

Gentleness and Kindness

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أَلَا يَا لَطِيفُ يَا لَطِيفُ لَكَ اللَّطْفُ فَأَنْتَ اللَّطِيفُ مِنْكَ يَشْمَلُنَا اللَّطْفُ

O Laṭīf! O Laṭīf! Is not Kindness Yours! For You are al-Laṭīf! Your Kindness envelops us!

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لَطِيفُ لَطِيفُ إِنَّنِي مُتَوَسِّلٌ بِلُطْفِكَ فَالْطُفْ بِي وَقَدْ نَزَلَ اللُّطْفُ

2 (O) Laṭīf, Laṭīf, truly I am one beseeching You by Your Kindness to grant me Your Kindness, and Your Kindness descends!

بِلُطْفِكَ عُذْنَا يَا لَطِيفُ وَهَا نَحْنُ دَخَلْنَا فِي وَسْطِ اللُّطْفِ وَانْسَدَلَ اللُّطْفُ

In Your Kindness, we have taken refuge, O Laṭīf, and here we are entering the centre of Your Kindness, and Your Kindness comes down!

نَجَوْنَا بِلُطْفِ اللهِ ذِي اللَّطْفِ إِنَّهُ لَطِيفُ لَطِيفُ لُطُفْهُ دَائِمُ اللَّطْفُ لَطيفُ لَطِيفُ لُطُفُهُ دَائِمُ اللَّطْفُ

We have been freed by the Kindness of Allah, the Possessor of Kindness, truly He is Laṭīf, Laṭīf, and His Kindness is always Kindness!

أَلَا يَا حَفِيظُ يَا حَفِيظُ لَكَ الْحِفْظُ فَكَ الْحُفْظُ فَأَنْتَ الْحُفِيظُ مِنْكَ يَشْمَلُنَا الْحِفْظُ

O Ḥafīz, O Ḥafīz! Is not Protection Yours?
For You are al-Ḥafīz and Your Protection envelops us!

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حَفِيظُ حَفِيظُ إِنَّنَا نَتَوسِّلُ إِنَّنَا نَتَوسِّلُ الْحِفْظُ الْحَفْظُ الْحِفْظُ الْحِفْظُ الْحِفْظُ

(O) Ḥafīz, Ḥafīz, truly we are beseeching You by Your Protection to grant us Your Protection, and Your Protection descends!

جِفْظِكَ عُذْنَا يَا حَفِيظٌ وَهَا نَحْنُ دَخَلْنَا فِي وَسْطِ الْحِفْظِ وَانْسَدَلَ الْحِفْظُ

In Your Protection, we have taken refuge, O Ḥafīz, and here we are entering the centre of Your Protection, and Your Protection comes down!

نَجَوْنَا بِحِفْظِ اللهِ ذِي الْحِفْظِ إِنَّهُ حَفِيظُ حَفِيظُ حِفْظُهُ دَائِمًا حَفِيظُ

We have been freed by Allah's Protection, the Possessor of Protection, truly He is Ḥafīz, Ḥafīz, and His Protection is always Protection!

9 By the honor of the Leader of the Messengers, Muhammad, Were he not the spring of Protection, Protection would not descend!

Upon him be blessings as long as those who chant his blessings say:
O Ḥafīz, O Ḥafīz, is not Infinite Protection Yours?

There is none worthy of worship except Allah (x10)

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