



## In the name of Allah Most Gracious and Most Merciful

All praises are due to **Allah**. We believe in **Him** and **His** Angels, **His** Books, **His** Messengers, the Last Day and in Destiny its good and apparent bad. We are content with **Allah** as our **Lord**, **Islam** as our religion. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except **Allah** the uniquely One, who has no partners in **His** one-ness. And I testify that the Prophet **Muhammad** is the slave of **Allah** and **His** Messenger.

O servants of **Allah**! Being in this world, it is required, in the wisdom of **Allah** that our affairs fluctuate between hardship and ease, happiness and adversity. **Allah** says in the **Qur'an** in **Surah al-Anbiya**:

**“...And We test you with evil and with good as trial; and to Us you will be returned.”** (S.21 V.35)

The Believer is the one who is always certain in his heart of the wisdom of **Allah** with regards to what **He** destines, whether it appears to be a bestowal or being denied something.

**Allah** says in the **Qur'an** in **Surah an-Nisaa** and **Surah al-Baqarh**:

**“...Say, ‘All [things] are from Allah.’ ...”** (S.4 V.78)

**“...But perhaps you hate a thing and it is good for you; and perhaps you love a thing and it is bad for you. And Allah Knows, while you know not.”** (S.2 V.216)

If the believer has cause to feel happiness and goodness, he thanks his **Lord**. Praising **Him** with his heart and with words of praise and expressing his gratitude in his character and deeds, responding to the command of his **Lord**. **Allah** says in the **Qur'an** in **Surah an-Nahl**:

**“...And be grateful for the favor of Allah, if it is [indeed] Him that you worship.”** (S.16 V.114)

So, the believer utilizes the blessings he has been given to draw closer to **Allah** through his worship and he helps the weak, helping the poor and destitute. **Allah** says in the **Qur'an** in **Surah al-Baqarh**:

**“Who is it that would loan Allah a goodly loan so He may multiply it for him many times over? ...”** (S.2: V.245)

So glad tidings to those who are grateful, their reward is increased and multiplied. This is the promise of their **Lord**.

O Believers! O you who are grateful and patient! Such a believer finds **Allah** with him, even in the face of tremendous difficulty. **Allah** says in the **Qur'an** in **Surah Surah az-Zumar**:

**“...Indeed, the patient will be given their reward without account.”** (S.39 V.10)

Those who commit themselves to patience in this life will win an elevated position in the Hereafter. **The Prophet (SAW) said, “Patience is illumination.”** There are many types of patience, including self-restraint to avoid sins, firm will to engage continuously in acts of worship and positive attitude at times of adversity. In one place **Allah** ordered **His** servants to be patient when worshipping **Him**. **Allah** says in the **Qur'an** in **Surah Al Baqara**:

**“O you who have believed! Seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, Allah is with the patient.”** (S.2 V.153) Because prayer is a continuous obligation that requires patience and efforts. **The Prophet SAW said: “How wondrously amazing is the affair of the believer: Indeed, there is good in every affair of his and this is not the case with anyone else except in the case of the believer. For if he has cause to feel delight, then he thanks (Allah) and thus there is a good for him in that, and if he is afflicted with dismay then he shows patient endurance and there is a good for him in that.” [Muslim]**

May the peace and the blessings of **Allah** be upon prophet **Muhammad SAW**, his family and all of his Companions. May **Allah** be pleased with the Rightly Guided **Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman** and **Ali**, and all those who will follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgment.

O **Allah**! Accept our prayers and all our **ibada**.

O **Allah**! Accept all of our good deeds and forgive us for our **sins**.

O **Allah**! Guide us to the right path and accept all our worships

O **Allah**! Accept us for **Your** service and for the service of **Islam** and **Muslims**.

O **Allah**! Accept all of us **Dawah** worker in Japan

O **Allah**! Grant safety and security in Japan and all over the world. **Aamin ya Rabbil Aalamin**