh), saying:  
 "Worship Allâh (Alone and none else).  
 Then look! They became two parties (believers and disbelievers) quarreling with  
 each other."
46. He said:  
 "O my people!  
 Why do you seek to hasten the evil (torment) before the good (Allâh's Mercy)?  
 Why seek you not the Forgiveness of Allâh, that you may receive mercy?"
47. They said:  
 "We augur ill omen from you and those with you."  
 He said:  
 "Your ill omen is with Allâh;  
 nay, but you are a people that are being tested."

48. And there were in the city nine men (from the sons of their chiefs), who made mischief in the land, and would not reform.
49. They said:  
 "Swear one to another by Allâh that we shall make a secret night attack on him and his household, and afterwards we will surely say to his near relatives: 'We witnessed not the destruction of his household, and verily! We are telling the truth.'"
50. So they plotted a plot,  
 and We planned a plan, while they perceived not.
51. Then see how was the end of their plot!  
 Verily! We destroyed them and their nation, all together.
52. These are their houses in utter ruin, for they did wrong.  
 Verily, in this is indeed an **Ayâh** (a lesson or a sign) for people who know.
53. And We saved those who believed, and used to fear Allâh, and keep their duty to Him.
54. And (remember) **Lout** (Lot)! When he said to his people .  
 "Do you commit **AlFâhishah** (evil, great sin, every kind of unlawful sexual intercourse, sodomy, etc.) while you see (one another doing evil without any screen, etc.)?"
55. "Do you approach men in your lusts rather than women?  
 Nay, but you are a people who behave senselessly."
56. There was no other answer given by his people except that they said:  
 "Drive out the family of **Lout** (Lot) from your city.  
 Verily, these are men who want to be clean and pure!"
57. So We saved him and his family, except his wife.  
 We destined her to be of those who remained behind.
58. And We rained down on them a rain (of stones).  
 So evil was the rain of those who were warned.
59. Say (O Muhammad SAW):  
 "Praise and thanks be to Allâh, and peace be on His slaves whom He has chosen (for His Message)!  
 Is Allâh better, or (all) that you ascribe as partners (to Him)?"  
 (Of course, Allâh is Better).
60. Is not He (better than your gods) Who created the heavens and the earth, and sends down for you water (rain) from the sky, whereby We cause to grow wonderful gardens full of beauty and delight?  
 It is not in your ability to cause the growth of their trees.  
 Is there any **ilâh** (god) with Allâh?

Nay, but they are a people who ascribe equals (to Him)!

61. Is not He (better than your gods) Who has made the earth as a fixed abode, and has placed rivers in its midst, and has placed firm mountains therein, and has set a barrier between the two seas (of salt and sweet water).

Is there any **ilâh** (god) with Allâh?

Nay, but most of them know not.

62. Is not He (better than your gods) Who responds to the distressed one, when he calls Him, and Who removes the evil, and makes you inheritors of the earth, generations after generations.

Is there any **ilâh** (god) with Allâh?

Little is that you remember!

63. Is not He (better than your gods) Who guides you in the darkness of the land and the sea, and Who sends the winds as heralds of glad tidings, going before His Mercy (rain)?

Is there any **ilâh** (god) with Allâh?

High Exalted be Allâh above all that they associate as partners (to Him)!

64. Is not He (better than your so-called gods) Who originates creation, and shall thereafter repeat it, and Who provides for you from heaven and earth?

Is there any **ilâh** (god) with Allâh?

Say, "Bring forth your proofs, if you are truthful."

65. Say:

"None in the heavens and the earth knows the **Ghaib** (unseen) except Allâh, nor can they perceive when they shall be resurrected."

66. Nay, they have no knowledge of the Hereafter.

Nay, they are in doubt about it.

Nay, they are blind about it.

67. And those who disbelieve say:

"When we have become dust, we and our fathers, shall we really be brought forth (again)?"

68. "Indeed we were promised this, we and our forefathers before,

Verily, these are nothing but tales of ancients."

69. Say to them (O Muhammad SAW)

"Travel in the land and see how has been the end of the criminals (those who denied Allâh's Messengers and disobeyed Allâh)."

70. And grieve you not for them, nor be straitened (in distress) because of what they plot.
71. And they (the disbelievers in the Oneness of Allâh) say:  
"When (will) this promise (be fulfilled), if you are truthful?"
72. Say:  
"Perhaps that which you wish to hasten on, may be close behind you. "
73. "Verily, your Lord is full of Grace for mankind, yet most of them do not give thanks."
74. And verily, your Lord knows what their breasts conceal and what they reveal.
75. And there is nothing hidden in the heaven and the earth, but is in a Clear Book (i.e. **Al-Lauh Al-Mahfûz**).
76. Verily, this **Qur'ân** narrates to the Children of Israel most of that about which they differ.
77. And truly, it (this **Qur'ân**) is a guide and a mercy to the believers.
78. Verily, your Lord will decide between them (various sects) by His Judgement.  
And He is the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing.
79. So put your trust in Allâh;  
surely, you (O Muhammad SAW) are on manifest truth.
80. Verily, you cannot make the dead to hear (i.e. benefit them and similarly the disbelievers),  
nor can you make the deaf to hear the call, when they flee, turning their backs.
81. Nor can you lead the blind out of their error,  
you can only make to hear those who believe in Our **Ayât** (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.), and who have submitted (themselves to Allâh in Islâm as Muslims).
82. And when the Word (of torment) is fulfilled against them, We shall bring out from the earth a beast to them, which will speak to them because mankind believed not with certainty in Our **Ayât** (Verses of the Qur'ân and Prophet Muhammad SAW).
83. And (remember) the Day when We shall gather out of every nation a troop of those who denied Our **Ayât** (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.), and (then) they (all) shall be gathered (and driven to the place of reckoning),
84. Till, when they come (before their Lord at the place of reckoning), He will say:  
"Did you deny My **Ayât** (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) when you comprehended them not in knowledge,  
or what (else) was it that you used to do?"
85. And the Word (of torment) will be fulfilled against them, because they have done wrong, and they will be unable to speak (in order to defend themselves).

86. See they not that We have made the night for them to rest therein, and the day sight-giving?

Verily, in this are **Ayât** (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) for the people who believe.

87. And (remember) the Day on which the Trumpet will be blown and all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth, will be terrified except him whom Allâh will (exempt).

And all shall come to Him humbled.

88. And you will see the mountains and think them solid, but they shall pass away as the passing away of the clouds.

The Work of Allâh, Who perfected all things,  
verily! He is Well-Acquainted with what you do.

89. Whoever brings a good deed (i.e. Belief in the Oneness of Allâh along with every deed of righteousness), will have better than its worth, and they will be safe from the terror on that Day.

90. And whoever brings an evil (deed) (i.e. Shirk polytheism, disbelief in the Oneness of Allâh and every evil sinful deed), they will be cast down (prone) on their faces in the Fire.

(And it will be said to them)

"Are you being recompensed anything except what you used to do?"

91. I (Muhammad SAW) have been commanded only to worship the Lord of this city (Makkah), Him Who has sanctified it and His is everything.

And I am commanded to be from among the Muslims (those who submit to Allâh in Islâm).

92. And to recite the **Qur'ân**,

so whosoever receives guidance, receives it for the good of his ownself,  
and whosoever goes astray, say (to him): "I am only one of the warners."

93. And say [(O Muhammad SAW) to these polytheists and pagans etc.]:

"All the praises and thanks be to Allâh. He will show you His **Ayât** (signs, in yourselves, and in the universe or punishments, etc.), and you shall recognise them.

And your Lord is not unaware of what you do."



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