

For Fast 5

Chapter 3

- 8 Our Lord, do not make our hearts to deviate after You have guided us and grant us mercy from Yourself; surely You are the most liberal Giver.

Note: While following the right path to the best of one's ability, one must pray not to slip from that path.

- 16 Those who say: Our Lord, we believe, so forgive our sins and save us from the punishment of the fire.
- 17 The patient and the truthful and the obedient and those who spend (on good works) and those who ask Divine protection in the morning times.

Note: The petition for forgiveness (v. 16) must be accompanied by developing the qualities mentioned in v. 17. That is, being patient in adversity, being truthful in life, obedient to Allah, spending in the way of Allah, and making it a habit to ask Allah to grant protection against wrongdoing.

- 26 Say: O Allah, Owner of the Kingdom, You give the kingdom to whom You please, and take away the kingdom from whom You please, and You exalt whom You please and degrade whom You please. In Your hand is the good. Surely You are Powerful over all things.
- 27 You make the night to pass into the day and You make the day to pass into the night; and You bring forth the living from the dead and You bring forth the dead from the living; and You give sustenance to whom You please without measure.

Note: This is another powerful prayer. The words "whom You please" do not mean that God's pleasure is arbitrary and based on a passing whim like a man. This refers to the laws which God has been pleased to put into action. Nations and individuals become dominant in the world or lose their position, are in daylight or darkness, are alive or dead, according to God's laws for their rise and fall.

"Kingdom" is not necessarily rule over countries. It can be your dominance in a field of knowledge, or it can be a spiritual kingdom where your religious concepts are triumphant over other ideologies. This is a prayer to rise to greatness and receive light, life, and spiritual sustenance.
