

NAMES OF ALLAH FOR KIDS



THE MOST GRACIOUS

There is no one in the heavens
and earth but that he comes
to the Most Gracious as a servant.
[Surah Maryam, 19:93]

Ar-Rahmaan is the greatest name of our Lord after the name Allah. Ar-Rahmaan is translated as The Most Gracious. He is The One Who is Overwhelmingly Merciful. No one can be more merciful than Ar-Rahmaan.

Ar Rahmaan showers His mercy in this world to every living being He created - the humans, the birds, the plants, the fish and all various creatures. Allah shows mercy in this world to each and every one whether they are believers or disbelievers, doers of good or sinners, obedient ones or disobedient ones, His friends or His enemies. Every one benefits from the mercy of Ar-Rahmaan.

He gives them various kinds of provisions, gives them food and drink, heals them and grants them well-being, and other, innumerable types of mercy. Were it not for the mercy of Allah, no one would find air to breathe or water to drink, or any food or clothing. When people fall sick, were it not for Allah, they would never recover.

THE MERCY OF AR-RAHMAAN IN OUR LIFE

No one can deny the mercy of Ar-Rahmaan. His mercy fills all that is between the heavens and the earth. The rain that wets the earth giving life to it, the dark relaxing night for us to rest, our ability to see the colourful world around us, the cool breeze blowing by the window, the warm clothes in the winter that gives us comfort, a cosy home that we go back to, the delicious healthy food on our table, the love and company of our families, and every good thing in our life that we can think of is from His Mercy of Ar-Rahmaan upon us.

MERCY OF AR-RAHMAAN IN HIS CREATION

Messenger of Allah (sal-Allahu alayhi wa sallam) said,

“Allah created mercy in one hundred parts and He retained with Him ninety-nine parts, and He has sent down upon the earth one part, and it is because of this one part that there is mutual love among the creation so much so that the animal lifts up its hoof from its young, one, fearing that it might harm it.” [Muslim]

If you look around in the nature or nature documentaries you will see how Ar-Rahmaan has put affection and compassion even in the animals for each other. You will see how they go through hardships to feed their young ones, to protect them, and to raise them. Were it not for the mercy of Ar-Rahmaan they would not love their young ones or care for them.

WHO IS MOST MERCIFUL TO YOU?

All of us would believe that our mothers are the most merciful to us, since she carried us in her womb for nine months, gave birth to us in pain, fed us, clothed us, hugged us, tucked us to bed every night, cooked for us, taught us to talk, walk, read, and write. She cared for us in our sickness, wiped our tears, looked after our needs, and so on. However, there is someone Who is way more merciful to you than your mother. It is The One Who created your mother! It is due to Ar-Rahmaan's mercy after all that He chose for you your mother, put mercy and kindness in her heart for you. The Prophet (sal-Allahu alayhi wa sallam) said,

"Allah is more merciful towards His slaves than a mother towards her child."
(Muslim)

DO YOU WANT MORE MERCY FROM AR-RAHMAAN?

Messenger of Allah (sal-Allahu alayhi wa sallam) said,

“The merciful will be shown mercy by the Most Merciful. Be merciful to those on the earth and the One in the heavens will have mercy upon you.” (At-Tirmidhi)

Allah loves for His slaves to be merciful with each other. We can be merciful to each other by being kind, polite, and compassionate, by helping others in their times of need, by sharing the blessings given to us by Allah, by treating others the way we would like to be treated, by forgiving others when they harm us, and so on.

SHOWING MERCY TO ANIMALS

We should show mercy to the animals and other creatures Allah has created. If you have pets, you should take good care of them and be responsible towards them.

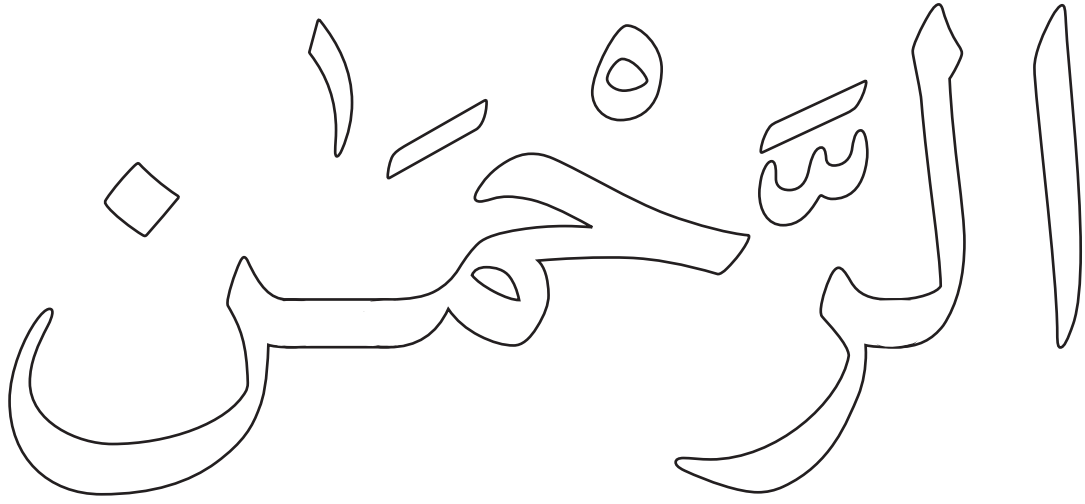
The Messenger of Allah (sal-Allahu alayhi wa sallam) said,

“A man suffered from thirst while he was walking on a journey. When he found a well, he climbed down into it and drank from it. Then he came out and saw a dog lolling its tongue from thirst and licking the ground. The man said: This dog has suffered thirst just as I have suffered from it. He climbed down into the well, filled his shoe with water, and caught it in his mouth as he climbed up. Then he gave the dog a drink. Allah appreciated this deed, so he forgave him.”

(Bukhari and Muslim)

QURAN - THE GREATEST BLESSING

The greatest of all the blessings sent down to us from Ar-Rahmaan is the Quran. The Quran removes the humankind from darkness of ignorance and brings them to the light of knowledge. It replaces falsehood by truth. It tells us about the names, attributes and actions of Allah. It commands us to do all that is good and prohibits us from all that is evil. It fills our heart with faith and wisdom. People would not have known the purpose of their lives were it not for the revelation of Quran. It guides us to all that is pleasing to Allah and protects us from all that brings the wrath and punishment of Allah.



Meaning in English

A few things that I understand from Allah's Name Ar-Rahmaan are ...

Observe the mercy of Ar-Rahmaan around you or in the nature and write down your observations.
