

# *The Remembrance of Allah*

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1. By Your Remembrance, O Lord, my certitude in You has increased  
And by nearness to You I have become firm.

2. I supplicate to You amidst the darkness of nights, imploring  
And I hear within myself the answer: Amen.

3. You have tied my tongue and allowed to speak only Your praise;  
So, it does not make any clear statement forever but about You.

4. Your love has captivated my heart  
Thus, wherever I head, I find myself a captive in its courts.

5. So, here is my heart that I gave only to You.  
No one dwells in it but You.

6. I am passionately in love with the Names of Allah  
And my fascination for Them is increasing immensely over time.

7. When I choose one of His Names and maintain repeating it,  
I become a prisoner of its love for years!

8. So that when I move to a different Name,  
I find my yearning for the first ever increasing over time.

9. Every one of His Names generates its own light and joy  
And each Name has a secret by which our Gracious Master protects us.

10. They are like a garden of flowers in which  
Their meanings are growing into various countless beautiful branches.

11. By the Names of Allah we have come to know some of His attributes.  
By them we have been lead to witness of the Truth.

12. Take hold of His Names if you are ever in a state of fear,  
For you shall find them a refuge and a secure fortress for safety.

13. Take hold of His Names whenever you are in a state of poverty,  
For you shall find by them an ocean of wealth and a spring that never dries up.
14. And call upon Allah by His Names when you are in a state of illness,  
For you shall find them to be a precious cure for the diseases of the heart.
15. Take hold of the Remembrance of Allah for as long as you live;  
You shall find pleasure in its company whenever you feel depressed.
16. You shall find it to be a light that illuminates the grave when you enter it  
And you shall find it to be a treasure buried in the Garden of Eden.
17. Take hold of the Remembrance of Allah at every hour,  
For it shall aid you in times of hardship.
18. And if you see torrential waves of calamities flooding, seek refuge in Dhikr!  
For you shall find in its sanctuary the ship of salvation.
19. And purify by the Remembrance of Allah the filth of heedlessness,  
The darkness of sins and the doubts that have afflicted you.
20. For the best of one's work is nothing other than the Remembrance  
Of his Master, which He stores for him as a treasure to the time when he needs it.
21. Whoever blindly turns away from the Remembrance of the Lord  
Shaytān shall wreck him. Indeed Shaytān is an evil comrade!
22. Whoever forgets the Dhikr of Allah, his Lord shall not have mercy on him  
Even if he lives in this world for hundreds of years.
23. And Allah Almighty The Majestic shall shun him  
And he shall disgracefully fall into oblivion.
24. Whoever is unfriendly to the Dhikr of Allah, his heart hardens  
And his acts of worship become scarce.
25. So revive your heart by the Remembrance of Allah!  
And become refreshed. For truly by Dhikr only we live and enjoy living!
26. And enlighten with it your heart that is about to be torn  
By the sins that are hidden deep in its folds.
27. Dhikr in reality is an act of the heart,  
Our utterances are meant to wake up our hearts so they become soft.

28. So maintain the Remembrance of The Protector in the early mornings  
And embellish with it your eyes before sleep.
29. And sustain it until you reap its fruits:  
A tongue that is moist and fresh.
30. Dhikr is pure gold and pearls;  
By its jewels we become beautified for the rest of our lives.
31. By it we seek protection against every enemy and envier.  
By it we are sheltered from life's severe turbulences.
32. By it we hope for safety on the Day of Reckoning.  
By it we are sufficed from every worry that might occur after death.
33. By it we turn to Allah seeking  
His pleasure, and by it, we receive a flood of His gifts!
34. By it our hearts will plunge in oceans of light.  
By it we will quench our thirst from the drink of the gnostics.
35. By it our souls will travel in the sublime world that is beyond  
Our senses, to pick up the best pieces of knowledge.
36. By it we enter the unseen world to witness  
Its captivating wonders which would leave us astonished.
37. Glad tidings to those whose hearts have fallen in love with Dhikr!  
For they are well guarded by The Most Sublime ever to be remembered.
38. If you make mention of the Most Merciful, He shall make mention of you.  
Blessings be upon him who embraces Dhikr!
39. The sessions of Remembrance are the Gardens of Eternal Paradise.  
How beautiful it is to have those gardens as our home!
40. How beautiful it is to be lovingly absent in His Remembrance!  
And to increase, in its course, in bewilderedness and madness!