

Al-Fatehah

First Surah. Revealed in Makkah. 07 Statements.

Al-Fatehah was one of the earliest revelations, perhaps the first Surah revealed in its entirety at one time; sequentially, it was revealed after parts of Surah 74.

The Qura'n refers to this surah as 'The Seven Oft-Repeated Statements' (15:87). The recitation of this Surah is constantly repeated and reflected, at least seventeen times a day, as part of the daily Mandatory Prayers that is the second Pillar of the Islamic Faith after Tawheed - confession of the Faith. Al-Fatehah also constitutes an integral part of the Islamic cultural life.

This compact passage of seven Statements, spread over twenty- nine words in Arabic, constitutes the most outstanding centerpiece of devotional worship. It is divided into three thematic categories, viz; invocation (Statements 01 to 04), affirmation (Statement 05) and petition (Statements 06 and 07). Overall, it is a manifesto of fundamental truths and an overture of humility from a modest human worshiper to the Lord Supreme - ALLAH.

The Surah contains a great deal of the central Islamic concepts and sets out three fundamental Principles of the Faith:

- a. Tawheed: ALLAH is the One, the Singular, the Only, with HIS known ninety nine Divine Attributes.
- b. Voluntary self-surrender to the Will of ALLAH - the Lord Supreme.
- c. Belief in the life after this life, process of accountability and reward for all that a person does in this life.

The Prophet, ALLAH bless him and his family, is reliably quoted to have said:

1. Al-Fatehah is Umm al-Kitab, literally meaning Mother of the Book, as it contains the condensed version of the fundamental principles laid down in the Qura'n.
2. A Mandatory Prayer during which al-Fatehah is not recited is deficient.
3. Any matter that does not begin with Statement “*I/We start in the Name of Allah who is Supremely Gracious and Ever-Caring*” would be imperfect. It is a grace before taking meals, making speech, leaving home and returning home and before retiring to bed, etc. It is the 'opening' to all good things.
4. When you have specific need, ask ALLAH to provide it; when you are short of help, seek it from ALLAH by reciting Statement 04.

5. ALLAH says the fruits of this prayer, al-Fatehah, are shared equally between ME and MY worshiper. The worshiper shall be granted what one asked for. As one recites Statements 1 and 2, ALLAH would say: MY worshiper has praised ME. As Statement 3 is recited, ALLAH would say: MY worshiper has thanked ME. With Statement 4, ALLAH would respond: MY worshiper has glorified ME and surrendered to ME. For Statement 5, ALLAH would say: This is between ME and MY worshiper and MY worshiper will receive what asked for. In response to Statements 6 and 7, ALLAH would say: This is for MY worshiper and the worshiper will be granted the wish.



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

Aauzu biAllahi mina alshshaytani alrrajeem

I seek Allah's protection from *the satanic, accursed and evil forces - both within the human soul and social environment*

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Bismillahi alrrahmani alrraheem

I/We start with the Name of Allah who is Supremely Merciful and Ever-Compassionate

Statement 01

Ayah 01

آية 01

- a. The praise and gratitude is for ALLAH alone -
b. ALLAH - the RABB, the Lord Creator and the Lord Sustainer of all creation,
- that existed from eternity.
- that exists now, and/or,
- that shall come to exist to infinity.

Alhamdu lillahi
rabbi
alAAalameen

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ
الْعَالَمِينَ

Statement 02

Ayah 02

02

- a. ALLAH - the Supremely Gracious,b.
ALLAH - the Ever-Caring.

Alrrahmani
alrraheem

الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Statement 03

Ayah 03

آية 03

- a. ALLAH is the sole and the supreme authority on all judgments on the Day of Judgment.

Maliki yawmi
aldeen

مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Statement 04

Ayah 04

آية 04

- a. **We commit ourselves to YOUR worshipful obedience only - O' ALLAH, and**
b. **We beg YOU alone - O' ALLAH - for help and compassion.**

Iyyaka naAAabudu
wa-iyyaka
nastaAAeen

إِيَّاكَ تَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ
نَسْتَعِينُ

Statement 05

Ayah 05

آية 05

- Please guide us to the righteous approach of understanding and practicing Islam in all its connotations and set us firmly upon it.**

Ihdina
alssirata
almustaqeem

أَهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Statement 06

Like the approach of those men and women, young and old whom YOU favored and bestowed with YOUR blessings.

Ayah 06

Sirata
allatheena
anAAamta
Aalayhim

آية 06

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ
عَلَيْهِمْ

Statement 07

a. ***But neither of those men and women, young and old who are disfavored by YOU.***
b. ***Nor of those who incurred YOUR wrath and are strayed by way of flouting, by speech and behavior, YOUR Commandments, Decrees and Directives.***

Ayah 07

Ghayri
almaghdoob
AAalayhim ;
wala
alddalleen

آية 07

غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ
وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ