

## Intentions at the Beginning of Gatherings

What follows is a selection of intentions that Ḥabīb Muḥammad al-Haddār (may Allah have mercy upon him and benefit us by him) would make at the beginning of a gathering of knowledge or remembrance or a visit to one of the pious.

### ***We recite the Fātiḥah:***

with the intention that Allah makes it possible for us and our loved ones in every instant to visit the Master of the Messengers صلى الله عليه وسلم and to visit all the Prophets and pious people until the Day of Judgement, and that Allah brings their pure spirits to be present with us. We ask to be given all that is given to those that visit them, all that is given to those who pray and fast and attend the gatherings of remembrance. We ask that Allah makes us amongst the elect that are constantly in the presence of the Messenger of Allah.

We intend in this gathering and in those that came before it and those that will come after it for us and our families and our loved ones what the pious intended and what they will intend and we ask for all the good they have attained or will attain. We intend every pious intention that Allah knows. We intend in this gathering to represent our loved ones and all the Muslims. We intend this in every atom in creation. (Fātiḥah)

### ***We recite the Fātiḥah:***

with the intention of removing from us and all the Muslims - the dead, the living and those yet to come - all hardships and tribulations, solving all problems and removing all that distracts us from Allah.

We ask Allah for protection for the pious people of our time, that He benefits us and our loved ones by them and by all the pious people who have come and are yet to come and that He gives to us what He gives to those who keep their company and take the spiritual path at their hands. May Allah allow us to witness their spiritual reality and veil their humanity from us, and may He do the same with every Muslim.

May Allah give us more than this through His bounty as He is worthy of giving, with complete wellbeing in this world and the next.

We ask that Allah makes all difficulties easy for us, enables us to repay our debts and shows us gentleness (*lutf*) in that which He has decreed for us.

We ask that He removes the punishment and loneliness that people in their graves are experiencing and all Muslims are experiencing likewise.

We ask that He gives us, our loved ones and all the Muslims:

- all that we ask for and hope for in this life and the next.
- complete felicity in this life and the next, and safety from evil in this life and the next.
- His complete and everlasting pleasure
- the greatest station of absolute truthfulness (*al-Siddiqiyyah al-Kubrā*) and all the stations of certainty (*yaqīn*) and the states and stations of the pious accompanied by wellbeing (*`āfiyah*).
- the greatest of openings and gifts
- complete and constant healing from every sickness of the body, the heart, the spirit and the inner secret.
- the removal of every inner and outer flaw and the removal of hardness and heedlessness from the heart (*Fātiḥah*)

***We recite the Fātiḥah:***

with the intention that Allah accepts us in spite of our state; that Allah takes care of all the wrongs that we have done to others; that He replaces our bad deeds with good deeds, blesses us with complete enabling grace (*tawfīq*).

We ask that He makes us amongst those who have reached perfection in calling to Allah with insight using their words, hearts and actions so that we benefit every Muslim and benefit from them.

We ask that He blesses us with complete sincerity, truthfulness and assistance; the ability to memorise the Noble Qur'ān and the pure Sunnah and attain all the

beneficial knowledge of the people of Allah and complete knowledge of Allah and love for Him and from Him.

We ask that He blesses us with: good health accompanied with *taqwā*, long life accompanied with good actions and expansive provision without any effort or account or suffering in attaining it – all of it expended in acts of obedience which are pleasing to Allah.

We ask that He protects all those that are travelling.

We ask that He makes us the coolness of the eye (*qurrat `ayn*) of the Master of the Messengers ﷺ; that He enables us to perfect our following of him in every instant; that He makes us amongst those who truly witness Allah's oneness and that He enters our actions and intentions into their actions and intentions; that He donates the reward for all of our actions to the Master of the Messengers and to his family and Companions and to all the Prophets and Messengers and their families and Companions and all those that follow them in excellence until the last day; and to our teachers and their parents and our parents and those who have rights over us, and the dead of this town and the living until the Day of Judgement, and the dead of the Muslims and the living until the Day of Judgement.

We donate the reward of the Fātiḥah to the spirit of the Prophet ﷺ (Fātiḥah).