

Arabic Alphabet Reference

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ا	ا	ا	ا	Alif	“a” (long “aa”)	أَنْعَمْتَ (An‘amta - You blessed), أَحَدٌ (Aḥad - One), أَعْلَى (‘A‘lā - Highest), أَيُّهَا (Ayyuhā - O)	مَلِكٍ (Māliki - Master), صِرَاطٍ (Ṣirāṭa - path), نَعْبُدُ (Na‘budu - we worship)
ب	ب	ب	ب	Bā’	“b”	بِسْمِ (Bismi - In the name), بَارِكْ (Bārik - bless), بَعْدَ (Ba‘da - after)	رَبِّ (Rabbī - my Lord), عِبَادِ (‘Ibād - servants), تَعْبُدُ (Ta‘budu - you worship)

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ت	ت	ت	ت	Tā'	“t”	تَعَالَى (Ta‘ālā - exalted), تَقَبَّلْ (Taqabbal - accept), تَبَارَكَ (Tabāraka - blessed)	مُسْتَقِيمٌ (Mustaqīm - straight), أَنْعَمْتَ (An‘amta - You blessed), إِيَّاكَ (Iyyākāt - You)
ث	ث	ث	ث	Thā'	“th” (as in “think”)	ثُمَّ (Thumma - then), ثَوَابَ (Thawāba - reward)	مَثَلٌ (Mathalu - example), مِثْلَ (Mithla - like)
ج	ج	ج	ج	Jīm	“j”	جَنَّةَ (Jannata - paradise), جَعَلَنِي (Ja‘alnī - make me), جَدُّكَ (Jadduka - Your majesty)	مَجِيدٌ (Majīd - Glorious), رِجَالٌ (Rijāl - men)
ح	ح	ح	ح	Hā'	“h” (deep “h”)	حَمْدُ (Ḥamdu - praise), حَمِيدٌ (Ḥamīd - praiseworthy), حَيَاةَ (Ḥayāta - life)	رَحْمَةً (Raḥmah - mercy), مُحَمَّدٌ (Muḥammad - Muhammad)
خ	خ	خ	خ	Khā'	“kh” (like “ch” in “Bach”)	خَلَقَ (Khalaqa - He	مَخْلُوقَ (Makhlūqa -

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						created), خَيْرَ (Khayra - good)	created), تَخْشَى (Takhshā - you fear)
د	د	د	د	Dāl	“d”	دِين (Dīni - religion), دُعَاءِ (Du‘ā’i - supplication), دَعَا (Da‘ā - he called)	مَدِينَةٍ (Madīnah - city), عَبْدُهُ (‘Abduhu - His servant)
ذ	ذ	ذ	ذ	Dhāl	“dh” (as in “this”)	ذُرِّيَّتِي (Dhurriyyatī - my descendants), ذَلِكَ (Dhālīka - that), ذَنْبَ (Dhanba - sin)	مُذَكِّرٌ (Mudhkir - reminder), مَذْكُورٌ (Madhkūr - mentioned)
ر	ر	ر	ر	Rā’	“r” (rolled)	رَبِّ (Rabbī - my Lord), رَحْمَةٍ (Raḥmah - mercy), رَسُولٌ (Rasūlu - Messenger)	أَمْرًا (Amra - command), بَرَكَاتٍ (Barakah - blessing)
ز	ز	ز	ز	Zāy	“z”	زَكَاةً (Zakātah - charity), زَوْجٍ (Zawja - spouse)	أَزْوَاجٌ (Azwāj - spouses), مَزِيدٌ (Mazīd - more)
س	س	س	س	Sīn	“s”	سُبْحَانَ (Subḥāna -	مُسْتَقِيمٌ (Mustaqīm -

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						Glory be), سَلَامٌ (Salāmu - peace), سَمِعَ (Sami‘a - He hears)	straight), رَسُولٌ (Rasūlu - Messenger)
ش	شـ	شـ	ش	Shīn	“sh”	شَيْءٍ (Shay’īn - thing), شَهِيدٍ (Shahīdin - witness), شَرِيعَةٍ (Sharī‘atan - law)	مُشْرِكُونَ (Mushrikūna - polytheists), عَشْرَةٌ (‘Ashrata - ten)
ص	صـ	صـ	ص	Ṣād	“ṣ” (emphatic “s”)	صَلَاةٍ (Ṣalāti - prayer), صَالِحِينَ (Ṣāliḥīna - righteous), صَدَقَةٍ (Ṣadaqata - charity)	مُصِيبَةٌ (Muṣībah - calamity), نَصِيرٌ (Naṣīr - Helper)
ض	ضـ	ضـ	ض	Ḍād	“ḍ” (emphatic “d”)	ضَالِّينَ (Ḍāllīna - astray), ضُرٌّ (Ḍurrin - harm), ضَرَبَ (Ḍaraba - He struck)	مَضَاجِعَ (Maḍāji‘a - resting places), قَاضِيَةٍ (Qāḍiyah - decisive)
ط	طـ	طـ	ط	Ṭā’	“ṭ” (emphatic “t”)	طَيِّبَاتٍ (Ṭayyibāti - good things),	مُسْتَطَرٌّ (Mustaṭar - written),

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						طَاغُوتَ (Ṭāghūta - false deity), طَهَارَةٌ (Ṭahāratān - purity)	بَاطِنٌ (Bāṭin - hidden)
ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ	Zā'	“z” (emphatic “dh”)	ظَلَمُوا (Zalamū - they wronged), ظَاهِرٌ (Zāhirun - apparent)	مَظْلُومٌ (Maẓlūmun - oppressed), مُظْلِمٌ (Muẓlimun - dark)
ع	ع	ع	ع	'Ayn	“‘” (throat sound)	عَلَيْكُمْ (‘Alaykum - upon you), عِبَادِ (‘Ibādi - servants), عَظِيمٌ (‘Azīmi - Mighty)	مَعَ (Ma‘a - with), شَعَائِرَ (Sha‘ā’ira - rites)
غ	غ	غ	غ	Ghayn	“gh” (gargled “g”)	غَفِيرٌ (Ghafīrun - forgiving), غَيْرِ (Ghayri - not), غَفْلَةٌ (Ghaflatan - heedlessness)	مَغْفِرَةٌ (Maghfirah - forgiveness), مُغْنِيَةٌ (Mughniyah - enriching)
ف	ف	ف	ف	Fā'	“f”	فِي (Fī - in), فَضْلٌ (Faḍlin - grace), فَتَحَ (Fataḥa - He opened)	أَنْفُسَ (Ānfus - souls), مَفْصُولٌ (Maḥṣūl - detailed)

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ق	قا	قا	ق	Qāf	“q” (deep “k”)	قُلْ (Qul - say), قَلْبَ (Qalba - heart), قَدِيرٌ (Qadīrun - All-Powerful)	مُقِيمٌ (Muqīma - establisher), تَقَبَّلْ (Taqaḥḥal - accept)
ك	كا	كا	ك	Kāf	“k”	كَمَا (Kamā - as), كُفُّوا (Kufuwan - equivalent), كَرِيمٌ (Karīmun - Generous)	مَلِكٌ (Mālikī - Master), أَيُّهَا (Ayyuhā - O)
ل	لا	لا	ل	Lām	“l”	لِلَّهِ (Lillāhi - for Allah), لَكَ (Laka - to You), لَيْلَةٌ (Laylata - night)	مَلِكٌ (Mālikī - Master), سَلَامٌ (Salāmu - peace)
م	ما	ما	م	Mīm	“m”	مُحَمَّدٌ (Muḥammadīn - Muhammad), مِنْ (Min - from), مَلِكٌ (Mālikī - Master)	أَمْرٌ (Amra - command), مُسْتَقِيمٌ (Mustaqīma - straight)
ن	نا	نا	ن	Nūn	“n”	نَعْبُدُ (Na‘budu - we worship), نَسْتَعِينُ (Nasta‘īnu - we ask for)	مِنْ (Min - from), أَنْعَمْتَ (An‘amta - You blessed)

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						نَصِيرٌ (Naṣīrun - Helper), help)	
ه	هـ	هـ	هـ	Hā'	“h”	هُوَ (Huwa - He), هَدَى (Hadā - He guided), هَذَا (Hādhā - this)	مُهْتَدٍ (Muhtad - guided), رَحْمَةً (Raḥmah - mercy)
و	و	و	و	Wāw	“w” or “ū”	وَاللَّهُ (Wa-llāhi - and Allah), وَرَحْمَةً (Wa-raḥmah - and mercy), وَيْلٌ (Waylun - woe)	مَوْعِدٌ (Maw'id - promise), مَوْلَى (Mawlā - Protector)
ي	يـ	يـ	يـ	Yā'	“y” or “ī”	يَوْمٍ (Yawmī - day), يَا أَيُّهَا (Yā ayyuhā - O you), يَقِينٌ (Yaqīnūn - certainty)	مُقِيمٍ (Muqīma - establisher), بِحَمْدِكَ (Biḥamdika - with Your praise)