

The Six Kalimahs

made easy



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Foreword

In the name of Allah, the Very Merciful the All-Merciful

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all the worlds, and peace and blessings be upon His final Messenger, Muhammad (peace be upon him).

This resource has been created to help Muslims of all ages learn, understand and memorise the Six Kalimahs. These fundamental declarations of faith form the foundation of our belief.

Whether you are a child, teenager, adult or revert, this guide is designed to make learning easy and enjoyable.

May Allah accept this effort and make it beneficial for the entire Ummah. Ameen.

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Student Testimonial

"Learning the Six Kalimahs has given me a much clearer understanding of the core beliefs of Islam. The simple explanations made my faith easier to understand and strengthened my connection with Allah . I would highly recommend this presentation to anyone wanting to build a strong foundation in their faith."

- An-Nur Academy Student



Introduction

What is a Kalimah?

A Kalimah is a declaration or statement of faith in Islam.

Why do Muslims learn them?

The Six Kalimahs summarise the core beliefs of Islam. They remind us of Tawheed (the Oneness of Allah), Prophethood, and our purpose in life.

Why should we understand what we say?

When we understand the meaning behind our words, our faith becomes stronger. We connect with Allah on a deeper level.



IMAN MUJMAL



A Summary of Faith

آمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ بِأَسْمَائِهِ وَصِفَاتِهِ، وَقَبِلْتُ جَمِيعَ أَحْكَامِهِ، إِقْرَارًا
بِاللِّسَانِ وَتَصْدِيقًا بِالْقَلْبِ

Amantu billahi kama huwa bi asma'ih wa sifatihi, wa qabiltu jami'a ahkamihi, iqraran bil lisani wa tasdiqan bil qalb.

“I believe in Allah as He is, with all His Names and Attributes. I accept all of His commands, declaring this with my tongue and believing it in my heart.”

Iman Mujmal is a summary of a Muslim's belief. It reminds us that we believe in Allah exactly as He has described Himself through His Beautiful Names and Perfect Attributes. A Muslim accepts everything that Allah has commanded because He is All-Knowing and Most Wise. True faith is not just something we say with our tongues; it must also be firmly believed in our hearts and shown through our actions. The stronger our faith becomes, the more we strive to obey Allah and live according to His guidance.

IMAN MUFASSAL



The Detailed Declaration of Faith

آمَنْتُ بِاللّٰهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْقَدَرِ خَيْرِهِ وَشَرِّهِ مِنَ
اللّٰهِ تَعَالَى وَالْبَعْثِ بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ

**Amantu billahi wa mala'ikatihi wa kutubihi wa rusulihi wal yawmil akhiri wal qadari khairihi wa sharrihi
minallahi ta'ala wal ba'thi ba'dal mawt.**

**“I believe in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, the Last Day, that all good and bad happens by the
decree of Allah, and in resurrection after death.”**

**Iman Mufassal explains the six essential beliefs that every Muslim must have. These are belief in Allah, His
angels, His revealed books, His messengers, the Last Day, and Divine Decree (Qadr). These beliefs form the
foundation of Islam and help us understand why we worship Allah and prepare for the Hereafter. Knowing and
believing these articles of faith strengthens our relationship with Allah and gives us confidence that
everything happens according to Allah's perfect wisdom.**

KALIMAH TAYYIBAH

The Pure Statement



لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

La ilaha illallahu Muhammadur Rasulullah

“There is no one worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.”

Kalimah Tayyibah is the foundation of Islam and the first words a person says when embracing the religion. It teaches us that only Allah deserves to be worshipped and that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is His final Messenger. This declaration is more than just words—it is a promise to worship Allah alone, follow His guidance and live according to the teachings brought by the Prophet ﷺ. Every Muslim should understand its meaning and strive to live by it every day.

KALIMAH SHAHADAH



The Testimony of Faith

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ

Ashhadu an la ilaha illallahu wahdahu la sharika lah, wa ashhadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluh.

“I bear witness that there is no one worthy of worship except Allah alone, who has no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger.”

Kalimah Shahadah is the testimony of faith. By saying it sincerely, a Muslim openly declares their belief that Allah is One without any partners and that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is His servant and final Messenger. This testimony should not only be spoken but also believed in the heart and reflected in our actions. It reminds us that our worship, obedience and way of life should always be centred around pleasing Allah.

KALIMAH TAMJID



Words of Glorification

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

Subhanallahi walhamdu lillahi wa la ilaha illallahu wallahu akbar. Wa la hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil Aliyyil Azim.

“Glory be to Allah. All praise belongs to Allah. There is no one worthy of worship except Allah. Allah is the Greatest. There is no power or strength except through Allah, the Most High, the Most Great.”

Kalimah Tamjid is a beautiful form of dhikr that glorifies, praises and magnifies Allah. It reminds us that Allah is perfect, deserving of all praise, greater than everything and that all strength and ability come only from Him. Regularly reciting these words helps us remember Allah throughout the day, increases gratitude for His blessings and strengthens our reliance upon Him during both easy and difficult times.

KALIMAH TAWHID

Declaration of Allah's Oneness



لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ أَبَدًا أَبَدًا ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

La ilaha illallahu wahdahu la shareeka lah. Lahul mulku wa la hul hamdu. Yuhyee wa yumeetu wa huwa hayyun la yamootu abadan abada. Dhul jalaali wal ikraam. Biyadihil khair. Wa huwa ala kulli shayin qadeer.

“There is no one worthy of worship except Allah alone. He has no partner. To Him belongs all dominion, and to Him belongs all praise. He gives life and causes death. He is Ever-Living and will never die, ever. He is the Owner of Majesty and Honour. In His Hand is all good, and He has power over everything.”

Kalimah Tawhid teaches us about the absolute Oneness and greatness of Allah. It reminds us that Allah alone owns the entire universe, gives life, causes death and has complete power over everything. He is Ever-Living and will never die. Everything we have is from Allah and nothing can happen without His permission. This Kalimah strengthens our trust in Allah and encourages us to rely upon Him in every situation.

KALIMAH ISTIGHFAR

Seeking Forgiveness



أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ أَذْنَبْتُهُ عَمْدًا أَوْ خَطَأً، سِرًّا أَوْ عَلَانِيَةً، وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنَ
الذَّنْبِ الَّذِي أَعْلَمُ وَمِنَ الذَّنْبِ الَّذِي لَا أَعْلَمُ، إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ وَسَتَّارُ الْعُيُوبِ
وَعَفَّارُ الذُّنُوبِ، وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

Astaghfirullah rabbi min kulli dhanbin adhnabtuhu amdan aw khata'an, sirran aw alaniyatan, wa atubu ilayhi min adh dhanbilladhi a'lamu wa min adh dhanbilladhi la a'lam. Innaka anta Allamul ghuyub wa Sattarul uyub wa Ghaffarudh dhunub. Wa la hawla wa la quwwata illa billahil Aliyyil Azim.

"I ask Allah, my Lord, to forgive every sin I have committed, whether intentionally or by mistake, secretly or openly. I turn to Him in repentance for the sins I know and those I do not know. You are the Knower of the unseen, the Concealer of faults and the Forgiver of sins. There is no power or strength except through Allah, the Most High, the Most Great."

Kalimah Istighfar teaches us the importance of seeking Allah's forgiveness. Every person makes mistakes, whether intentionally or unintentionally, but Allah is Most Merciful and loves those who sincerely repent. This Kalimah reminds us to ask forgiveness for both the sins we know about and those we may not realise we have committed. True repentance includes feeling regret, asking Allah for forgiveness and making a sincere effort not to repeat the sin.

KALIMAH RADD AL-KUFR



Rejecting Disbelief

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ أَنْ أُشْرِكَ بِكَ شَيْئًا وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ بِهِ، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا أَعْلَمُ بِهِ، تُبْتُ عَنْهُ وَتَبَرَّأْتُ مِنَ الْكُفْرِ وَالشِّرْكِ وَالْكَذِبِ وَالْغَيْبَةِ وَالْبِدْعَةِ وَالنَّمِيمَةِ وَالْفَوَاحِشِ وَالْبُهْتَانِ وَالْمَعَاصِي كُلِّهَا، وَأَسْلَمْتُ وَأَقُولُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

Allahumma inni a'udhu bika min an ushrika bika shay'an wa ana a'lamu bih, wa astaghfiruka lima la a'lamu bih.

Tubtu anhu wa tabarra'tu minal kufri wash shirki wal kadhibi wal ghibati wal bid'ati wan namimati wal fawahishi wal buhtani wal ma'asi kulliha. Wa aslamtu wa aqulu la ilaha illallahu Muhammadur Rasulullah.

“O Allah, I seek Your protection from knowingly associating anything with You, and I ask Your forgiveness for what I do unknowingly. I repent from it and reject disbelief, associating partners with You, lying, backbiting, religious innovations, tale-bearing, indecency, slander and every sin. I submit to You and declare that there is no one worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.”

Kalimah Radd al Kufr is a powerful supplication in which we ask Allah to protect our faith and forgive us for any form of disbelief or shirk, whether committed knowingly or unknowingly. We also seek Allah's help in staying away from sins such as lying, backbiting, slander and other forms of disobedience. This Kalimah reminds us to constantly renew our faith, improve our character and ask Allah to keep us firm upon Islam until the end of our lives.

Hold Firm to Your Faith

The Kalimahs and the declarations of Iman are more than words to be memorised; they are the foundation of a Muslim's belief and a reminder of our relationship with Allah سبحانه وتعالى. They teach us who our Creator is, what we believe, and how we should live our lives with sincerity, gratitude and trust in Him.

The purpose of this guide is to help learners understand the meanings behind these powerful declarations, not simply recite them. While every effort has been made to present the material in a clear and accessible way, true understanding comes through sincere practice, reflection and learning under the guidance of qualified teachers.

We ask Allah سبحانه وتعالى to accept this humble effort, forgive its shortcomings, and make it a source of guidance and benefit for everyone who reads it, teaches it, shares it or supports it. Please remember the author, reviewers, teachers, students and their families in your du'as.

May Allah سبحانه وتعالى strengthen our Iman, keep us firm upon Tawhid, bless us with sincere worship, protect us from misguidance, and allow us to meet Him with sound faith.
Ameen.

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