



بِشَاءِ الْخَيْرِ وَبِأَوْعِ الْمَسْرَاتِ
فِي الصَّلَاةِ عَلَى صَاحِبِ الْمُعْجَزَاتِ ﷺ

GLAD TIDINGS

*of GOOD THINGS & the ARRIVAL of DELIGHTS
by BENEDICTIONS upon the OWNER of MIRACLES ﷺ*



*A superlative set of thirty prayers upon the Prophet ﷺ intertwined
with almost seventy verses of the Qur'an that gives hope &
encouragement to twenty-seven types of Muslims*

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Allah sanctify his secret & perfume his noble abode




إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَقَلَيْكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ وَسَامِعُوا تَسْلِيمًا

In reality, Allah and His very angels ever bless
‣ extol the Prophet with ardent affectionate
affiliation. O believer 'within whom We have
fortuned with certainty', nurture that fervent
intimate affiliation through blessing ‣
extolling him 'profusely', and yield 'to him
heartily' in utter self-surrender, praying your
utmost he be shown all pure secure peace.



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Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam wherein the above verse of
the Qur'an was revealed to the Holy Prophet ﷺ.*



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INTRODUCTION¹

In the name of Allah,
the Universally Merciful, the Singularly Compassionate

PRAISE BE TO ALLAH, who has graciously endowed us with faith. Blessing and peace be upon the master of the realms of being, and upon his family and his companions, at every moment and at all times. It is related of the Shaikh of the Community, the Imam of the Imams, the chieftain of the nobles, the Cardinal Pole of the Cardinal Poles, the Supreme Helper and the most generous protector, my master, ‘Abd al-Qadir al-Jilani رحمته الله that he said to one of his brethren in Allah (Exalted is He):

Accept these invocations of blessing [*salawat*] from me, for I received them by way of inspi-ration [*ilham*] from Allah (Exalted is He), then I presented them to the Prophet ﷺ. I intended to ask him about their special merit, but he answered me before I asked him, and he said to me:

They have a special merit that is something too tremendous to be calculated. They raise those who adopt them to the highest degrees, and cause them to reach the farthest goals. If someone seeks to achieve some purpose by them, he will not be turned away disappointed. His idea will not be frustrated, and his supplication will not be rejected. If someone recites them, even one time only, or carries them with him,

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Allah will grant forgiveness to him and to those who are with him in his company.

When his final moment is at hand, four of the angels of mercy will be present beside him. The first will keep Satan away from him. The second will inspire him to utter the profession of faith [*kalimat ash-shahada*]. The third will quench his thirst with a cup from the River of Abundance [*al-Kawthar*]. The fourth will hold in his hand a vessel of gold, filled with the fruits of the Garden of Paradise, giving him the glad tidings of a dwelling in the Garden, and saying to him: *Be of good cheer, O servant of Allah!* So he will look at Him and see Him with his eye, before his spirit departs.

He will enter his grave with a feeling of security, happy and cheerful, and he will experience no loneliness and no confinement therein. Forty doorways of mercy will be opened for him, and the like thereof of light. When he is raised up on the Day of Resurrection, an angel will bring him good news from his right, and an angel will reassure him from his left. He will be dressed in two fine garments, and a well-bred steed will be guided to him for him to ride. He will suffer no distress and no remorse, and he will be subjected to an easy reckoning. When he passes across the Bridge of Hell, the Fire will say to him: *Make a quick escape, O emancipated slave of Allah! I am forbidden to touch you.*

He will enter the Garden of Paradise in the company of the righteous forebears, and in the Garden he will be given forty domes of white silver. Each dome will contain a palace of gold, and in each palace there will be one hundred pavilions made of light. In each pavilion there will be a raised couch made of silk brocade, and upon each raised couch there will be a maiden, one of the houries with those lovely eyes. Her body will consist of the most fragrant perfume, as if it were the full moon of the night of his consummation.

Then he will be given that which no eye has ever seen, of which no ear has ever heard, and which has never occurred to the heart of a human being.

According to the traditional report [*khobar*], on the night when the Prophet ﷺ was transported to his Lord (Almighty and Glorious is He), the Almighty One (Glorious and Exalted is He) said:

To whom does the earth belong, O Muhammad? He replied: To You, O my Lord, so He said to him: To whom do the heavens belong, O Muhammad? Again he replied: To You, O my Lord, so He said to him: To whom do the veils belong? Again he replied: To You, O my Lord, so He said to him: To whom does the Pedestal [*Kursi*] belong, O Muhammad? Again he replied: To You, O my Lord, so He said to him: To whom do you belong, O Muhammad? At this point, the Prophet ﷺ bowed down in prostration, and the sense of shame prevented him from saying anything. The Almighty One (Glorious and Exalted is He) then said: **You belong to him who invokes blessing upon you, and who does so with profound respect and reverence.**

My master, Shaikh Abd al-Qadir al-Jilani, then went on to say:

This invocation of blessing is the one that befits this Prophetic tradition [hadith]. It is the opening of seventy doors of mercy, and it manifests marvels from the path of the Garden of Paradise. It is better than someone who emancipates a thousand souls, and immolates a thousand sacrificial beasts, and donates a thousand dinars [gold coins] to charitable causes, and fasts for a thousand months. It contains a hidden secret, and it is the means by which provisions are easy to obtain, characters are refined, needs are satisfied,

degrees are exalted, sins are erased, faults are pardoned, and the lowly are dignified.

My master, the firm support of the religion, also said:

This invocation of blessing is given to no one but the perfect righteous man, for it is perfect in its qualities, endowed with gracious favor. If some problem troubles its owner, every invocation of it will be a means of access for him in the presence of the noble Prophet, and every Quranic verse in it will be an intercession in the presence of the Almighty Patron. It is the invocation of blessing of those who perform the ritual prayer, the Quranic recitation of those who practice remembrance, the admonition of those who heed advice, and the means of access of those who seek access. It is the invocation of blessing of the glorious Quran, and I have called it: **Glad Tidings of Good Things.**

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O Allah, I intend by my invocation of *ṣalawāt* upon the Prophet ﷺ to conform with Your command and to honour Your Prophet, our liegeland Muhammad ﷺ. So accept this from me, by Your Kindness and Your Favour; remove the veil of heedlessness from my heart; and make me from amongst Your righteous servants.





GLAD TIDINGS *of* GOOD THINGS
& *the* ARRIVAL *of* DELIGHTS

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah,
the Universally Merciful, the Singularly Compassionate

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

All praise is Allah's, Lord of all Worlds of Beings'.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾ ﴿٢٢٢﴾ ﴿وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُضِيعُ أَجْرَ
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾ ﴿١٧١﴾ ①

1. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to the **believers** [mu'minin]—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«And give glad tidings to believers»*^{2:223} *«and that Allah wastes not the wage of the believers»*^{3:171}.²

² The translation of the Qur'anic verses presented here are from Sheikh Nuh Ha Mim Keller's *The Quran Beheld*. Visit: www.quranbeheld.com.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلذَّاكِرِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿فَاذْكُرُونِي أَذْكَرُكُمْ﴾ ﴿١٥٢﴾ ﴿أذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا
كَثِيرًا﴾ ﴿٤١﴾ وَسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا ﴿٤٢﴾ هُوَ الَّذِي
يُصَلِّي عَلَيْكُمْ وَمَلَائِكَتُهُ لِيُخْرِجَكُمْ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ
إِلَى النُّورِ وَكَانَ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَحِيمًا ﴿٤٣﴾ تَحِيَّتُهُمْ يَوْمَ
يَلْقَوْنَهُ سَلَامٌ ۗ أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَرِيمًا ﴿٤٤﴾ ﴿١﴾

2. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegeland Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who remember** [dhakirin]—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«So remember Me: I shall remember you»*^{2:152} *«[Instead of idle words] remember Allah much without cease; and magnify His incomparable glory at morningtide and the wane of day: it is He who blesses you, and His angels, to bring you forth from the depths of darkness into perfect light; and verily He was ever all-compassionate to believers. They shall be greeted the day they meet Him with 'Utter pure secure peace!」*^{33:41-44}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْعَمَلِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿أَنِّي لَا أُضِيعُ عَمَلَ عَامِلٍ مِّنْكُمْ مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ
أُنْثَىٰ﴾ ﴿١٩٥﴾ ﴿وَمَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ
وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَأُولَٰئِكَ يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ يُرْزَقُونَ فِيهَا
بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ﴾ ﴿٢٠﴾

3. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who labour** [*amilin*]*—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: «Verily, I waste not the work of any worker of you, man or woman»*^{3:195} *«And whoso works a single righteous deed, whether man or woman, while a believer, those shall enter paradise, given unfailing provision therein without reckoning»*^{40:40}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ لِلْأَوَابِينَ بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :
﴿فَإِنَّكَ كَانَ لِلْأَوَابِينَ غَفُورًا ﴿٢٥﴾﴾ ﴿لَهُمْ قَائِمًا وَنَ
عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ذَلِكَ جِزَاءُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾﴾ ﴿٣٠﴾

4. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who turn back [to their Lord] [awwabin]**—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *﴿verily He is all-forgiving to those who ever turn to Him in repentance﴾*^{17:25} *﴿They shall have whatever they wish with their Lord: that is the full desert of those who excel in good﴾*^{39:34}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ لِلتَّوَابِينَ بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ:

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ التَّوَابِينَ وَيُحِبُّ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ﴾^{٢٢٢}
﴿وَهُوَ الَّذِي يَقْبَلُ التَّوْبَةَ عَنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَعْفُو عَنِ

السَّيِّئَاتِ﴾^{٢٥}

5. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who repent** [*tawwabin*]²²²—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«verily Allah loves the oft-repentant, and loves those who remain pure from any reproach»*^{2:222} *«And it is He who accepts repentance of His servants, and pardons ill deeds»*^{42:25}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُخْلِصِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا
وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا﴾ ﴿١١٠﴾ ﴿مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ﴾

الدِّينِ ﴿٢٩﴾ ﴿٦﴾

6. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who are sincere** [*mukhlisin*]*—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: «So whoever expects to meet his Lord, let him work righteous deeds, and not mix with the worship of his Lord anyone»*^{18:110} *«making your religion sincerely His»*^{7:29}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُصَلِّينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ:
﴿وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ﴾ ﴿٤٥﴾ ﴿أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ
وَأَنْهَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأَصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا أَصَابَكَ إِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ
مِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ﴾ ﴿٧٧﴾ ﴿٤٥﴾

7. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who perform the ritual prayer [musallin]**—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: ﴿And keep well the prayer: truly the prayer forbids indecency and wrong﴾^{29:45} ﴿keep well the prayer, and bid the right and forbid the wrong and bear with aught that may befall you: verily that is of the most crucial resolves﴾^{31:17}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
 الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْخَشِيعِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ:
 ﴿وَاسْتَعِينُوا بِصَبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَأِنَّهَا لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا
 عَلَى الْخَشِيعِينَ﴾ ٤٥ الَّذِينَ يُظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ مُلْقَوْنَ رَبَّهُمْ
 وَأَنَّهُمْ إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾ ﴿الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ
 قِيَمًا وَقَعُودًا وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِهِمْ وَيَتَفَكَّرُونَ فِي خَلْقِ
 السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضِ رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَاطِلًا
 سُبْحٰنَكَ فَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ﴾ ١٩١

8. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to the **humble-minded** [*khashi'in*—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«And seek help through fortitude and the prayer: verily it is a weighty burden, except for those meek in humble devotion; who well judge they are to meet their Lord, and to Him they shall return»*^{2:45-46} *«Those who make remembrance of Allah standing and sitting and on their sides at rest, and who reflect on the creation of the heavens and earth: ‘Our Lord, You have not created all this in vain; You are far above that! So keep from us the chastisement of the fire»*^{3:191}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ لِلصَّابِرِينَ بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿ إِنَّمَا يُوفَى الصَّابِرُونَ أَجْرَهُمْ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ﴿١٨﴾ ﴾
﴿ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ هَدَاهُمُ اللَّهُ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمْ أُوْلُوا
الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿١٨﴾ ﴾

9. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyer—to **those who endure with patience** [*sabirin*]
—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«The dauntless in patience with adversity shall but be requited their full wage without reckoning»*^{39:10} *«Those are whom Allah has truly guided, and possessed of insight and mind»*^{39:18}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْخَائِفِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ:
﴿وَلَمَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ جَنَّاتٍ ﴿٤٦﴾﴾ وَأَقَامَنَّ
خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ وَنَهَى النَّفْسَ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ ﴿٤٠﴾ فَإِنَّ
الْجَنَّةَ هِيَ الْمَأْوَىٰ ﴿٤١﴾ ﴿٤٠﴾

10. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to the **fearful** [*kha'ifin*—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«And whoever fears standing in judgement before his Lord shall have two lush groves of paradise beyond beauty itself»*^{55:46} *«And as for him who feared to stand in judgement before his Lord, and forbade his self its willful folly; verily the lush grove of paradise shall be the refuge»*^{79:40-41}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُتَّقِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿وَرَحْمَتِي وَسِعَتْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَسَأَكْتُبُهَا لِلَّذِينَ
يَتَّقُونَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِآيَاتِنَا يُؤْمِنُونَ
﴿١٥٦﴾ الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الرَّسُولَ النَّبِيَّ الْأُمِّيَّ ﴿١٥٧﴾
﴿لَهُمْ جَزَاءُ الضَّعْفِ بِمَا عَمِلُوا وَهُمْ فِي الْعُرْفِ
أَمْنُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾﴾ ۞

11. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our lieglord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who are truly devout** [muttaqin]—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: ﴿My mercy encompasses everything. I shall invariably inscribe it for those who are ever-godfearing and give the due alms and who in all of Our signs firmly believe: those who shall faithfully follow the Messenger, the ummi prophet﴾^{7:156-157} ﴿They shall be requited whole times over for what they worked, in supreme noble homes on high, entirely secure﴾^{34:37}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُخْبِتِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ:

﴿وَبَشِّرِ **الْمُخْبِتِينَ** ﴿٣٤﴾ الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ
وَجَلَّتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ ﴿٣٥﴾﴾ وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْتُونَ مَا آتَوْا
وَقُلُوبُهُمْ وَجَلَتْ أَعْيُنُهُمْ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ
يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَهُمْ لَهَا سَابِقُونَ ﴿٦١﴾ ﴿١٧﴾

12. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who are humble** [mukhbitin]—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«And give glad tidings to the humble in serene devotion: those who when Allah is mentioned their hearts quake with fear»*^{22:34-35} *«And those who always give what they may with hearts aquake with fear that to their Lord do they return: those race ahead in good deeds and divine favour, outstripping all others to both»*³^{23:60-61}.

³ Verse 23:61 has been added as it is found in some manuscripts.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلصَّابِرِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٥﴾ الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ
مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ﴿١٥٦﴾ أُولَئِكَ
عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِّنْ رَبِّهِمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ
الْمُهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٥٧﴾﴾ ﴿إِنِّي جَزَيْتُهُمُ الْيَوْمَ بِمَا صَبَرُوا
﴿١٣﴾﴾ أَلَهُمْ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ ﴿١١١﴾﴾ ﴿١٣﴾﴾

13. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who endure with patience** [*sabirin*]*—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: ﴿And give great glad tidings to the patient: those who say when any calamity strikes them, ‘Verily we are Allah’s, and to Him are we bound to return.’ Those, on them shall be endless tender blessings from their Lord in light and help, and mighty mercy, and those are the guided﴾*^{2:155-157} ﴿‘Verily have I requited them this day for their patience that they are triumphant forever’﴾

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اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْكَظِيمِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ:
﴿وَالْكَظِيمِينَ الْغَيْظَ وَالْعَافِينَ عَنِ النَّاسِ وَاللَّهُ
يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ﴾ ﴿١٣٤﴾ ﴿فَمَنْ عَفَا وَأَصْلَحَ فَأَجْرُهُ
عَلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الظَّالِمِينَ﴾ ﴿٤٠﴾ ﴿١٣﴾

14. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyer—to **those who restrain their wrath** [kazimin]—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: ﴿[Those] who constrain their rage, and who wholly pardon other people; And Allah loves those who ever excel in good﴾^{3:134} ﴿So whoever pardons and makes up with ill-doers, his wage falls bounden on Allah: verily He loves not those who wrong others﴾^{42:40}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُحْسِنِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :
﴿وَأَحْسِنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ﴾ ﴿١٩٥﴾ ﴿مَنْ
جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ
فَلَا يُجْزَى إِلَّا أَمْثَلَهَا وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ﴾ ﴿١٦٠﴾ ﴿١٥﴾

15. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyer—to **those who are active in goodness** [*muhsinin*]^{2:195}—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *﴿And surpass in doing good; verily Allah loves those who excel in good﴾* *﴿Whoever brings a good deed shall have ten the like of it; and whoever brings an ill deed shall be requited but with its like, and they shall not be wronged﴾*^{6:160}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُتَصَدِّقِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿وَأَنْ تَصَدَّقُوا خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ﴾

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَجْزِي الْمُتَصَدِّقِينَ﴾

16. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who make charitable gifts** [*mutasaddiqin*]**—of what Allah the Magnificent has said:** ﴿to forgive the debt in charity is better for you, if any of you but knew﴾^{2:280} **﴿Verily Allah magnificently repays the charitable﴾**^{12:88}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُنْفِقِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ:

﴿وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ

شَيْءٍ فَهُوَ يُخْلِفُهُ﴾^{٣٩}

17. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who expend virtuously** [*munfiqin*]*—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: «And who expend of what We have provided them»^{22:35} «And the slightest bit of anything you expend, He bestows more in its stead»^{34:39}.*

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ لِلشَّكِرِينَ بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿وَاشْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ ﴿١١٤﴾﴾

﴿لَئِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِنْ كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ

عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ ﴿١٨﴾﴾

18. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who are thankful** [*shakirin*]*—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: «And be grateful for the blessing of Allah, if it be Him you truly worship»*^{16:114} *«If you show thanks, I swear to increase you: and if you prove ingrates, verily my chastisement is unsparingly dire»*^{14:7}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلسَّئِلِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ:

﴿فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ ﴿١٨٦﴾﴾

﴿أُدْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ ﴿٦٠﴾﴾

19. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who ask** [sa'ilin]—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«truly I am near; I answer the prayer of the suppliant when he calls on Me»*^{2:186} *«Call on Me and I will answer you»*^{40:60}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ لِلصَّالِحِينَ بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿أَنَّ الْأَرْضَ يَرِثُهَا عِبَادِيَ الصَّالِحُونَ ﴿١٠٥﴾﴾
﴿أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْوَارِثُونَ ﴿١٠﴾ الَّذِينَ يَرْتُونَ الْفِرْدَوْسَ
هُمُ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿١١﴾﴾ ﴿٢٠﴾

20. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to the **righteous** [*salihin*]*—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: «Verily My righteous servants shall inherit the entire earth»^{21:105} «Those are the heirs who shall inherit the highest Paradise, in it to abide»^{23:10-11}.*

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
 الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُحْسِنِينَ** * بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :
 ﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَقَلَيْكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ
 آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا﴾ ﴿٥٦﴾ ﴿يُؤْتِكُمْ
 كِفْلَيْنِ مِنْ رَحْمَتِهِ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ نُورًا تَمْشُونَ بِهِ
 وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ﴾ ﴿٢٨﴾ ﴿٢١﴾

21. O Allah, whom in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who are active in goodness** [muhsinin]⁴—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«Truly Allah and His very angels ever bless the Prophet with mercy and grace: O you who believe, invoke blessings upon him, and pray your utmost he be shown all pure secure peace»*^{33:56} *«He will give you two wages, great protective saddle-bands of His mercy so mightily redoubled that they keep you ever thence from falling into perdition, and He will make for you an incomparable light to walk by, and forgive you; and Allah is all-forgiving, all-compassionate»*^{57:28}.

⁴ In some manuscripts, this is *musallin* which, in this context, can be translated as ‘those who invoke prayers upon the Prophet ﷺ’.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُبَشِّرِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿وَبَشِّرِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ ﴿٧٥﴾﴾

﴿لَهُمُ الْبُشْرَىٰ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ لَا

تَبْدِيلَ لِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٦٤﴾ ﴿١٧﴾

22. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to the **recipients of glad tidings** [mubashshirin]—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«And give bounteous glad tidings to those who believe and do righteous works»*^{2:25} *«Theirs is the great joyous tiding in this life and the next; there is no changing the words of Allah: that is the mighty undying triumph»*^{10:64}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ لِلْفَائِزِينَ بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿ وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ﴾ ﴿٧١﴾

23. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to the **triumphantly victorious** [fa'izin]—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«And whoso obeys Allah and His messenger has won a mighty undying triumph»*^{33:71}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ لِلزَّاهِدِينَ بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ:
﴿الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْبَقِيَّةُ
الصَّالِحَةُ خَيْرٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ أَقْلًا﴾^{٢٣}

24. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegeland Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to the **pious abstainers** [zahidin]—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«Wealth and sons are but the fleeting finery of the paltry life of this world; and immortal deeds of righteousness are better with your Lord in reward and better to hope in»*^{18:46}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ لِلْأُمِّيِّينَ بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :
﴿كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَاهِرُونَ
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ﴾^{١١٠}

25. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to the **unlettered ones** [ummiyyin]—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«You have proved the finest nation of faith ever brought forth to mankind: you bid the right and forbid the wrong»*^{3:110}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُصْطَفِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ:
﴿ثُمَّ أَوْرَثْنَا الْكِتَابَ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَيْنَا مِنْ عِبَادِنَا
فِيهِمْ ظَالِمٌ لِنَفْسِهِ وَمِنْهُمْ مُقْتَصِدٌ وَمِنْهُمْ
سَابِقٌ بِالْخَيْرَاتِ بإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَضْلُ
الْكَبِيرُ﴾

26. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to the **chosen ones** [mustafin]—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«Then finally and greatest, have We bequeathed the Book to those We have chosen of Our believing servants: so of them is he who wrongs his very self; and of them is he who does some good; and of them is he who surpasses all in the highest of works by Allah's leave: that is the supreme favour»*^{35:32}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُذْنِبِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿قُلْ يِعْبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا
تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ﴾

27. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyer—to the **sinners** [*mudhnbibin*—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *‘Say, ‘O My servants who have committed excesses against their very selves, despair not of the mercy of Allah: verily Allah forgives all sins soever: truly He is the All-forgiving, the All-compassionate’*^{39:53}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ** بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ:
﴿وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ سُوءًا أَوْ يَظِلْمْ نَفْسًا ثُمَّ يَسْتَغْفِرِ

اللَّهُ يَجِدِ اللَّهَ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا﴾^{٧٨}

28. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those who seek forgiveness** [*mustaghfrin*]*—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: «Whoever commits an ill deed or wrongs himself, then even at length asks forgiveness of Allah while there is still time, shall find Allah all-forgiving, all-compassionate»*^{4:110}.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
 الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُقَرَّبِينَ** * بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :
 ﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ سَبَقَتْ لَهُمْ مِنَّا الْحُسْنَىٰ أُولَٰئِكَ عَنْهَا
 مُبْعَدُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ حَسِيسَهَا وَهُمْ فِي مَا
 اشْتَهَتْ أَنفُسُهُمْ خَالِدُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾ لَا يَحْزَنُهُمُ الْفَزَعُ
 الْأَكْبَرُ وَتَتَلَقَّهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ هَذَا يَوْمُكُمْ الَّذِي
 كُنْتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ ﴿١٠٣﴾ ﴿١٧﴾

29. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to **those drawn near** [muqarrabin]⁵—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«Verily those already decreed in eternity from Us the supreme good of paradise in works and reward, shall from it be far removed. They shall not so much as hear the roar of its flames; while in all their hearts desire they shall ever abide. The supreme shock of being raised from the dead shall not dismay them, and the hosts of angels shall warmly welcome them again and again: ‘This is your day you have been promised for so long.’»*^{21:101-103}.

⁵ In some manuscripts, this is ‘abidin i.e. ‘worshippers’.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْبَشِيرِ
الْمُبَشِّرِ **لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ** * بِمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ :

﴿ إِنَّ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْقَنَاتِ وَالْقَنَاتِ وَالصَّادِقِينَ
وَالصَّادِقَاتِ وَالصَّابِرِينَ وَالصَّابِرَاتِ وَالْخَشِيعِينَ
وَالْخَشِيعَاتِ وَالْمُتَصَدِّقِينَ وَالْمُتَصَدِّقَاتِ
وَالصَّائِمِينَ وَالصَّائِمَاتِ وَالْحَفِظِينَ فُرُوجَهُمْ
وَالْحَفِظَاتِ وَالذَّاكِرِينَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا وَالذَّاكِرَاتِ
أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴾ (٢٥)
﴿ وَأَنْ لَيْسَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ إِلَّا فَاسَعَى ﴾ (٣٩) وَأَنْ سَعِيَهُ
سَوْفَ يُرَى ﴿٤٠﴾ ثُمَّ يُجْزَاهُ الْجَزَاءَ الْأَوْفَى ﴿٤١﴾ وَأَنَّ إِلَى
رَبِّكَ الْمُنْتَهَى ﴿٤٢﴾ ﴿٣٠﴾

30. O Allah, whelm in blessings and peace our liegelord Muhammad, the bringer of glad tidings and the conveyor—to the **believers** [mu'minin]⁶—of what Allah the Magnificent has said: *«Verily men & women utter in their submission to Allah; and men & women who truly believe; and men & women devoted in adoration; and men & women true in word & deed; and men & women ever steadfast in patience; and men & women meek with humbled awe; and men & women who expend in charity; and men & women who fast; and men & women who keep their private parts wholly chaste; and most nobly men & women who remember Allah much: Allah has prepared for all of them a mighty forgiveness and incomparable wage.»*^{33:35} *«And that Man shall have but what he strives; and that his striving shall be unfailingly seen? Then after and far greater, he shall be requited his fullest deserts; and that to your Lord is the final end»*^{53:39-42}.

وَصَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

وَعَلَىٰ اٰلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Allah's blessings and peace be upon our liegelord
Muhammad and his family and companions.

⁶ In some manuscripts, this is *muslimin* i.e. 'Muslims'.

⁷ Verse 53:42 has been added as it is found in some manuscripts.

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اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِ صَلَاةً تُسْرِحُ بِهَا الصُّدُورُ ❁
وَتَهْوِنُ بِهَا الْأُمُورُ ❁ وَتَنْكَشِفُ بِهَا السُّتُورُ ❁
وَسَلِّمْ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا دَائِمًا إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ❁
❁ دَعْوُهُمْ فِيهَا سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَتَحِيَّتُهُمْ فِيهَا سَلَامٌ ج
وَآخِرُ دَعْوَاهُمْ أَنْ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ❁

O Allah, grant him a blessing by which breasts will be expanded, and by which problems will be rendered insignificant, and by which veils will be removed. And grant him abundant peace, lasting until the Day of Judgment: *«Their inspired prayer therein is: ‘Exalted O Allah is Your glory above all’; and their greeting therein is: ‘Pure secure peace’; and the close of their every prayer: ‘All praise is Allah’s, Lord of all Worlds of Beings’»*





VERSES *of* THE QUR'AN

2:25	29	21:105	27
2:45-46	15	22:34-35	19
2:152	9	22:35	24
2:155-157	20	23:10-11	27
2:186	26	23:60-61	19
2:195	22	23:111	20
2:222	12	29:45	14
2:223	8	31:17	14
2:280	23	33:35	37
3:110	32	33:41-44	9
3:134	21	33:56	28
3:171	8	33:71	30
3:191	15	34:37	18
3:195	10	34:39	24
4:110	35	35:32	33
6:160	22	39:10	16
7:29	13	39:18	16
7:156-157	18	39:34	11
10:10	39	39:53	34
10:64	29	40:40	10
12:88	23	40:60	26
14:7	25	42:25	12
16:114	25	42:40	21
17:25	11	53:39-42	37
18:46	31	55:46	17
18:110	13	57:28	28
21:101-103	36	79:40-41	17






TYPES *of* MUSLIMS

<i>'amilin</i> those who labour	10
<i>awwabin</i> those who turn back (to their Lord)	11
<i>dhakirin</i> those who remember	9
<i>fa'izin</i> triumphantly victorious	30
<i>kazimin</i> those who restrain their wrath	21
<i>kha'ifin</i> fearful	17
<i>khashi'in</i> humble-minded	15
<i>mu'minin</i> believers	8 & 37
<i>mubashshirin</i> recipients of glad tidings	29
<i>mudhnibin</i> sinners	34
<i>muhsinin</i> those who are active in goodness	22 & 28
<i>mukhbitin</i> those who are humble	19
<i>mukhlisin</i> those who are sincere	13
<i>munfiqin</i> those who expend virtuously	24
<i>muqarrabin</i> those drawn near	36
<i>musallin</i> those who perform the ritual prayer	14
<i>mustafin</i> chosen ones	33
<i>mustaghfirin</i> those who seek forgiveness	35
<i>mutasaddiqin</i> those who make charitable gifts	23
<i>muttaqin</i> those who are truly devout	18
<i>sa'ilin</i> those who ask	26
<i>sabirin</i> those who endure with patience	16 & 20
<i>salihin</i> righteous	27
<i>shakirin</i> those who are thankful	25
<i>tawwabin</i> those who repent	12
<i>ummiyyin</i> unlettered ones	32
<i>zahidin</i> pious abstainers	31



Sayyiduna al-Shaikh Muhyuddin **‘ABD AL-QADIR AL-JILANI**

THE LORDLY CARDINAL POLE [*al-quṭb ar-rabbānī*], immortal spiritual succour [*al-ghawth as-samadānī*], and emanation of merciful grace [*al-faiḍ ar-raḥmānī*] Imam Abū Muḥammad Muḥyi ad-Dīn ‘Abd al-Qādir b. Abū Ṣāliḥ Mūsā b. Abū ‘Abd Allah b. Yaḥyā az-Zāhid b. Muḥammad b. Dāwūd b. Mūsā b. ‘Abd Allah b. Mūsā al-Jawn b. ‘Abd Allah al-Maḥḍ b. al-Ḥasan al-Muthannā b. Abū Muḥammad al-Ḥasan b. ‘Alī b. Abū Ṭālib was the eponymous founder of the *Ṭarīqah al-Qādiriyyah*. He was born in the town Nip/Nif/Na’if in Gilan⁸ in 470 H to pious parents who descended from the Messenger of Allah ; his father from al-Ḥasan  and his mother from al-Ḥusain .

He received his early religious education at home before migrating to Baghdad at the age of eighteen to continue his learning and embark on what turned out to be a unique and amazing spiritual journey. Baghdad was then the capital of the Abbasid caliphate and, more importantly, it was a centre of knowledge and education that was vibrant with spiritual and intellectual activities. But this was also a period of political upheaval, with the crusaders in action in Palestine, Syria, and Antakya in Turkey, and Baghdad at the mercy of the neighbouring Turkish and Seljuq Sultans.

⁸ Recent studies have also suggested that he was in fact born in a village called “al-Jil” near the city of Madā’in, 40 km south of Baghdad.

In Baghdad, he first accompanied the Sufi Sheikh Ḥammād ad-Dabbās (d. 525/1131), and later Sheikh Abū Sa‘īd al-Mukharrāmī (al-Makhzūmī). It has also been reported that he was a student of Imam Muḥammad al-Ghazālī (d. 505/1111), and that his book *al-Ghunya* reflects influences from al-Ghazālī’s *Iḥyā’ ‘Ulūm ad-Dīn*. Sheikh Abū Sa‘īd realised the intelligence and aptitude of his student and duly appointed him in 521/1127 to teach at his madrasa—an institution that was re-built in 1991 to teach both religious and secular sciences across six levels of instruction.



He used to lecture three days a week. His audience grew quickly until a lecture would attract tens of thousands. Many students used to write down his lectures, preserving his words. Rulers and nobility attended his lectures, while he did not spare them any criticism he had of how they governed. He continued to preach in his school until his passing in 561/1166. The fame that this school developed as a result of the respect and following that he had and it being his burial place guaranteed its status as one of the most revered and visited Islamic sites in the world.

He went for pilgrimage to Mecca twice, the first in 505/1112, when he was still little known. In this trip he met Sheikh ‘Udayy b. Musāfir (d. 557/1162). In his second in 555/1160 he met the famous Maghribi Sheikh Abū Madyan al-Ghawth (d. 594/1197). By then, he had become one of the most, if not the most, famous Sufi Sheikh, with countless followers everywhere.

He left a large corpus of sermons and writings, some of which he authored while others were compiled by his students. Of these a number of titles have been lost.⁹

⁹ *Markaz al-Jaylani li al-Buhuts al-Ilmiyah* of Istanbul have published in six volumes a complete exegesis [*tafsīr*] of the Qur’an attributed to him. Commonly known as *Tafsīr*

His mausoleum in Baghdad is from amongst the largest holy sites in Iraq. What began as a small room in a school building is now a massive, sprawling complex featuring multiple prayer areas, rooms for *dhikru Llah*, a courtyard, a function hall, an underground souk, residences for Sheikhs, accommodation for visitors, a school serving hundreds of students, a library with over 65,000 books and some 2,000 manuscripts, and a famous soup kitchen that has been serving food every single day after the mid-afternoon [*ʿasr*] prayer from the time of the Sheikh himself.


Sheikh Mahmūd Tibī  and *Imām al-ʿArūs* Sayyid Muhammad  have both penned panegyrics [*manqabāt* sing. *manāqib*] on him. Odes [*qasāʿid* sing. *qasīdah*] in his praise have been penned in numerous languages. In the Arwi region (South India and Sri Lanka), *Imām Ṣadaqatu Llāh al-Qādirī*'s Arabic ode beginning *ʿyā quṭba ahli s-samāʿ* is the most renowned. Some Sufi Sheikhs have also been inspired to arrange supplications [*adʿiyyah* sing. *duʿāʾ*] using his names and epithets [*asmāʾ*] as a means to Allah. All of these are part of the devotional and spiritual fabric of Islam.

There are significant visitation [*ziyārah*] sites in South and Southeast Asia associated with him. The hermitage shrine of Daftar Jailani in Sri Lanka, situated at about 70 km from Adam's Peak, is one of them. According to one account, he is said to have meditated here in a rock cave for twelve years after visiting *Śrī Pada*, the Resplendent Foot. He then returned to Baghdad, via South India, to embark on his career.

al-Jilānī, the complete title is: *al-Fawātih al-Ilāhiyyah wa l-Mafātih al-Ghaibiyyah al-Muwadhdhiyah li l-Kalim al-Qurʿāniyyah wa l-Hikam al-Furqāniyyah*. It was discovered recently at the Vatican. The attribution of this work to him is spurious.

Monuments to commemorate his visit to villages and towns in Tamil Nadu, South India, include: *Muhyuddin Andavar Dargah* in Pulivalam (Trichy district), *Mahbub-e Subhani Dargah* in Pottalpudur (Tirunelveli district) and *Muhyuddin Andavar Dargah* in Mukkanamalaipatti (Pudukkottai district). The *South Gate Muhyuddin Andavar Dargah-Mosque* in Madurai is a memorial in his honour.

There is no personality in the history of Sufism who has been linked to as many charisms [*karāmāt*] as him. His influence on Muslims and his role in the spread of Islam are impossible to exaggerate. There are far more Sufi Ṭarīqās whose chains of masters trace themselves back to him than any other Sheikh. Accordingly, the followers of Qādirī Ṭarīqa far outnumber the followers of any other Ṭarīqa. Sufis in general and Qādirīs in particular played a major role in spreading Islam in Asia and Africa.

Sheikh Muzaffer Ozak Efendi  said it best with this: *“The venerable ‘Abd al-Qādir al-Jīlānī passed on to the Realm of Divine Beauty in 561/1166. He is noted for his extraordinary spiritual experiences and exploits, as well as his memorable sayings and wise teachings. It is rightly said of him that ‘he was born in love, grew in perfection, and met his Lord in the perfection of love.’ May the All-Glorious Lord bring us in contact with his lofty spiritual influence.”*

