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INTRODUCTION

From March 2020, we entered an unprecedented time. It was not an incident unique to one person, one community, one region or one country. It was a trial faced by all of humanity.

It was a test of our faith, love, truthfulness, gratitude and patience. It was a test of attaching to many or attaching to One. It was a test of hoping and fearing many or hoping and fearing One.

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there is no one worthy of worship except Allah.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-KHAALIQ,AL-KHALLAAQ THE CREATOR, THE EVER-CREATOR

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who makes something exist from nothing. He can create the idea for the perfect cure and vaccine. He can make it available for many and in no time. We just need to ask Him. O Allah, You are Al-Khaaliq Al-Khallaaq, create the best cure and vaccine for us.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-QUDDOOS THE MOST HOLY, THE BLESSED

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who is pure from any faults or imperfections. And He is the One Who is blessed Himself and blesses whomever He wills. Nowadays the concept of cleanliness and sanitization have become prominent, but when we do it for Allah, we can be rewarded and receive blessings for our cleanliness. We all want a blessed life, blessed relationship, blessed feelings and this begins with purity by attaching to Allah alone.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AR-RAAZIQ, AR-RAZZAAQ THE PROVIDER, THE EVER-PROVIDER

DURING COVID-19

He provides us constantly without a limit, and He provides us from where we cannot imagine. We should not worry because whatever provision is written for us, will come to us. During this time, many people lost their jobs, but we must believe Allah will surely provide them with something better. We ask Him from His special provisions to provide us with all types of rizq – good health, sound faith, pure food, decent job, true friends and safety and security from any harm or illnesses.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH ASH-SHAHEED

THE ALL-WITNESS

DURING COVID-19

He sees us all the time, He hears us all the time, He knows what we are going through and what we are feeling. He made us witness great things. He made us witness how He can stop the entire world and He made us witness how He can bring it back to life again. He made us witness there is no one like Him. He made us witness He is One.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-BAARI' THE PURIFIER OF THE CREATION

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who removes any traces of sicknesses or outer influences that are not a part of us. He purifies us by removing anything non-essential in our life so that we return to Him in a pure and natural form. Now we are cautious of what we eat, who we mingle with and where we go so that we complete our purpose in life.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-HALEEM THE MOST FORBEARING

DURING COVID-19

He gives us time to correct ourselves and change ourselves for the better. He does not take us to account on the spot for our slips or mistakes. Though we turned away from Him and had been heedless, He still came back to us. Even if it meant stopping the world to make us recognize Him and return to Him. No one is more patient on us than Him.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH

THE INITIATOR AND ACCEPTOR OF REPENTANCE

DURING COVID-19

He creates different ways for us to repent and return back to Him. He gave us a moment to stop and realize that our priorities were out of place. No matter what we have done before, He will accept us if we return to Him with sincere repentance. He will even open for us doors of goodness and success. There is no one like Him.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-MUSAWWIR THE FASHIONER OF FORMS

DURING COVID-19

He gives an image to everything and captures moments to make us see things from different angles. During this time, He made us see the world, our life, our family and ourselves from a different perspective. He made us see the reality of things and He made us see how great He is. We ask Him to always make us see the best in this life and the next. WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AS-SALAAM THE BESTOWER OF PEACE

DURING COVID-19

He gives us peace especially at times when we need it the most – the times of transitions. This period was a great transition for us, and we want to come out with peace – peace within ourselves, our homes, our family and with each other. He promised whoever follows His guidance, he will find peace in this life and will return to the Home of Peace in the next life.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AR-RAOUF THE MOST COMPASSIONATE

DURING COVID-19

Out of His compassion, He changed our world so that we can go back to being compassionate to ourselves. He gave us time to reflect, to see things from another perspective, and to take a step back so that we can move forward in the best way pleasing to Him. Also out of His compassion, He gave us means to easily connect virtually and to mend any relationships.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-WAASI' THE MOST VAST

DURING COVID-19

He is the Most Vast in His knowledge and mercy. Despite seeing restrictions in this time, He showed us how we can be open and flexible to change. He also showed us different ways of doing things - distance learning, working from home, online shopping and much more - so we should not restrict or limit ourselves. We ask Allah Al Waasi' to expand our hearts and homes.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH

THE MOST SUBTLE, THE MOST GENTLE

DURING COVID-19

He is subtle and gentle in the way He deals with us, and the way He prepares us for changes in our life. During this time, measures for closure were gradually introduced and similarly with gentleness everything is reopening. When we go through big changes in life, we believe that Allah Al Lateef is taking us to a better state than before.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-JABBAAR THE MENDER

DURING COVID-19

He mends and fixes what is broken in our life. Only He knows the way anything needs to be fixed and after He fixes it, it will not be broken again. He compels us for our own goodness in order to give us console. We were compelled into this situation to mend our faith and our connection with Him. When our connection with Him is solid then our connection with others will be in place too.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH

THE MOST GREAT

DURING COVID-19

He is greater than anything we face in life. No matter how great a disease may be, no matter how great a cure may be and no matter how great a problem may be – ALLAH IS GREATER. When we proclaim His greatness then He will elevate us and take us out from anything bringing us down.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH ASH-SHAAKIR ASH-SHAKOOR THE APPRECIATIVE, THE MOST APPRECIATIVE

DURING COVID-19

He brings decrees to remind us to be grateful for what we have. We took His blessings for granted and in this time He made us realize to appreciate all the blessings we have: our family, our health, our home, our leaders. Gratitude chains the blessings and increases it. May Allah make us from the grateful ones.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-WALI, AL-MOWLA

THE LOVING COMPANION, THE GUARDIAN

DURING COVID-19

His companionship is full of feelings, love and nearness. In this journey, He has always been with us, taking care of all our affairs and bringing comfort and provision to us, even if it is through different means. He has guarded us with love at every step of the way, and He will take us out from this stronger and more connected to Him.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH

THE ALL-KNOWER

DURING COVID-19

He is The All-Knower and knows all possibilities and impossibilities. He knows this is the best situation to teach us about His perfect and complete knowledge. He showed us there are different ways to learn. And He showed us that learning never stops. May Allah Al-'Aleem increase us in beneficial knowledge. WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-QAWIY THE MOST POWERFUL

DURING COVID-19

He is The Most Powerful and nothing can stand in front of Him. No one can stop Him from granting safety and provision and no one can stop Him from allowing this situation to take place. He showed us how weak we are and how much we need His help to overcome our weaknesses. There is no change of state, from sickness to health, from neediness to sufficiency, except by His strength and power.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-HAAFIDH, AL-HAFEEDH THE PROTECTOR, THE PRESERVER

DURING COVID-19

He made us realize the value of protection, and how much He has been protecting us in the past. And when He protects, He protects us with compassion and mercy. During this time, He brought forth different means of protection such as sanitization and vaccination. We rely on Him to protect our health, wealth, family, home and faith.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-BARR THE MOST VAST IN GOODNESS

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who shows vastness in tight conditions, especially when there are doubts and uncertainty. The ones who are cautious will be shown vastness. Similarly in this situation, we will be shown vastness and ease when we abide by the rules and regulations and are not careless.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-AKRAM THE MOST GENEROUS

DURING COVID-19

The human being is honored with Allah because he has the ability to learn and gain knowledge. We should not be deceived by the knowledge we have because it is Allah Al-Akram Who taught us out of His generosity. In this situation, He taught us many things, but most important, He taught us to connect to Him, submit to Him and come close to Him.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH

THE CONFIRMER OF THE TRUTH, THE GRANTOR OF SECURITY

DURING COVID-19

Allah confirms what He tells us, so that we believe in Him and trust Him. He confirmed His Oneness in this time, when the entire world turned to Him united with one concern. He made us believe in life after death, when He showed us the "opening" after "closure". He made us realize the safest state is that of a believer. When we believe then we will be secure, and when we are in doubts then we will be insecure.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-MUTAKABBIR THE MOST SUPREME

DURING COVID-19

Nothing can be greater and more supreme than Allah. Greatness and supremacy is only for Him and no one can have this quality. He is the Most Supreme from any sickness, imperfection or power of anyone. During this time, we learned to be more humble, to accept the truth and not to put down anyone, especially those who are sick.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-AWWAL THE FIRST

DURING COVID-19

He is always The First without any start. There is no one and nothing before Him or with Him. He is The First to know the cure, He is The First to know the vaccine and He is The First to know how it will end. His knowledge precedes the knowledge of anyone else, thus we believe in Him first before any other means.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-AAKHIR THE LAST

DURING COVID-19

He is The Last without an end. Nothing comes after Him. All matters, problems and issues will be resolved when everything returns to Him. But matters will be prolonged when we think it ends with the means. When Allah ends anything, He ends it in the best way. Sometimes things are delayed in order to make a good end and a good return. We ask Allah to end this in the best way for everyone.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH ADH-DHAAHIR

THE APPARENT

DURING COVID-19

He makes the truth apparent about Himself and shows us our realities so that we change for the better. He made it apparent to us what is essential and what is non-essential in our life to make our lives easier. He showed us the real beauty and simplicity of humanity.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-BAATIN THE HIDDEN

DURING COVID-19

He knows the reality of the virus and how it will end. Out of His mercy, He does not disclose everything to us otherwise we would not be able to handle it. During this time, we learned that we should not go deep into matters of the unseen, but trust Him to bring all goodness.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-WAHHAAB THE BESTOWER

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who bestows us with special gifts such as health, families, good friends and faith. During this time, He reminded us of all the precious gifts He had given us, and that He will give us more honorable gifts when we return to Him. We ask Allah Al-Wahhab to bestow upon us from His mercy and treasures.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-QAAHIR, AL-QAHHAAR THE SUBDUER, THE IRRESISTIBLE

DURING COVID-19

He has the ability to force anything upon us, and it is always for our own good. During this time, we were forced to be in our homes, but this brought us closer to our families and to Him. He alone can subdue this virus and make us come out of it better than before.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-MUHAYMIN THE DOMINATOR

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who dominates us to bring out our true purpose in life. When He dominates us and our thoughts then we become free and relaxed, even if we are inside our homes. But when we allow the virus and constant news about it to dominate us then we feel trapped and lost.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-BASEER THE ALL-SEER

DURING COVID-19

He sees everything – the seen and the unseen. This virus is unseen to us and it is a mercy, otherwise we would stress and panic. We trust Him to take care of us and protect us because He sees everything and sees what we are feeling.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-HAQQ THE TRUTH

DURING COVID-19

He shows us the reality of everything and the reality of ourselves so that we can live a truthful life. During this time, He showed us anything true will remain and that we should hold on to the truth. Only Allah knows the truth about the virus so we should not spread any false news or rumors about it.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AS-SAMIE'

THE ALL-HEARING

DURING COVID-19

He hears and responds to all our invocations. He knows what situation we are going through, and He supports us wherever we may be, even if we are alone. We should never think that He does not respond to us or hear us. He responds to us in ways we cannot imagine and there is no one like Him.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-MUBEEN THE MOST CLEAR

DURING COVID-19

He clarifies the truth to us in the best way. He placed us in this situation to clarify to us what we already knew before. We knew that family is priority, hygiene is essential and balanced life is important. Now, He made us experience it so that it is clear to us and we do not neglect it again.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-MATEEN THE MOST STRONG

DURING COVID-19

He is constant in strength and is never weak. Even we want to be constant and not lose any good we attained during this time, be it spending quality time with our family, showing more generosity to others or strengthening our relationship with Him. Only Allah Al-Mateen can grant us constant strength and keep us firm.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-FATTAAH THE OPENER

DURING COVID-19

When anything closes, He always opens new doors, new techniques and new ways. He can open a way to cure this disease and bring a way to end it. For anything closed in our life, we ask Him to open it for us – O Allah, You are Al Fattaah, open our hearts and open doors of provision for us.

THE MOST MAGNFIED

DURING COVID-19

He shows us His magnificence so that we do not magnify anything else. He is more worthy to be magnified than a virus. There is nothing that can stand against Him, not even sickness. In this time, He taught us to respect the doctors, nurses, delivery workers, cleaners, our rulers and all the rules set by them.

THE ALL-AWARE

DURING COVID-19

He makes us learn things through experience and this time was a great experience for us. Any experience we go through is to fix our faults and to make us more aware, humble and efficient. He taught us expertise in distance learning, working from home and virtual conferencing.

THE MOST WISE

DURING COVID-19

He always puts us in the right place because He is The Most Wise. He knows this is the exact situation we need to go through. Everything has a purpose in life, nothing is random or in vain, even the virus. When we believe He is The Most Wise, we will not question, "Why did this happen?".

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-WAKEEL THE TRUSTEE

DURING COVID-19

He teaches us not to lose hope and not to stress or panic. He also teaches us not to become numb or feelingless that we stop looking forward to better days. Nothing is impossible for Allah; we rely on Him to remove this distress and make our future better than before.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-GHANIY THE MOST RICH

DURING COVID-19

He enriches us when we feel poor and needy to Him. In this time, we feel poor to Allah to give us good health, to protect us and to enrich us from anything we have lost. Only He can enrich our faith, family, relationships and wealth. But if we feel selfsufficient, then it will be taken away from us.

THE MOST MAJESTIC

DURING COVID-19

He shows His majesty and greatness in ways we cannot expect; nothing is impossible for Him. We should not think, "how can the world change like this?". He is The Most Majestic and everything He does suits His Majesty. In this time, we hope for great, continuous and majestic blessings from Him.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AN-NASEER

THE VICTOR, THE SUPPORTER

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who supported us in this time by giving us new means to sustain ourselves. He taught us that patience is the means to victory and that it cannot be attained with impatience or arrogance. He is the One Who will grant us victory to overcome this virus and His victory is always with honor and mercy.

THE MOST PRAISEWORTHY

DURING COVID-19

He is The Most Praiseworthy; all His actions and decrees are also praiseworthy. When we go through situations like this and we do not understand why, the best is to say "Alhamdulillah" and think good of Him. Then He will eventually show us the greater wisdom and mercy behind it.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AR-RAQEEB THE EVER-WATCHEUI

DURING COVID-19

He observes and monitors everything and everyone. We should never think He is unaware of us or what is happening. In this time, means of monitoring became prominent such as thermal scans, hygiene standards, tracking and so forth. We cannot be present to monitor everything 24/7, but Allah is Ar-Raqeeb to monitor and protect.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AS-SAMAD THE MOST SOLID

DURING COVID-19

He is The One Who keeps us stable when we do not associate with Him. During the time of transition, we need Him to keep everything stable for us: our faith, physical and mental health, relationships, work, studies and access to essential needs.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-WAARITH THE INHEBITOR

DURING COVID-19

He is the only One Who remains, and everything goes back to Him. When all the restrictions are removed, we want our faith, our gratitude and the lessons we learned to remain. We do not want to lose our humility and humanity as we shift to the next phase in our life.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-MALIK, AL-MAALIK, AL-MALEEK THE KING, THE OWNER, THE OMNIPOTENT KING

DURING COVID-19

He is The True King and Owner; nothing can happen without His permission. All that has happened and why it happened is to upgrade us and change us for the better. When He commands anything, we must submit because He wants the good for us. He owns us and we are responsible for all He has entrusted us with such as our bodies, families, health and wealth.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-HASEEB THE RECKONER

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who sets the correct calculations and measurements to everything. We cannot place our calculations above His because it will only make us stress, so we simply trust and rely on Him. He also teaches us to give everything its value and not underestimate anything in this life. Now we value our families, beloved ones, doctors, other health care workers and all those who were means of support in this the time.

THE ALL-RESPONDING

DURING COVID-19

He responds to us by making it easy for us to accept and to continue with our life. When we ask Him for anything, He always responds to us and gives us in the best time with honor. We should not despair if something is delayed. During this time, we saw how people responded to the needs of others.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-QAABIDH AL-BAASIT THE RESTRAINER THE EXPANDER

DURING COVID-19

When Allah restrains something, He expands something else at the same time. He restrained movement for us during this time to gather us together, yet He expanded our feelings and care for one another. He restrained our attachment to material things and expanded our attachment to Him. There is always gain and no loss with Allah.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-MUQADDIM AL-MUAKHIR THE EXPEDITER THE DELAYER

DURING COVID-19

He brings forward and delays according to His perfect wisdom. When something is delayed, it is to put everything in its right place. In the current situation, we will go forward when we are humble, follow the rules and rely on Allah. But we will be delayed when we are arrogant, irresponsible and rely on the means.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-QAREEB THE MOST NEAR

DURING COVID-19

He is always near to us though He is above the seven heavens and rose over The Throne in a manner that suits His majesty. He is near to us by His knowledge, seeing and hearing. He brings victory and solutions to us in the quickest way. In this time, despite being socially distant, we found closeness with our families and in our prayer.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-WAAHID AL-AHAD THE ONE, THE ONE AND ONLY ONE

DURING COVID-19

He is One and unique in all His actions; there is no one like Him and no one with Him. He does not need anyone to help Him or support Him. This situation united everyone and showed we are all in need of one other. Our concern became one and our hope lies in One.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-MANNAAN THE CREATOR, THE EVER-CREATOR

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who grants favors without being asked. Among His great favors is faith which is essential in these strained times to remain hopeful. Another favor is when He grants us patience and not follow our desires. In this time, we saw the joint effort of the people to remain patient in their homes and to follow the guidelines.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-'AFUW THE ALL-PARDONING

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who overlooks many of our sins, faults and mistakes. When we are afflicted, it is a wake-up call for us to seek His pardoning and become better. Also, He is the One Who makes things easy for us. In this time, we saw how facilities became easier and more accessible to us such home deliveries, distance learning and working from home.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AR-RAFEEQ THE MOST GENTLE COMPANION

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who takes us step by step in our journey of life. He does not let go of us; He accompanies us by His knowledge, hearing and seeing. For those who are alone or in quarantine, Allah Ar-Rafeeq supports them and does not leave them. And as we move back to normal life, He takes us gradually and gently. This teaches us to be gentle and to take everything slowly.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-QAADIR, AL-QADEER, AL-MUQTADIR THE ABLE, THE MOST ABLE, THE EVER-ABLE

DURING COVID-19

This situation is Allah's decree which He planned before the creation of the heavens and the earth. It has come into effect now because He willed so. Everything happens according to His will which is based on His perfect knowledge and wisdom. We saw His great ability to stop the entire world and bring it back to life; this makes us believe in the resurrection. We invoke Him to decree the best for us in the future as invocations can change the decree.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-HAYIY THE MODEST ONE

DURING COVID-19

He does not expose anyone who does wrong, nor does He use indecent language or act improperly. His shyness does not restrict His generosity, rather He feels shy to return anyone empty-handed when they ask Him. He always gives more than what anyone deserves. In this time, certain fees were waived, renewals were postponed, and other easier options were given so that people are not placed in an embarrassing position.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL

DURING COVID-19

He is the Most Beautiful and loves beauty. All His Names, Actions and Attributes are the Most Beautiful. He loves for us to beautify our words and actions for Him. Even during this difficult situation, He showed us beautiful moments, beautiful feelings, beautiful words and the beauty of life and humanity.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AD-DAYYAAN THE RECOMPENSER

DURING COVID-19

He is The One Who settles the scores between the people, whether in this life or the hereafter. No one will be left without receiving his due rights and without giving the rights he had to give. During this time, when we follow the safety rules and guidelines, we are giving the due rights of the rulers, healthcare workers and all the people in general.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-'AZEEZ THE ALL-MIGHTY

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who has complete might and power which no one can stop or overcome. By His might, He allowed this situation to happen and by His might He will take us out from it. During this time, we saw His might and power and how He changed the entire world. We ask Him by His might to lift this disease and cure everyone.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-MUHSIN THE MOST EXCELLENT

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who does everything with excellence and perfection and shows excellence to everyone. In this time, we saw the excellence of people towards each other from being in the frontline to volunteering and donating for this cause. And for all the good they did, Allah has promised them a good return.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-GHAFOOR, AL-GHAFFAAR, AL-GHAAFIR THE MOST FORGIVING, THE ALL-FORGIVING, THE FORGIVING

DURING COVID-19

He forgives all the sins, no matter how great they may be and how many they may be. When we face any hardship or pain in life, even as little as being pricked by a thorn, it is for our own expiation and elevation. We must believe that anyone who went through suffering during this time, it was a means of forgiveness and elevation for them. This way we always think good of Allah and any situation He places us.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-WADOOD THE MOST LOVING

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who showers us with love through the different blessings He gives us. Even if we sin and return to Him, He will love us and deal with us as if we never committed that sin. When we appreciate His love, He will reward us with more love and care, and we surely witnessed it during this time. He showed us that even in difficult times, pure love is there.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AS-SITTEER THE CONCEALER

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who conceals our faults and sins, and does not like that we expose the faults of others. From His concealment, we cannot see the virus and from His concealment we are wearing masks and gloves as protection. In the time of trials, surely mistakes can take place so we should not expose the mistakes of others.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH ASH-SHAAFEE

THE CURER

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who cures all types of diseases – physical, mental and diseases of the heart and soul. When He cures, He cures with no side effects or post ailments. It is a pure cure, but only when a person believes in the Oneness of Allah and does not associate with Him. Doctors, medicines and equipment are mere means which only Allah can make them beneficial or not. We ask Allah Ash Shaafee to cure everyone and give us the well-being.

THE GIVER

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who gives according to His wisdom. The greatest giving in this life are faith and gentleness, and in the hereafter is His pleasure. Going through this situation brought about more feelings of gentleness towards one another. It was a trial faced by everyone and relatable to everyone. We ask Allah to give us the best in this life and the next.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AT-TAYYIB THE GOOD AND PURE

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who is pure and free from any faults. He only accepts what is pure and good from intentions, words, actions and behaviors. He commands us to eat what is pure and lawful in order to produce good. In this time, we became very conscious of what we eat and how it is prepared. We want ourselves, our heart, our actions, and words to be good and only Allah At-Tayyib can give us this.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-KAREEM THE GENEROUS

DURING COVID-19

There is no one more generous than Him. He gives before we ask and gives without wanting anything in return. When He gives us, it is to reform us. This time was a great reforming for us so we should not be deceived with ourselves. Also, we should not feel embarrassed from asking Him again and again because He is the Most Generous. We ask Him for health, job security, peace of mind and sound heart with faith and piety.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-MUSA'IR

THE SETTER OF PRICES, THE KINDLER OF THE FIRE

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who sets the prices to everything according to His perfect wisdom, and He is the One Who kindles the hellfire. In this time, we saw how prices of different items changed due to the environment and how certain sectors became highlighted. This name teaches us to submit and accept, and at the same to be cautious in our dealings because Allah is Al Musa'ir.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AS-SUBBOOH THE MOST GLORIFIED

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who is free from all imperfections, faults and shortcomings. This means there is nothing wrong in His decrees and rules, so we should not think bad or negative of the situation we are facing. We will fall behind if we think negatively, but we will swim and pass smoothly when we think good of Allah.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-'ALIY, AL-A'LA, AL-MUTA'AL THE HIGH, THE MOST HIGH, THE EVER-HIGH

DURING COVID-19

He is The Most High in place and position; nothing can be above Him. All His attributes are the most high and no one can affect Him or bring Him down. Knowing He is The Most High makes us have high expectations from Him. We will be disappointed when we place the means as being the highest. In this time, we take the means, but never put it above Allah, The Most High.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-HAKAM THE JUDGE

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Whose judgement is perfect, as He encompasses everything by His knowledge and awareness. He prevents injustice and returns the rights to its rightful owners. All His decrees are perfect and just. Regarding this situation, He decided for it to happen and no one can stop or prevent it. We believe it is praiseworthy because it puts everything in its right place. WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-JAWAAD THE MOST GIVING

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who gives abundantly and with quality. As a result of this situation, it made us prioritize and think how to live a quality life and to have quality relationships. Also, hygiene and food control became of a higher quality and standard. We ask Allah Al-Jawaad to grant us the best quality life in this world and the next.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-WITR THE ODD (THE ONE)

DURING COVID-19

He is One while we are pairs. He has no partner, co-equal or counterpart. We need each other and cannot be alone. Being alone will not bring out the best from us, and it can lead to arrogance thinking no one is of our standard. In this time, especially during the lockdown, we realized what loneliness is and how much we need each other and to connect to one another.

THE ONE WORTHY OF WORSHIP

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who is loved a great love and submitted to with utmost submission. He shows us complete mercy when we attach to Him, unlike attaching to false idols in our life (such as desires, money and people) which can lead to disappointment and torment. In this time of distress, the reality of whom we can truly attach to became apparent, and He is Al-Ilaah, Who is the Most Merciful to remove all the distress in our life.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-QAYYOOM THE SELF-SUSTAINING MASTER

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who is upright by Himself and makes all the creation upright and maintains it. Any decree we go through is to make all the affairs in our life upright. Through this situation, our health, hygiene, relationships and our faith - all became upright. When we know this and accept it, we will be able to benefit from everything we go through.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-KAAFI THE MOST SUFFICIENT

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who is sufficient for His slaves in all their affairs. When we rely on Him then He will take care of all our needs, concerns and anxieties. In this time, we are worried about our health, our job and our future, but when we believe and trust Allah Al-Kaafi, we will be at peace. He will suffice us from our concerns and give us what satisfies us.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-HAYY THE EVER-LIVING

DURING COVID-19

He is the Ever-Living Who never dies, and He has the perfect life. He is the One Who can perfect our health, our families, our careers and our faith. He will give us a good life now and in the hereafter when we believe in Him and do good. May Allah Al-Hayy grant us all a good life.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-HAADI THE ONE WHO GUIDES

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who guides us to happiness in this life and the next. During this time, we faced great changes everyday, yet Allah guided us to manage it. He showed us what steps to take and what alternative solutions we have. He also guided us to restart our life and to know our priorities while going forward. We ask Allah Al Haadi to guide us to the Straight Path.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AR-RAHMAN, AR-RAHEEM

THE MOST MERCIFUL, THE ESPECIALLY MERCIFUL

DURING COVID-19

His mercy encompasses everything, and mercy is to bring all good and avert all evil. Everything that happens in this life, even this pandemic and what came as a result of it, is filled with mercy. We saw more compassion, mercy and kindness amongst humanity. It is important to never despair from the mercy of Allah because He is the One Who gives ease and provides a solution to every hardship.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AN-NOOR THE LIGHT

DURING COVID-19

His Name is light, His description is light, and any light we see around us is from His light. He is the One Who enlightens us and takes us out from darkness. Faith is light while disbelief is darkness, knowledge is light while ignorance is darkness, forgiveness is light while sins are darkness and gratitude is light while ingratitude is darkness. In this time, we were in darkness about this disease, but Allah enlightened us on how to handle it. We were in darkness about all the blessings He gave us, but He enlightened us to be grateful for what we have.

THE ALL-ENCOMPASSING

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who surrounds everything by His knowledge, ability and dominance. No matter how much we try to surround this situation and understand it, we will not be able to; only Allah Al-Muheet can encompass it. Thus we should believe in Him and be patient until He teaches us. All of humanity is facing the same situation, and this shows His ability and dominance which no one can escape; thus we must rely on Him and submit to Him.

THE SPONSOR

DURING COVID-19

He is the One Who takes charge of all our provisions and affairs. We went through a time when people lost their jobs and could not sponsor others, but the True Sponsor Who can support everyone and provide for everyone is Allah Al Kafeel. We should rely on Him and ask Him for His sponsorship in this life and the next. May Allah Al Kafeel sponsor us and take care of all our affairs.

THE NURTURER

DURING COVID-19

He is the Nurturer, Reformer and Disposer of all our affairs. We are all in a state of shortcomings, yet Allah nurtures us so that we grow for the better. He nurtures us through decrees, and this was a great decree which we all faced. When we are patient and grateful, we will be reformed but if we complain and are ungrateful, we will not grow. What has happened is from the actions of Allah and He is the One in control. We should not think bad of Allah, but be pleased with Him as our Rabb as He always wants to reform us and not punish us.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AL-GHAALIB THE DEFEATER

DURING COVID-19

He is The One Who defeats all and Whom no one can defeat or overcome. In this time, we faced many difficulties such as sicknesses, isolation, fear and mental issues. When we believe Allah is Al Ghaalib and remain patient, He will make us overcome these challenges.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AS-SAADIQ THE TRUTHFUL

DURING COVID-19

All His promises and commands are truthful. Allah promises that with every hardship there is ease and for every sickness there is cure. We believe in Him because He is As-Saadiq and He never breaks His promises. This name also teaches us to say the truth and not spread rumors.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH DHUL JALAALI WAL IKRAAM OWNER OF MAJESTY AND HONOR

DURING COVID-19

He is the One worthy of being magnified and honored. This name entails remaining and blessing. During this time we saw how things can perish or remain. Anything done from good deeds that are pure and sincere for Allah will remain and be blessed.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ALLAH AS-SAYYID THE MASTER

DURING COVID-19

He is the True Master and He is in control of everything, and not a plot or a group of people. No one is control of the universe except Him. The virus is from the signs of Allah to show us His might and ability. And the vaccine is a mean which He has opened for us. We take the means but trust Allah. May Allah As Sayyid wipe away this virus and make us attach to Him alone.

THE CREATOR, THE EVER-CREATOR

DURING COVID-19

All the perfect names, attributes and actions belong to Allah alone thus only He is worthy of being worshipped. Only He is worthy of occupying our feelings, thoughts, talk and actions, and not a creation. The greatest opening that He made us to witness during this time is:

لا إله الا الله

THERE IS NO ONE WORTHY OF WORSHIP EXCEPT ALLAH

A FINAL NOTE

All praises are due to Allah and by His favor we have witnessed His Names in the time of Covid-19. We ask Allah to write us among those who believe and witness to His Oneness. May Allah accept from everyone, grant everyone the best and make us from the grateful ones. Anything good is from Allah and any mistakes are ours. May Allah forgive us.

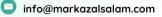


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