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Dedication

To the hearts that have journeyed from darkness into light...

To those who abandoned the worship of every idol and all that is worshipped besides Allah, choosing instead to worship the One and Only — Al-Ahad, As-Samad (the Eternal Refuge)...

To those who turned away from the glitter and deception of this worldly life...

To those who kindled the flame of faith within the hearts of Muslims, becoming examples and beacons for all who seek the truth...

To you who heard the truth and responded to its call, hastening to obey Allah...

To you who were illuminated by guidance, filling your hearts with love for Allah and with determination to remain steadfast...

To our brothers and sisters in faith — to the new Muslims...

To those whom we love and rejoice for, even though we have never met...



Preface

This booklet is dedicated to our brothers and sisters in faith — the new Muslims — whose first steps toward Allah we have witnessed with pride and honor. Their hearts burn with the flame of iman (faith), and their souls shine with a purity that inspires all who observe their journey. We have learned from them more than words can express. In their declaration of the Shahada, we saw a steadfastness that never falters; in the way their hearts raced toward Islam, a passion that dissolves all fear; and in their sincere tears, a true yearning for truth and a longing to return to the straight path of the righteous predecessors.

Their stories of embracing Islam were not mere accounts meant to stir fleeting emotions; rather, they became a living inspiration for us to renew our own faith in Allah. They reminded us that guidance, when it comes, arrives with unmatched strength — and that belonging to Islam fills the soul with joy, serenity, and unwavering determination. In their steps, we witnessed pure resolve and hearts thirsty for truth, teaching us that iman is not simply spoken words, but a complete way of life that urges the soul toward Allah and drives the heart to seek His pleasure.

O Allah, be pleased with them, strengthen them upon the truth, and envelop them in Your protection — protection that never fails those whom You guard. These are our brothers and sisters in religion: some have emigrated for the sake of their faith, leaving behind families and homes in pursuit of Your pleasure and a land where Your name is remembered. Others remain where they are, striving with patience and perseverance, holding fast to the truth, standing firm against those who harm their religion or insult Islam.

O Allah, fortify their resolve, illuminate their hearts with Your light, and make them among those who remain steadfast upon Your Straight Path, among those who call to Your religion with wisdom and beautiful preaching. Make us and them among those who, when they hear guidance, follow it; when commanded to do good, hasten toward it; and when You are remembered, their hearts tremble with longing for You.

O Allah, just as You guided them by Your light, keep us firm alongside them upon Your path. Make us and them keys to goodness and barriers against evil, and unite us with them in the highest Paradise — a place free of toil and fatigue — in the Gardens of Eternity which You have promised to the righteous.



First Message

Your haste to embrace Islam the moment the truth became clear to you mirrors the very steps taken by the companions of the Messenger ﷺ in Mecca, when he called them to worship Allah, the One and Only. They turned away from the idols and ignorance of their past and walked toward the light with open, sincere hearts. You have done as those pure ones did: you accepted the truth as soon as you recognized it, without hesitation, treading the same blessed path they walked. Through your sincerity, the meaning of early Islam is renewed in our hearts.

Today, you resemble those who entered this religion in its beginnings — strangers in the eyes of people, yet honored in the sight of Allah, steadfast upon a light that never fades. They faced what you now face: separation from family, distance from the familiar, and the awe of a new world that filled their hearts with faith. Yet they were patient, seeking reward from Allah, knowing that the path to Him is not measured by physical comfort, but by the tranquility and sincerity of the heart.

When we see you choosing Islam with full sincerity, despite its initial challenges, our certainty deepens that guidance still breathes upon the earth — and that Allah continues to open hearts to the light, no matter how long the darkness of ignorance persists.

You have revived within us the meaning of iman once again. So remain steadfast, our beloved ones, for Allah — the One who guided you to the light — will not abandon you to darkness. The path you have begun today, though it may seem long, is the path of the prophets and the righteous: a path that no one walking it will ever lose, and one that rewards the patient with Paradise at its end.

Allah the Almighty said:

"So hold fast to what has been revealed to you. Indeed, you are upon a straight path." [Az-Zukhruf 43]

And the Prophet ﷺ said: "Islam began as something strange and will return to being strange as it began. So glad tidings to the strangers." [Narrated by Muslim]



Second Message

O you whom Allah has honored with the light of guidance after the darkness of misguidance, and whose hearts He opened to Islam after long confusion and uncertainty — rejoice! You are among those chosen by Allah, granted a noble favor that only those who once tasted the bitterness of being far from the truth and then found the sweetness of iman can truly understand.

The blessing of Islam is unlike any other blessing. It revives the heart after its death, quenches the soul after its thirst, and illuminates one's insight. How many people live in the darkness of disbelief, unaware of why they were created or where they are going — worshipping stones, following desires, or believing that life has no purpose? Then Allah honors them with the Qur'an, transforming their fear into security, their ignorance into knowledge, their loss into purpose, and using them for His cause to carry and convey the message.

Allah Almighty said:

“Is he who was dead, and We gave him life and made for him a light by which he walks among the people...?” [Al-An'ām 122]

You — whom Allah revived with the light of Islam after wandering in the darkness of doubt and atheism, and after being confused among the man-made religions of people — your guidance is not a coincidence. It is a divine selection, a choosing from Allah, as He said: “Allah guides to His light whom He wills.” [An-Nūr 35]

Reflect upon this tremendous grace: how Allah led you to Islam through steps whose meaning you did not understand at the time — a word you heard, a moment that touched your heart, or a verse that stirred your soul — until you arrived at the great turning point in your life: a rebirth, not of the body, but of the heart, the soul, and the iman. The nation of our Prophet ﷺ is a blessed and enduring nation; the people of truth within it shall never cease.

The blessing of Islam deserves constant gratitude. So thank Allah for guiding you, remain steadfast upon His path, and know that Allah does not abandon those who return to Him sincerely. Rather, He increases them in light upon light, and in steadfastness upon steadfastness.

Do not underestimate the good you are in. You are among those of whom Allah said: “Indeed, those who say: ‘Our Lord is Allah,’ and then remain steadfast — the angels descend upon them, saying: ‘Do not fear and do not grieve, but receive glad tidings of Paradise which you have been promised.’” [Fussilat 30]

All praise is due to Allah who guided you to Islam. We would not have been guided had Allah not guided us.



Third Message

In the House of Al-Arqam... Hearts Began to Live

When we return with our hearts and minds to Makkah before the Hijrah, a solemn and luminous scene unfolds before us despite the surrounding darkness of ignorance. There — in a small, humble home at the foot of As-Safā — the Truthful and Trustworthy ﷺ would gather with a handful of men and women who believed in him and in what he brought from Allah, Glorified and Exalted. That simple dwelling belonged to Al-Arqam ibn Abī Al-Arqam, may Allah be pleased with him, and it became the first center of Islamic da‘wah.

Within that small space, far from the noise of Quraysh and hidden from the watchful eyes of their opposition, Islam first took root in hearts before it ever appeared upon tongues. The Prophet ﷺ would sit among them, reciting the Qur’an, teaching them īmān (faith), instilling patience, resilience, and steadfastness.

It was in the House of Al-Arqam that believing hearts were shaped — hearts that would later carry the message to the entire world. Those who entered that home slipped in quietly, but they emerged with hearts renewed, fearless, overflowing with certainty and faith. Its stones were not precious, yet the sincerity and devotion held within made it greater than the palaces of kings.

Before the House of Al-Arqam, others had embraced Islam with pure conviction: Abu Bakr As-Siddiq, Ali ibn Abi Talib, Khadijah bint Khuwaylid, Bilal ibn Rabah, Khabbab ibn Al-Aratt, Uthman ibn Maz’oon, and other pioneers. They endured harm, threats, mockery, and persecution — yet they neither wavered nor turned back, for the light of īmān and the oneness of Allah was greater than all suffering.

Today, you — those whom Allah has opened their hearts to Islam — are walking in their footsteps, even if the eras differ. Every gathering you attend to remember Allah, every circle in which you learn Qur’an, is an extension of that blessed house. You are building a “House of Al-Arqam” in your own time — in your homes, your mosques, your small study circles. That house was not merely a place; it was a state of īmān filled with love and sincerity toward Allah and His Messenger ﷺ.

Reflect on how Islam began in a single room in Makkah and then spread to the farthest corners of the earth. This was only possible through the steadfastness of those believers who embraced the truth when believing meant exile, hardship, and sacrifice.

You are now the continuation of that light — following their footsteps and reviving, for the world, the original meaning of īmān: that religion is not simply inherited, but granted by Allah; and when hearts are sincere, nothing can stand in their way.

Allah Almighty said: "The foremost—the first of the Muhājirūn and the Ansār, and those who follow them with excellence—Allah is pleased with them, and they are pleased with Him." [At-Tawbah 100]

Today, you are among those who follow them with excellence. So be as they were: sincere in faith, steadfast in trials, eager for knowledge and worship. And do not despair if helpers are few — for Allah is with you, just as He was with that small, blessed group that once gathered in the House of Al-Arqam.



Fourth Message

“And We will surely test you...”

[Muhammad: 31]

A profound principle by which Allah informs His servants that this worldly life is a place of trial and testing — to distinguish the truthful from the liar, the sincere from the pretender, and to separate the ranks.

With your entrance into Islam, the journey of true bliss has begun — a bliss unmatched by anything in this world, no matter how varied its pleasures, desires, or adornments may seem. It is the joy of *īmān* (faith), the joy of being under the care of Allah, moving from one act of obedience to another, and tasting the sweetness of servitude to the Lord of all creation.

I know the path may feel difficult at first, especially when you encounter harm or disapproval from relatives and family after declaring the testimony of faith — “*Lā ilāha illā Allāh, Muhammadur Rasūlullāh.*”

But this is the way of Allah with His servants, and it is the path walked by the Prophets and Messengers ﷺ. Their lives were never free of trials. They endured harm, rejection, and hardship from their own people.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ and his noble companions faced tremendous hardship for the sake of Allah and in calling people to the truth. The Muslims suffered at the hands of Quraysh: they were tortured under the blazing sun, and Sumayyah bint Khayyāt — may Allah be pleased with her — was stabbed in her private part by Abu Jahl because she remained steadfast upon her faith, refusing to abandon Islam and return to the religion of her people.

Bilāl ibn Rabāh — may Allah be pleased with him — was punished severely. Yet he never wavered, repeatedly proclaiming before his tormentors: “*Aḥad! Aḥad!*” (Allah is One! One!).

So know — may Allah have mercy on you — that whatever harm touches you on the path of Islam is for Allah, and an everlasting reward awaits you in the Gardens of Eternity, if you remain sincere in your faith and steadfast in your perseverance.

Do not be deceived by falsehood, nor swayed by voices that seek to turn you away from your religion after Allah has shown you the truth and softened your heart for guidance.

Be patient. For in the end, success belongs only to the *Muttaqīn* — those conscious of Allah.



Fifth Message

O you whose heart Allah has opened to Islam, know with certainty that the words you uttered — “Lā ilāha illā Allāh, Muhammadur Rasūlullāh” — are not mere sounds spoken by the tongue. They are a mighty covenant, one that shakes the very foundations of the universe, and grants eternal joy to those who believe in it sincerely and act upon its meaning.

The heavens and the earth were established upon the truth contained in this statement. Through it, the path of light was distinguished from the path of darkness. No prophet ever sent by Allah, nor any revealed book, came except to plant this supreme truth firmly in the hearts: that none in existence deserves worship, devotion, or absolute obedience except Allah alone, without partner, equal, or likeness.

This declaration frees the heart from servitude to creation and returns it to servitude to the Creator. Through it, the soul is liberated from fear, worries disappear, and certainty takes root — for whoever truly knows their Lord relies on none but Him and exalts none in their heart but His Glorious Face.

O you who have recently believed — rejoice! You have entered a covenant that once entrusted entire nations, a covenant revealed in the purpose for which all creation exists. Allah, Exalted, says: “And I (Allah) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (alone).” [Adh-Dhāriyāt: 56]

Every prayer you perform, every act of charity you give, every tear shed out of awe of Allah — all of it springs from this phrase. It is the foundation of the religion, its ultimate aim, and the scale of salvation on the Day when all creation stands before the Lord of the Worlds.

How magnificent is this statement! When it settles deep within the heart, it transforms fear into security, loss into guidance, and confusion into serenity. It is the phrase by which the prophets attained their lofty ranks, by which the people of tawḥīd (true monotheism) are saved from punishment, and by which sins are forgiven and ranks are raised.

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Whoever says ‘Lā ilāha illā Allāh’ sincerely from his heart will enter Paradise.” Narrated by al-Bukhārī.

So remember always: when you pronounced it, you pledged allegiance to Allah alone, disassociated yourself from every false deity, and stepped onto a path walked by the prophets, the righteous, and the sincere. Remain steadfast upon its meaning. Renew this covenant within your heart, and let your actions be its interpreter — for through it, the path begins, and to it, the path returns.



Sixth Message

Know that the greatest blessing granted to you after embracing Islam is faith in Allah with true conviction—a faith that fills the heart with tranquility even when the world shakes, and brings serenity even when burdens weigh heavily upon the servant. For īmān bestows a peace that none can taste except those who truly know their Lord.

Faith in Allah is not merely an idea grasped by the mind, nor a word uttered by the tongue. It is a life that flows through the veins, a light that settles in the heart, and a covenant between the servant and his Lord—to worship Him alone, accept His decree, rely upon Him, and maintain a good opinion of Him in every circumstance.

Whoever knows Allah by His Names and Attributes finds all hardships light, and whoever feels His nearness becomes content with His creation.

If the servant believes that Allah is Ar-Raḥmān, Ar-Raḥīm (the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate), he knows that His mercy envelops all sins.

If he believes that Allah is Al-Ḥakīm, Al-Khabīr (the All-Wise, the All-Aware), he is content with His decree even when its wisdom is hidden.

If he believes that Allah is Al-‘Azīz, Al-Jabbār (the Almighty, the Compeller), his heart rests in peace, knowing that none controls his affairs except his Lord.

The believer finds a homeland in his prayer; when he remembers Allah, faith mixes with the depths of his soul; and when he prostrates, he feels no humiliation, but honor—honor that he has a Lord who hears him, knows him, and forgives him.

You have tasted the first sweetness of faith the day you said: “We believe in Allah.”

Strive so that this sweetness grows stronger with each day. The Prophet ﷺ said: “Whoever is pleased with Allah as his Lord, with Islam as his religion, and with Muhammad as his Prophet, has tasted the sweetness of faith.” Narrated by Muslim

Īmān is the safe harbor amidst the storms of life, the everlasting light in moments of exile, and the companion who never leaves his servant in darkness. Through it, a believer knows his path, weighs the world with the scale of the Hereafter, and understands that what Allah has decreed will never miss him, and what He has withheld will never reach him.

Be among the believers who, when trials strike, say: “Ḥasbunallāhu wa ni‘ma al-Wakīl (Allah is sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs).”

And when blessings arrive, say: “Al-ḥamdu lillāhil-ladhī bi-ni‘matihi tatimmuṣ-ṣāliḥāt (Praise be to Allah, by whose grace good deeds are completed).”

These are the people who knew Allah, and thus knew themselves; they loved Him so deeply that the world became small in their eyes, and their souls longed to meet Him.

Allah Almighty said:"

"Those who believe and whose hearts find rest in the remembrance of Allah—verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest." [Ar-Ra'd: 28]

May Allah protect you, keep you steadfast, and shelter you with His mercy.



Seventh Message

How great you are, and how elevated is your rank with Allah, when you chose the noble path of learning the Arabic language and the Qur'an—striving to understand and memorize the Words of Allah, even though Arabic is not your native tongue. You have undertaken a tremendous struggle known only to Allah, for every letter you learn, every word whose meaning you grasp, is a step toward steadfastness, a righteous deed added to your scales, and a light increasing within your hearts.

Allah Almighty says: “Ha-Mim. A revelation from the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful. A Book whose verses have been clearly explained, a Qur'an in Arabic for people who know.” [Fussilat: 1–3]

Learning the Qur'an in a language other than your own is not merely memorizing words—it is diving into oceans of light, confronting challenges, and overcoming the self for the sake of Allah. Each verse you commit to memory, each surah you recite with humility, is a testimony to your sincerity, your love for Allah and His Messenger ﷺ, and your honest desire to draw nearer to your Lord through faith and good deeds.

We have seen in your stories how a single verse moved your hearts, how a short surah illuminated your souls, awakening feelings long buried. From the verses of Juz 'Amma, to Surah Maryam—which taught you that 'Isa (Jesus), peace be upon him, is a servant and messenger of Allah—to your reflections on the signs of creation and divine power: these moments softened hearts, ignited longing for faith, and brought tears of repentance and humility. They revealed to you the gravity of the years spent in confusion and distance from Allah and the Straight Path.

These tears are sincere, and these hearts are devoted to Allah alone. May Allah bless you, strengthen you, and make every effort you exert in learning His Book a light that guides your steps in this world, a glad tidings for the Hereafter, and a shield against doubt and misguidance.

Know that in this blessed journey, you are not alone. All those who walked this path before you, and all those who strive now with their souls and deeds, share with you the same mission—a mission of spiritual elevation, seeking knowledge, righteous action, and growing in piety. Remain steadfast, certain that the fruits of your struggle will flourish in your heart and in your life, making you among those of whom Allah said:

“Indeed, those who recite the Book of Allah, and establish the prayer, and spend out of what We have provided for them, secretly and openly—they hope for a trade that will never perish.”



Eighth Message

Clinging firmly to the Qur'an and the Sunnah is your strongest fortress against doubts and misguidance, and the surest path to the pleasure of Allah. Do not allow anyone to plant hesitation in your hearts after Allah has guided you, and do not be swayed by innovations (bid'ah) that may appear appealing at first glance but ultimately lead one away from the Straight Path.

Allah Almighty says: "And verily, this is My Straight Path, so follow it; and do not follow the other paths, for they will separate you from His Path. This He has ordained for you, so that you may become of the righteous." [Al-An'ām: 153]

Always remember that the true Muslim takes his guidance from the Qur'an and the teachings of the Prophet ﷺ. Seek knowledge from trustworthy sources—those who follow the way of the righteous predecessors (al-salaf al-ṣāliḥ)—and be cautious of practices that the intellect and revelation reject, such as invented celebrations or commemorations of the Prophet's birthday (al-Mawlid) in forms not legislated by the Shariah.

Innovation (bid'ah) is anything newly introduced into the religion after the Prophet ﷺ and his Companions—anything added to the religion under the claim of improving or renewing it, when in truth it alters its essence. The Prophet ﷺ said:

"Whoever introduces into this matter of ours (Islam) something that does not belong to it, it shall be rejected." Narrated by al-Bukhari

These messages are not only about avoiding innovations in worship. You will encounter intellectual challenges at the beginning of your Islam—attempts to shake your certainty and cloud the clarity of your faith. Some will try to prevent you from seeing the light, repeating the same deceptions that misled nations before you: worship of nature, exaltation of the sun and moon, reverence for stars and planets, denial of God's existence, or claims that the universe has no Creator or purpose.

Thus, hold firmly to the Qur'an and Sunnah. Study the words and actions of the Companions, draw strength from their example, and let their steadfastness guide you through every wave of doubt, every deviation, and every intellectual assault. Through this, your heart remains pure, your mind stays clear, and your intention is preserved for Allah alone.

By remaining anchored to revelation, your path will stay straight, your inner light will shine brightly, and your life will be filled with tranquility, certainty, true faith, and sincere action in the cause of Allah.



Ninth Message

Migration for the Sake of Allah

The path to Allah is not paved with roses. It is the path of the patient, the steadfast, and the striving (al-mujāhidūn). We know the hardship you endure—the pressure from relatives, hostility from society, and even persecution from governments that oppose Islam and its people. Yet you have chosen to remain firm upon this path, despite everything, not once turning back even when doing so might have eased your worldly life. You endured harm and coercion, but you did not surrender your faith.

You have taken a tremendous and noble step by leaving behind your families and homes—migrating for the sake of Allah, seeking His pleasure, safeguarding your iman, and holding fast to the joy that settled in your heart the moment you realized that Islam is the true religion.

The early Muslims were persecuted in Makkah, and when the harm became severe, Allah granted His Messenger ﷺ permission to migrate to Madinah. There, the community of faith was built, the Islamic state was established, and the banner of Islam was raised high. Your migration today is not merely a move from one land to another; it is a migration of the heart before the body, a migration toward truth before land, and a readiness to sacrifice for the sake of Allah. Few people in our time undertake such a journey, and that makes your endeavor truly blessed and successful.

Allah Almighty says: “Indeed, those who have believed, and those who have emigrated and strove hard in the path of Allah — all these hope for Allah’s Mercy. And Allah is Ever-Forgiving, Most Merciful.” [Al-Baqarah: 218]

So you, who left your homes purely for the sake of Allah and seeking His pleasure — do not despair, nor be saddened. Every hardship becomes light when compared to the radiance now shining in your heart, illuminating the path before you, carrying you from the darkness of confusion to the dawn of faith.

Migration for the sake of Allah and His Messenger is not a loss, nor is it an obstacle to practicing your religion. Rather, it is among the first victories that Allah grants His servants — a means to learn your religion in a place that pleases Him, and to live a life filled with tranquility, certainty, and sincere devotion.

We are deeply moved by the testimonies of many brothers and sisters who migrated to Muslim lands — women who now wear hijab or niqab in peace, men who grow their beards without fear, hearts that finally rest after long fatigue, and souls that find clarity and direction. They followed the path of the earliest believers, exercised patience, and walked in the footsteps of the Prophet ﷺ and his Companions. Their migration became light for them in this world, glad tidings for the Hereafter, and a fortress that guards them from doubt and misguidance.



Tenth Message

Cherish Righteous Companionship

Increase your company with righteous companions at the beginning of your journey to Allah, and remain close to those who guide you toward Him, the Exalted. For the heart is delicate, easily influenced, and nothing strengthens it more than the presence of pious brothers and sisters who remind you of Allah when you forget, encourage you in obedience when you grow weary, support you in times of hardship, and walk with you along the path of guidance.

Many of you have expressed profound admiration for the life of Abu Bakr al-Siddiq (may Allah be pleased with him), whose companionship with the Messenger of Allah ﷺ was a source of guidance for generations and a pillar of steadfastness for the Ummah during its most critical moments. His friendship with the Prophet ﷺ embodies loyalty, unwavering faith, sincerity, and sacrifice. It earned him the honor of being the best of all creation after the prophets, the companion of the cave, and the Prophet's partner in da'wah and jihad.

You told us that before Islam, companionship in your societies was often shallow—based on temporary pleasures, personal benefits, or worldly gain. But when Allah guided you to Islam and you learned about the Prophet ﷺ and his Companions, you realized that true brotherhood in Allah is a divine blessing, a bond of pure love, mercy, sincerity, and selflessness—not a bond shaped by worldly interests or passing desires.

One of the most touching testimonies we heard was from a brother who embraced Islam four years ago. He said:

“I was deeply moved by the story of Abu Bakr with the Prophet ﷺ, and I loved him even though I never saw him. I read his biography over and over, marveling at his honesty, his sincerity, and his sacrifices. He devoted his life and wealth to Allah, His Messenger ﷺ, and the believers. He held a distinguished place in Islam, and he was the first to believe the Prophet when others doubted him during the event of al-Isra' and al-Mi'raj.”

How beautiful is the love that is born from faith!

How powerful is the bond that unites hearts separated by centuries, languages, and lands!

Reflecting upon the lives of the Companions strengthens your iman, raises your resolve, and reminds you that the path to Allah is not meant to be walked alone—it is strengthened by righteous companionship, sincere advice, and mutual support.

So guard your hearts by choosing companions who remind you of Allah when you forget, revive your determination when you weaken, and remind you of Paradise when the dunya overwhelms you. Avoid the company of the heedless, for their presence steals from the heart its clarity and softness, and weakens it without you noticing.

Know that righteous companionship is a provision for the journey to Allah.

Whoever has a righteous companion has support in steadfastness.
Whoever walks alone stumbles sooner.

Remain steadfast, take this noble provision seriously, study the biographies of the righteous, fill your hearts with love for them, and ask Allah to grant you their likeness in this world and their companionship in the Hereafter.

May Allah unite us and you in the highest level of Paradise — with our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his noble companions. We are your brothers in faith, your beloved ones for Allah's sake. If distance prevents us from meeting in this world, then there is a promised meeting, by Allah's permission, in Paradise—upon couches adorned, side by side.
Āmīn.



Eleventh Message

Supplication: The Door That Never Closes

Hearts grow weak and souls grow weary; the path of faith is not paved with comfort. The spirit journeys through it with its highs and lows, its moments of vigor and fatigue, and the ebb and flow of life's trials. Yet Allah, the Exalted, has granted us a door that never closes—a door we may approach whenever the way narrows and life becomes heavy. This door is the door of supplication (du'ā').

But is supplication meant only for times of hardship and distress?

Absolutely not. We call upon Him in ease as well as in difficulty, for du'ā' is the pure water that quenches the hearts of believers, the miraculous remedy that pours tranquility into the soul, and the key to serenity for those who know their way to Allah, the Most Glorious.

Supplication is not merely words uttered; it is the spirit of servitude, the mark of sincerity in turning to Allah. Through it, worries are released, tears are shed, and intentions are renewed, reminding the believer that they belong to Allah, and that all they endure or act upon is for His sake alone.

Allah says:

“And your Lord says, ‘Call upon Me; I will respond to you. Indeed, those who are too arrogant to serve Me will enter Hell in humiliation.’” [Ghafir: 60]

Reflecting on your lives before Islam, we see that the innate tendency to supplicate never left your hearts, even if it was misdirected. You would call upon those who neither hear nor see, who hold no power over you—sun, stars, idols, or nature—thinking they might grant relief or influence your affairs.

Yet deep within you, there was a hidden certainty, an inner sense that could not deceive itself: that there is one God who hears, sees, and controls all matters. Many of you, in moments of extreme distress or sorrow, have wept in private, raised your gaze to the heavens unknowingly, and silently whispered, “Ya Rabb—O Allah!”

At that time, you did not know Allah fully, yet your innate nature called out. Today, having come to know Allah, the One and Only, and realizing that He was the One listening in those moments, supplication becomes pure worship—a sincere connection with a gentle and merciful Lord.

Praise Allah for guiding you to know Whom you truly call upon. Remember Him in ease as you do in hardship, and let du'ā' be your companion in every moment and circumstance. Begin your day and end it with heartfelt conversation with Him; thank Him for the blessing of Islam and guidance, and renew your intention for Allah with every step, for intention is the measure by which deeds are weighed.

You may perform the same action day after day, yet a change in intention transforms it into worship, rather than mere routine. Allah says:

“Say, ‘Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allah, Lord of all the worlds.’” [Al-An‘ām: 162]

We ask Allah to grant you the sweetness of intimate supplication, purity of intention, steadfast hearts, and that every step on your path draws you nearer to Him and becomes a light for you in this world and the Hereafter.



Twelfth Message

The Journey of Jamie Brown

Jamie Brown is an American woman who grew up in a conservative Christian environment. Her life had long been devoted to spreading her beliefs and defending them. She lived for years believing she was on the right path, calling others to it and preaching it—until a faint, inner voice began to whisper: "Is this truly the way? Is this the truth that brings peace to the heart and fills it with light?"

That moment marked the beginning of her transformation. Jamie felt a void that nothing could fill and a perplexity that words she had memorized and repeated could not quench. As days passed, her mind questioned and her heart reflected, until she found herself seeking Islam—a religion she had known little about.

Her journey was not easy; it was a path of trials and challenges. She faced rejection from her family, astonishment from her community, and even an inner fear of losing everything she had known. Yet she sensed a hidden strength urging her onward, and a light ahead no matter how deep the surrounding darkness.

She read about Islam, reflected on the Qur'an, and learned about the Prophet ﷺ. In every verse, she discovered truths she had never known; in every hadith, a warmth she had never felt. Her heart became certain that this was the path. She testified that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad ﷺ is His Messenger, embracing faith in a moment of pure conviction, finally finding the tranquility she had long sought.

Today, Jamie Brown lives as a devoted Muslim. She calls others to Allah with wisdom and mercy, spreading the light of Islam in lands yet to know it. She no longer searches for truth, for it has become part of her being; yet she strives to guide others toward it, as she herself was guided.

Her story is not a fleeting tale, but a message to all walking the path of guidance: reaching Allah is never without effort; sincere doubt can be the first step toward certainty; and whoever seeks truth earnestly, Allah will guide them, even if the journey takes time.

So, you who read her words today, know that the difficulties you face on the path of Islam are not obstacles, but stages of elevation. Allah tests those He loves to strengthen their hearts and draw them nearer to Him. Allah says:

“And those who strive for Us—We will surely guide them in Our ways. Indeed, Allah is with the doers of good.” [Al-'Ankabūt: 69]

Be patient and steadfast as Jamie was, strive in your path as she strove, and know that Allah never abandons one who seeks His door, nor disappoints one who places hope in Him. He is the Guide to the straight path, and the light that never fades.



Thirteenth Message

The Light of Islam in African Villages

In remote villages across Africa, where the call “There is no god but Allah” had yet to reach, and where no mosque stood to gather the faithful, people struggled against poverty, deprivation, and ignorance. Yet the mercy of Allah encompassed them. Charitable initiatives—wells dug, schools built, doctors dispatched—reached these communities. The aim was not merely to provide what they lacked, but to serve as a bridge to introduce them to the path of truth, translating acts of giving into guidance and light.

In these villages, many had worshiped idols and nature, and some lived under the influence of priests, shamans, and sorcerers. Yet when they witnessed sincerity in the call to Islam, and felt the mercy manifest in acts of service, their hearts began to open. Some abandoned long-held false rituals and embraced the One True God, Allah. These moments remind us that Allah opens hearts to the light wherever He wills, and that guidance is measured not by location or status, but by sincerity and pure intention.

One of the most profound lessons from these stories is that guidance often comes through acts of righteousness and sincere assistance, even before hearts fully know Islam. Charity and benevolence, when performed purely for Allah, awaken the eyes of people to the truth and prepare them to embrace it even before hearing it in words.

Dear brothers and sisters, villages that had never known Islam, and hearts that dwelled in darkness, teach us a timeless lesson: dawah cannot be separated from action. Mercy and sincere help are often the keys to illumination. Those who plant good deeds with sincerity participate in lifting darkness from others and bear witness to Allah’s power in the hearts of every sincere servant.

So persevere in calling to Allah, demonstrate mercy and kindness wherever you go, and be a righteous example to those around you. By doing so, you may become a means to open hearts that have never been opened before—just as happened in these African villages, and in other remote communities where priests and shamans turned to the call of truth, and all came to know that Allah is the Truth, and that Islam is the path that enlightens hearts and unites them under one light.

Know that guidance is a gift from Allah that nothing can rival, and that whoever participates in these noble endeavors—through prayer, work, or education—contributes to righteousness on earth, spreads the word of truth, and earns a share in the reward of those guided, no matter how distant the lands or limited the means.



Fourteenth Message

Guidance Comes from Allah, Wherever You Are

The path to Allah does not always require a guide standing before you, nor a person to explain the truth face-to-face. Sometimes guidance emerges from the striving of the heart and mind together, from the soul opening to knowledge, and from the self seeking truth with sincerity. Allah, Exalted be He, arranges for His servants to assist you wherever you are and however you find yourselves.

Seek knowledge from reliable sources: the Holy Qur'an, the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ, authentic scholarly works, trusted da'wah websites, and the testimonies of sincere converts. These are keys to the light, even if no teacher is physically present. The testimony of faith need not be pronounced directly before someone; it can be expressed over the phone, online, or by any valid means, and Allah's guidance will reach your heart.

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds. He guides whom He wills, opens hearts, and strengthens those who seek Him with sincerity.



Fifteenth Message

Beacons of Light: Calling Others with Wisdom and Kindness

Allah, Exalted be He, says:

“Call to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good admonition, and debate with them by that which is better. Indeed, it is your Lord Who knows best those who stray from His way, and He knows best those who are guided.” [An-Nahl: 125]

Allah commanded His Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and those who follow him among the believers to invite others to His path with wisdom and gentle advice, to be beacons of goodness, and to serve as guides for creation.

Dear new Muslim brothers and sisters, Allah has honored you with a priceless blessing: the gift of Islam and guidance after long searching or being lost in the darkness of doubt. Be yourselves bridges of light that reach out to others.

Begin with those closest to you—your parents, siblings, friends, and neighbors. Speak to them with gentleness, smile with love, and demonstrate the meaning and beauty of Islam through your actions even before your words. A kind word is charity; a smile is an invitation; a sincere action can open a heart that was once closed.

You are not required to be scholars or experienced callers to Islam. Be sincere in your intentions, truthful in your message, and act with wisdom and gentleness. Guide those you love to the mosques, introduce them to knowledgeable callers to Islam, or gift them a trusted book or video. Even a single word or a page may awaken a heart that has been heedless.

If face-to-face guidance is not possible, use the internet to lead others to doors of guidance. Share links to trustworthy da‘wah channels. Many of your brothers and sisters are ready to welcome seekers, answer questions, and assist in understanding the truth—by Allah’s permission.

Remember, guidance is in the hand of Allah alone. Your role is to convey it kindly, and to pray that the hearts of those you love open to faith just as yours did. Today, you are not merely recipients of guidance; you are also its carriers and ambassadors.

Praise be to Allah who chose you to carry His light, and ask Him to strengthen you and make you a means of bringing others from the darkness of ignorance and loss into the light of Islam and certainty.



Sixteenth Message

Conveying the Message with Sincerity

Allah, Glorified and Exalted, says:

“But if they turn away, your duty is only to convey the Message; and Allah is All-Seer of His slaves.”

[Aal ‘Imran: 20]

Allah commands us to convey His message and call others to Him. If people respond, Allah guides whom He wills; if they do not, Allah is fully aware of His servants.

Many of you are new to Islam, and you may feel the weight of calling others or fear telling your family about your faith. But remember, calling to Allah is not measured by its size or loudness, but by its sincerity and truthfulness. Even if it appears small to people, it is immense in the sight of Allah.

Guidance is in Allah’s hand alone. Your role is only to convey the message, not to control the outcome. Allah says: “...if they turn away, your duty is only to convey the Message...” Even a gentle word, such as saying, “Allah loves you,” or demonstrating sincere and trustworthy conduct, is a message in the way of Allah.

Many new believers began with a single small step in calling others, and years later became Islamic callers spreading Islam across lands. You are the continuation of those who carried this light from Mecca to Medina, and from the East to the West.

Calling to Allah is not limited to a pulpit or a formal speech; it is a life lived among people with noble character, sincere conduct, and a heart full of love and mercy. Be examples through your actions before your words, for a truthful word does not only come from the tongue, but from a heart that has tasted the sweetness of faith.

Always remember: when Allah guided you, He did not intend the blessing for you alone. He wants you to be lights illuminating the paths of others and mercies walking on the earth, striving to spread goodness with gentleness and wisdom. Convey as much as you can, for a single sincere word from a devoted heart may guide many people by Allah’s will.

By Allah’s grace, today you are ambassadors of Islam in your land, and voices of truth in a world filled with falsehood. Proceed with determination, call with wisdom, and be among those of whom Allah said:

“And who is better in speech than one who calls to Allah, does righteousness, and says, ‘I am of the Muslims?’” [Fussilat: 33]



Seventeenth Message

Brotherhood in Islam

Allah, Exalted, says:

“But if they repent and establish the prayer and give the purifying charity, then they are your brethren in faith. And We detail the signs for people who know.” [At-Tawbah: 11]

This noble verse highlights the greatness and inclusiveness of Islam. It unites Allah’s mercy and justice with repentance, acceptance, and brotherhood—all in one phrase: “your brethren in faith.”

It teaches us that whoever turns away from misguidance, establishes prayer, and gives zakah is no longer a stranger or distant. Rather, they become a brother in faith, with rights and responsibilities, holding a high rank among the believers. Faith is the strongest bond between hearts, and brotherhood in Islam is built not on lineage or ancestry, but on faith and piety.

A new Muslim, regardless of background, origin, color, or nationality, at the moment of uttering the Shahādah becomes a brother or sister surrounded by love, respect, and support from the entire Muslim community. This is a new birth, an opening of the door to true belonging within our noble religion.

The phrase, “And We detail the signs for people who know,” reminds us that Allah leaves nothing unclear. He provides clarity to His servants so that believers may comprehend the wisdom of His law, strengthen the bonds of faith-based brotherhood, and stand firm upon the truth, united in obedience and worship of Allah.



Conclusion of the Letters

Allah, Exalted, says:

“And hold fast, all together, to the rope of Allah, and do not become divided. And remember Allah’s favor upon you: how you were enemies, then He brought your hearts together, so you became brethren by His favor; and you were on the edge of a pit of fire, and He saved you from it. Thus Allah makes His signs clear to you, that you may be guided.” [Al-‘Imran: 103]

All praise is due to Allah for the immense blessing He has granted us: that He has made you brothers and sisters in faith, united our hearts through His love and obedience, and illuminated our souls with the light of the Qur’an and Sunnah. Today, you are part of this great Ummah, bound together by faith, with hearts firmly rooted in truth, and each of you striving for good while relying on and trusting in Allah at every step.

We ask Allah to grant you success, keep you steadfast in His religion, fill your hearts with light, and make us and you among the sincere brothers and sisters in this world and the Hereafter. Ameen.



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