



All the compliments are due to Allah

First Sermon

All praise is due to Allah as many times as the number of His Creation, in accordance with His good pleasure, equal to the weight of His Throne and as much as the ink (used in recording) His words. All praise is due to Allah, the Worthy of all the praises and compliments. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the Servant of Allah and His Messenger. He was the trustworthy Prophet who was sent as a mercy for the whole worlds. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

As to what follows,

I urge you, **O servants of Allah**, and myself to be aware that you are asked to obey Him the Most Exalted. Praising His righteous servants, the Almighty quotes them as saying, **“and make us an example for the righteous. Those will be awarded the Chamber for what they patiently endured, and they will be received therein with greetings and [words of] peace.”** (Al-Furqan: 74-75).

O Believers,

Tashahhud (the testimony of faith for sitting in prayer) has a great status in Islam and its virtues are numerous. For this reason, the Prophet pbuh ensured to teach it to his companions, may Allah be pleased with them, just as he pbuh taught them the verses of the holy Quran. On this account, it was narrated that Abdullah Ibn Masood, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “Allah’s Messenger pbuh taught me the Tashahhud as he taught me a Sura from the Quran, holding my hand between his hands. (Tashahhud was): all the best compliments, the prayers and the good things are due to Allah. Peace and Allah’s Mercy and Blessings be on you, O Prophet! Peace be on us and on the pious servants of Allah. I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah, and I also bear witness that Muhammad is Allah’s servant and His Apostle.”

Truly, the Prophet pbuh has been sent to guide people to the right path and teach them good manners and wisdom. Allah the Almighty



says, **“reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Book and wisdom.”** (Al Imran: 164).

So, let us advice each other on the meanings of Tashahhud in prayer.

Dear Muslims,

A worshiper begins Tashahhud as he sits in the presence of Allah the Almighty after the two Rakaas in the prayer. Humbly submitted to Him, the worshiper says, “All compliments are due to Allah.” That is to say: all the great greetings are due to Allah as befitting His Glory and Supreme Status. Indeed, all the Tahiyat (compliments) were combined so as to comprise all the meanings of greetings. So, for Him, the Most Exalted, greatness, eternity, dominion and pride as well as all kinds of glorifying and reverence. Allah the Almighty says, **“His Kursi (dominion) extends over the heavens and the earth, and their preservation tires Him not. And He is the Most High, the Most Great.”** (Al-Baqara: 255).

The Tashahhud begins with the Tahiyat because greetings are normally the opening of any kind of speech. After the Tahiyat, the worshiper praises Allah testifying that all the “prayers” are due for Him. The meaning of “prayers” here is all acts of worship, including the obligatory ones as well as the Nawafil (voluntary extra righteous deeds), acts of obedience, supplications and all deeds that the believer performs seeking to draw closer to their Lord. So doing, the believer is adhering to Allah’s orders: **“say, ‘Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah , Lord of the worlds’.”** (Al-Anaam: 162).

Next in the Tashahhud, the worshiper testifies that to Allah is due all the “good things”, both words and deeds. Indeed, Allah the Most Exalted is good and, thus, only the good words and acts are raised to Him. The Almighty says, **“to Him ascends good speech, and righteous work raises it.”** (Fatir: 10). Moreover, only the righteous of deeds are accepted by Allah the Almighty. On this account, the Messenger of Allah pbuh said, “Verily, Allah the Almighty is good and accepts only that which is good.”

O Worshipers,



In Tashahhud the Muslim further confers peace and blessings on our Master and Prophet Muhammad pbuh, saying, “Peace be on you, O Prophet!” Saying so, the believer addresses the Prophet pbuh with peace while recalling his guidance and wisdom for our Prophet Muhammad pbuh is the Messenger of mercy and peace. He taught us to send greetings to him and to invoke Allah to confer mercy and blessings upon him. So we say, “Peace and Allah’s Mercy and Blessings be on you, O Prophet!”

In this supplication, Allah’s mercy means His favour while Allah’s blessings means His abundant bounties, beseeching the Almighty to increase the Prophet pbuh from all that which is good.

Furthermore, our Master Muhammad pbuh has also taught us to invoke peace upon ourselves and other righteous people in the Tashahhud. Thus, we say, “Peace be on us and on the pious servants of Allah.” This is because “if he says so, then it will be for all the pious servants of Allah in the Heavens and the Earth or between the heaven and earth.” That is to say, they will be blessed with all that is good. In another narration of the Hadith, the Prophet pbuh said, “So, when you have said this, then you have surely sent the greetings to every good (pious) worshipper of Allah, whether he be in the Heaven or on the Earth.” This means whether from the angels, humans or Jinn.

Therefore, whoever seeks to attain such greetings of peace that the worshippers send should strive to be from amongst the righteous believers who observe their prayers.

On a related note, amongst the other merits of Tashahhud is that it teaches the Muslim the correct way to implore to their Lord the Most Exalted. So, one begins with praising Allah the Almighty, followed by invoking Allah’s peace and blessings upon His Messenger pbuh and then invoke Allah to confer the same on him and all the believers. The Prophet pbuh said in this regard, “When one of you performs prayer (and wants to supplicate), then let him begin by expressing gratitude to Allah and praising Him. Then, let him invoke Allah for the Prophet pbuh, then let him supplicate after that, whatever he wishes.”



Allah the Almighty also taught us how to supplicate through the story of His Prophet Noah pbuh who implored to Him saying, “**my Lord, forgive me and my parents and whoever enters my house a believer and the believing men and believing women.**” (Noah: 28). Amongst the other things that worshiper can learn from reciting the Tashahhud supplication in each prayer is to invoke their Lord to confer peace upon themselves and then on other righteous believers. Indeed, this is one core message of Islam which came to spread peace, mercy, love and goodness amongst all the people of the world. An illustration of this can be seen in the following Hadith: the Messenger of Allah pbuh said, “Shall I inform you about a matter which if you do it, then you will love one another? Spread the (greeting of) peace amongst each other.”

With this in mind, let us supplicate to Allah the Almighty to teach us that which is beneficial to us and make us benefit from what He taught us. O Allah, we beseech You to increase us in knowledge and wisdom and make us amongst those who listen to speech and follow the best of it.”

O Allah, we implore to You to bless us with a pleasant life and a peaceful dwelling.

O Allah, we seek Your favour to guide us all to obey You and obey Your Messenger Muhammad and obey those You have commanded us to obey in line with Your orders: “**O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.**” (An-Nisaa: 59).

May Allah direct us all to the blessings of the Glorious Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger pbuh.

I say this and ask Allah for forgiveness for me and you, so invoke Him for forgiveness, for He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Second Sermon

All praise is due to Allah, abundant, good and blessed praise as our Lord loves and is pleased with. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the



peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad, his pure family, companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

I urge you, **O Servants of Allah**, and myself to be aware that you are asked to obey Him, the Most Exalted and Sublime.

O Worshipers,

Undoubtedly, the Tashahhud statement begins with the best of words, being praising Allah the Almighty. In like manner, it ends with the best of endings, being the two testimonies: that there is no deity save Allah and that Muhammad pbuh is the Messenger of Allah. The virtues and rewards of the two testimonies are great, for they are amongst the causes of the believer being admitted to Allah's Paradise and protected from the Hellfire. The Prophet pbuh said in this regard, "Whoever testifies sincerely that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and Muhammad is his Apostle, Allah will save him from the Hell-fire."

More to the point, there are certain etiquettes that are recommended to be followed upon saying the Tashahhud. Amongst those acts is to raise the forefinger. It was narrated in this regard that Nafei said, "When Abdullah Ibn Omar, may Allah be pleased with him, sat during prayer, he put his hands on his knees, pointed with his finger and cast a full glance towards it, then he reported that the Messenger of Allah pbuh said, 'It has a more terrible effect upon Satan that even that of iron (i.e. raising the forefinger during attesting the oneness of Allah).'"

Furthermore, to attain extra virtues and complete rewards, the worshiper should end his/her last Tashahhud in the prayer with the Ibrahimī Salat. Then before saying the Taslim (uttering the salutation), the worshiper is recommended to supplicate to Allah. Amongst the greatest Duaa is to seek refuge with Allah the Almighty from four things that the Messenger of Allah pbuh used to seek refuge from after saying Tashahhud. He pbuh used to say, "O Allah, I seek refuge with You from the torment of the Hellfire and I seek refuge with You from the punishment of the grave, and I seek refuge



with You from the affliction of the Dajjal (antichrist), and I seek refuge with You from the trial of life and death.”

Next, the worshiper may ask Allah, the Most Exalted, to grant him whatever he wishes from all that is good in this world and the Hereafter. The Prophet pbuh said, “Then he may choose any supplication which pleases him and offer it.” After that the worshiper ends their prayer with Taslim.

That is said, please bear in mind that you are instructed to invoke peace and blessings on the Prophet pbuh. Allah, the Most Sublime, says, **“indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.”** (Al-Ahzab: 56).

On the same matter, the Prophet pbuh said, “For everyone who invokes a blessing on me will receive ten blessings from Allah.”

O Allah, please send Your Mercy upon Muhammad and on the family of Muhammad as You sent Your Mercy upon Ibrahim and on the family of Ibrahim. Indeed, You are the Most Praiseworthy, the Most Glorious. O Allah, please confer Your blessings on Muhammad and on the family of Muhammad as You conferred Your blessings on Ibrahim and on the family of Ibrahim. Indeed, You are the Most Praiseworthy, the Most Glorious.

May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali, and all of the noble Companions.

May Allah have mercy on the honourable martyrs of our nation and gather them with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favour of the prophets. May Allah make the dwelling of the martyrs, their families, parents and relatives. Indeed, You answer to the supplications.

O Allah, please grant the best reward for the families of the martyrs and offer them patience and solace. May Allah grant victory to the soldiers of the Arab Coalition who gathered to restore the rights to their owners. O Lord, please be by their side and guide the Yemeni people to everything that is good. O Allah, make them rally for the



word of truth and legitimacy, and bless them with welfare and stability, O the Most Generous.

O Lord, we beseech You to bless all of the Muslim countries and the whole world with stability and peace.

O Allah, may we ask You for guidance, righteousness, purity and wealth. O Allah, we beseech You to make us rich with knowledge, adorn us with patience, honour us with piety and beautify us with good health.

May Allah grant success and continued health and care to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. May Allah also ensure success to his Vice-President, trustworthy Crown Prince and his brothers, Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Emirates.

O Allah, please forgive all of the Muslims, men and women, living and dead. May Allah have mercy on Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the Late UAE Sheikhs. O Lord, forgive and show mercy on them and bless them with Your kindness and satisfaction. O Lord, forgive and show mercy on our parents, relatives and whoever has done a favour to us.

We pray to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, to continue blessing the UAE with stability and welfare and bless its provisions. O Allah, please continue blessing the UAE with safety and security.

O Allah, we seek Your favour to send us wealthy rain and make us not amongst those who are despondent. O Allah, relieve us! O Allah, relieve us! O Allah, give us from the blessings of the sky and grow for us from the blessings of the earth.

Remember Allah and He will remember you. Be grateful of His benevolence and He will increase His blessings to you.

Please stand up for prayer.