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The Beautiful Name of Allah: the Most Merciful

"A Call to Compassion"

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, "Your God is the one God: there is no god except Him, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful." I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment. The Almighty Allah is the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful. He removes people's troubles, forgives their sins, and shows His Mercy to them in this world and the Hereafter.

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His bounty to any of His servants He will. He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful."

In addition, The Name of Allah "the Merciful" comes sometimes along with His Name "the Mighty," to show that He (Glory be to Him) pardons sins out of His mercy and kindness and He is the Mighty and the Most Powerful, as the Almighty Allah says, **"Your Lord alone is the Almighty, the Merciful."** This verse is repeated nine times in Surat al-Shu'araa only. Allah also said, **"He runs everything, from the heavens to the earth, and everything will ascend to Him in the end, on a Day that will measure a thousand years in your reckoning. Such is He who knows all that is unseen as well as what is seen, the Almighty, the Merciful."** Also, the name of Allah "the Merciful" is also associated with His name "The Most Kind," as the Almighty Allah says, **"Allah has been gracious to us and saved us from the torment of intense heat. We used to pray to Him: He is the Kind, the Merciful One."** Thus, Allah Almighty is the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, He is the Most Kind, the Most Compassionate; He is the Most Wise, the Mighty, He is the Most Powerful. He runs the all affairs of the universe.

The Almighty Allah has mentioned together both of His Names "The Most Compassionate" and "The Most Merciful" in Surat Al-Fatihah, which a Muslim recites seventeen times every day in the obligatory prayers alone, where He says: **"Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, The Most Compassionate, The Most Merciful."** In Surat Al-Baqarah, He says, **"Your Lord is the one God: there is no god except Him, the Most Compassionate, The Most Merciful."** Also, in Surat Fussilat, Allah says, **"A revelation from the Most Compassionate, The Most Merciful."** Also, in Surat al-Hashr Allah said, **"He is Allah—there is no god except Him: the Knower of the seen and unseen. He is the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful."**

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

The traces of the Name of Allah (the Merciful) fill the universe, and cover all creatures, as the Almighty Allah says, **"In His mercy, He has given you night and day, so that you may rest and seek His bounty and be grateful."** Allah also said in Surat Al-Nahl, **"They carry your loads to lands you yourselves could not reach**

without great hardship—truly your Lord is kind and merciful." Allah also said, "You tried to count Allah's blessings, you could never take them all in: He is truly most forgiving and most merciful."

There is no doubt that a true believer is the one who realizes the mercy of Allah Almighty, approaches His Lord in repentance, hoping for the mercy and forgiveness of his Lord, and he also shows mercy to the servants of Allah, so that Allah may show him mercy as our Prophet (PBUH) said, "The merciful people are shown mercy by the Most Merciful (Allah). So, be merciful on the earth, and you will be shown mercy from The One Who is above the heavens." The Prophet (PBUH) also said, "He who is not merciful to people Allah will not be merciful to him."

O Allah, have mercy on us in this world and the Hereafter!

We ask Allah to protect Egypt and raise its flag high among all countries of the world!