

Prayer Service In Islam

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IN A RECENT issue we saw the Lost-found members of the Nation of Islam reciting the oft repeated prayer of Islam: "In the Name of Allah, the most Merciful, All praise is due Allah the Lord of the Worlds. The Most Merciful Master of the Day of Requital. Thee do we serve and Thee do we beseech for help. O Allah, guide us on the right path; the path of those upon whom Thou hast bestowed favors, and not of those upon whom Thy wrath is brought down, nor of those who go astray." Amen.

This prayer is found in the first Sura (Chapter) of the Holy Qur-an, and is the opening of every Sura of the Holy Book except the ninth chapter (the chapter of The Hypocrites). He seeks the right guidance; he does not want to walk in the path of the Jews and Christians. He saw the Jews go astray from the right faith and caused the wrath of Allah to descend upon them, and caused the wrath of Allah to descend upon and cause the Jews to suffer many afflictions and finally the loss of world independence. And they fell into the hands of their enemies wherever they sojourn.

AND NOW, take notice of those who call themselves Christians going astray from the right path (Islam). Notice them going to the extreme by worshipping Jesus; first by falsely accusing Jesus of being the Son of Allah (God) born without the agency of man; thus accusing God of an act of adultery. They preach the rightful laws of God, but practice the laws of Satan and now has become the world's greatest trouble makers (war makers), and have caused the nations to deviate from the path of Allah (God). And now they are heading the entire world into total destruction.

He wants to be guided on the path of the Prophets of Allah where he can receive the favors of Allah. He has not as yet entered the congregational prayer service in the beautiful Mosques of the Holy Land of Islam to hear the caller of the faithful (early in the morning and five times a day) from the minarets of the Mosques. The caller with his hands raised to his ears goes from one door or window to the other (there are four in all); he opens it to the east, west, north and south saying: "Allah-u-Akbar" four times (which means: Allah is the Greatest regardless to what direction you may look). The beautiful words one may note from the caller at nearly the end of the call are these: "Come to prayer, turning the face to the right (repeated twice). Come to Success (repeated twice). And turning the face to the left: Prayer is better than sleep (repeated twice)."

The touch of Islam makes the Lost-found to have a sense of dignity and for the first time, he feels that he should do something for self. And he desires to rid himself of the things that hinder him. He, therefore, now prays the following prayer:

"O Allah! I seek Thy refuge from anxiety and grief, and I seek Thy refuge from lack of strength and laziness, and I seek Thy refuge from cowardice and niggardliness, and I seek Thy refuge from being overpowered by debt and the oppression of men; O Allah! suffice Thou me with what is lawful to keep me away from what is prohibited, and with Thy grace make me free from want of what is besides Thee."

We the Lost-found should repeat the above prayer seven (7) times a day. For it sums up our greatest hindrance to freedom and self-independence. We must get away from the idea of depending on others to do for us what we can do for self. Fear, cowardice, and laziness are our greatest enemies. We are brave enough to fight to preserve the white race's independence, but not brave for self and kind. Shake such shackles off and face the consequences like men and we will all be free!