

THE OPENING

In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Praise belongs to God, The Lord of all Beings.

The All-Merciful.

The All-Compassionate.

The Master of the Day of Doom.

Thee only we serve and to Thee alone we pray.

Guide us in the straight path.

The path of those whom Thou hast blessed, not of those whom Thou art not wrathful; nor of those who are astray.

Verses 1-7, Chapter 1, The Koran Interpreted, modified after a 1955 translation by the late A. J. Arberry (1905-1969), Professor of Theology, Oxford University, England, Oxford University Press, 1964, (ISBN 0 19 250596 3).