

Select Prayers / Readings for Muslim Patients

The following prayers/readings have been suggested for patients by the Muslim Hospital Visitation Committee (Philadelphia PA)

AL-FATIHA (the Opening Chapter the Holy Qur`an)

In the Name of Almighty God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful;
Praise be to Almighty God, The Lord, Cherisher, and Sustainer of All the Worlds,
Most Gracious, Most Merciful;
Master of The Day of Judgment;
Thee Alone do we worship, and Thee Alone do we turn to for assistance;
Show us the Straight Path;
The Path of those who have earned Your Favor,
Not the Path of Those who have earned Your Wrath nor the Path of those who go astray.

The following supplications are ones that the prophet Muhammad (upon whom be peace) is known to have recited. Those from the Holy Qur`an are of the highest preference.

Supplication on Visiting the Sick

O Allah! I beg Thee to dispel the ailment. O Lord! Give the cure for Thou art the Curer, and no cure save Thy Cure exists and leaves no ailment. I beg Allah, the Great, The Lord of the Supreme Throne to cure you.

And he who is in sickness says:

He is God. There is no God save Thee, God is the Great. There is no God but He. He is the Sovereign and all praise belongs to Him. There is no God save Allah and there is no might and power but that of Allah.

Supplication Asking for Forgiveness

Allah charges no soul but to its capacity. It (the soul) shall be paid for that which is has done of good and against it who has done incurred evil deliberately. Our Lord, take us not to task if we forget or if we make a mistake. Our Lord, lay not on us a burden (of disobedience) as you laid upon those before us. Our Lord, charge us not with the responsibility which we have not the strength to bear; therefore overlook our faults and grant us protection and have mercy on us. You are our Master, therefore help us against the disbelievers.

—The Holy Qur'an [Surah Baraqa: "The Cow" (Chapter 2), verse 286]

A Small Collection of All-Embracing Supplications

O Allah! I seek refuge in the Light of Thy Noble Countenance, by which the darkness is brightened and by which the affairs of this world and the hereafter are set right.

O Allah! Make me one who remembers Thee much, who thanks Thee much, who obeys Thee much, who humbles himself before Thee, and turns towards Thee imploringly and penitently.

O Allah! Accept Thou my repentance, wash away my sins, grant my supplication, establish my plea, straighten my tongue, guide my heart aright, and extract spite out of my bosom. Grant me righteousness and protect me against the evils of myself.

O Allah! I seek refuge in thee from anxiety and grief, and I seek refuge in Thee from inability and sloth. I seek refuge in Thee from the burden of indebtedness and tyranny of men. I seek refuge in Thee from need except for Thee and from humility except to Thee and from fear except from Thee. I seek refuge in Thee from uttering false statements, or committing shame. I seek refuge in Thee from malicious rejoicing of enemies, incurable ailments, and from disappointment of hopes. O Allah! I seek refuge in Thee from the evil of creation and the care of livelihood and from evil character. O Allah!—The Most Merciful of the Mercifuls—
O Lord of All the Worlds!