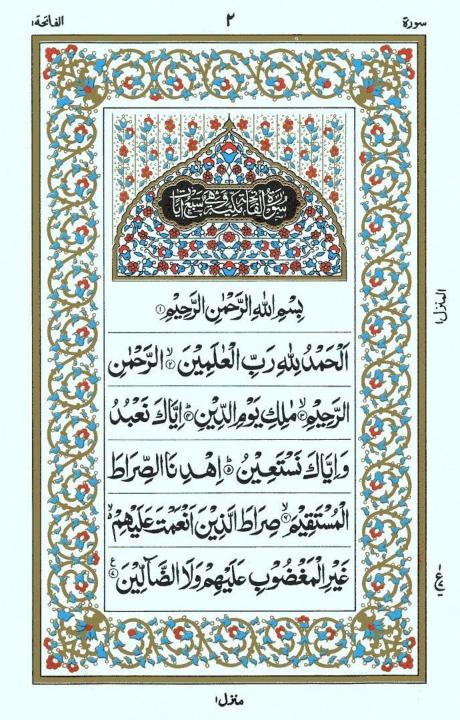


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- All the praise and thanks be to Allah, the Lord of all Worlds.
- The Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.
- The Only Owner of the Day of Recompense.
- You (Alone) we worship, and
 You (Alone) we ask for help.
- Guide us to the Straight Path.
- The Path of those on whom
 You have bestowed Your Grace,
 not of those who earned Your
 Anger, nor of those who went
 astray.



ALLAH RESPONDS TO THE BELIEVERS

It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah that the Prophet (SAW) said: "Whoever offers a prayer in which he does not recite Umm al-Kitaab (al-Fatihah), it is defective" – and he repeatedly said it three times.

It was said to Abu Hurayrah: (What if) we are behind the imam? He said, Recite it to yourself, for I heard the Messenger of Allah (SAW) say:

"Allah said: I have divided prayer between Myself and My slave into two halves, and My slave shall have what he has asked for. When the slave says: *Al-hamdu lillahi rabbi l-alamin*, Allah says: My slave has praised Me.

And when he says: *Ar-Rahmaan ir-Raheem*, Allah says: My slave has extolled Me and when he says: *Maaliki yawm id-deen*, Allah says: My slave has glorified Me - and on one occasion He said: My slave has submitted to My power.

And when he says: *Iyyaaka na'budu wa iyyaaka nasta'een*, He says: This is (a contract or a promise) between Me and My slave, and My slave shall have what he is asking for.

And when he says: *Ihdina's-siraata'l- mustaqeem, siraat alladheena an'amta alayhim ghayril-maghdoobi alayhim wa la'd-daalleen*, He says: This is for My slave, and My slave shall have what he has asked for."

[Sahih Muslim]