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### **The Beautiful Name of Allah "*Al-Waleyy*" (The Guardian)**

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **"Allah is the Guardian of those who believe: He brings them out of the depths of darkness and into the light."** 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.

Allah, the Almighty, is the Guardian of those who believe in Him; He takes care of them with His support, guidance, benevolence and reward. He is the All-Hearing of their supplications, and the One who answers their prayers. The Qur'an commanded the Prophet (PBUH) to say: **"My Guardian is Allah: He has revealed the Scripture, and it is He who protects the righteous."** The Qur'an also reports the saying of Prophet Joseph, **"My Lord! You have given me authority; You have taught me something about the interpretation of dreams; Creator of the heavens and the earth, You are my Guardian in this world and in the Hereafter. Let me die in true devotion to You. Join me with the righteous."** The Qur'an also reports the saying of Prophet Moses, **"You are our Guardian, so forgive us and have mercy on us. You are the best of those who forgive."** Our Prophet (PBUH) used to call upon his Lord, the Almighty Allah, saying: "O Allah! Grant me the sense of piety and purify my soul as You are the Best to purify it. You are its Guardian and its Protecting Friend. The Prophet (PBUH) also used to say: "O Allah, guide me with those whom You have guided, and strengthen me with those whom You have given strength. Take me to Your care with those whom You have taken to Your care. Bless me in what You have given me. Protect me from the evil You have ordained. Surely, You command and are not commanded, and none whom You have committed to Your care shall be humiliated [and none whom You have taken as an enemy shall taste glory]. You are Blessed, Our Lord, and Exalted."

When the Almighty Allah is your guardian and is protecting you, then no one can harm you, as the Almighty Allah says, **"Is Allah not enough for His servant? Yet they threaten you [Prophet] with those they worship other than Him. If Allah allows someone to stray he has no one to guide him."** Allah also says, **"Allah knows your enemies best: Allah is enough to protect and to help you."** We need to know that the true worshippers and allies of Allah are those who love Him, and follow His path. The Almighty Allah says, **"But for those who are on Allah's side there is no fear, nor shall they grieve. For those who believe and are conscious of Allah. For them there is good news in this life and in the Hereafter- there is no changing the promises of Allah - that is truly the supreme triumph."** Among the Attributes of the Auliya' of Allah [i.e. those who believe in the Oneness of Allah and fear Allah much (abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which he has forbidden) is that they love Him, love His Messenger (PBUH), love those who love Allah (Almighty), and love those who love His Messenger (PBUH), obey Allah, and act according to His commands, and avoid His prohibitions. The guardianship of Allah is only attained through sincere faith, firm knowledge, good deeds, and following the Book and the Sunnah, as the Almighty Allah says: **"Now We have set you [Muhammad] on a clear religious path, so follow it. Do not follow the desires of those who lack [true] knowledge. They cannot help you against Allah in any way. Wrongdoers only have each other to protect them; the righteous have Allah Himself as their protector."** A true *Waleyy* is a worshipper who obeys Allah, always abides by His commands; he never earns from unlawful means. Attaining the guardianship of Allah requires that one loves Allah, and loves the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), so that Allah and His Messenger love him. Our Prophet (PBUH) said: "Whoever possesses the following three qualities will have the sweetness (delight) of faith: 1) The one to whom Allah and His Messenger become dearer than anything else. 2) Who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake. 3) Who hates to revert to disbelief as he hates to be thrown into the fire."

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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 guardianship of Allah the Almighty expands to include all His creatures in terms of providing them with sustenance, and all means, and managing their affairs. The Almighty says: **"It is He who sends relief through rain after they have lost hope, and spreads His mercy far and wide. He is the Protector, Worthy of All Praise."** Allah also says, **"There is not a creature that moves on earth whose provision is not His concern. He knows where it lives and its [final] resting place: it is all [there] in a clear record."** In another verse, Allah said, **"Do you not see [Prophet] that Allah knows everything in the heavens and earth? There is no secret conversation between three people where He is not the fourth, nor between five where He is not the sixth, nor between less or more than that without Him being with them, wherever they may be. On the Day of Resurrection, He will show them what they have done: Allah truly has full knowledge of everything."**

There is no doubt that the true believer is the one who senses the guardianship of Allah, the Almighty, and is satisfied with Allah's judgment and Decrees, so that his heart is reassured, as the Almighty Allah says, "Say, 'Only what Allah has decreed will happen to us. He is our Master: let the believers put their trust in Allah."

O Lord, take care of our affairs, and reassure our hearts!

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