

An Invocation for Pregnant Women and Animals

Abu Yazid al-Qannad narrated from Muhammad b. Muslim from Abu al-Hasan Al-Ridha', peace be upon him, who said: "Write this invocation on a paper or parchment for pregnant animals:

'In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate, in the Name of Allah, in the Name of Allah, in the Name of Allah, truly with hardship comes ease.

Truly with hardship comes ease (94:5-6).

God desires ease for you, and desires not hardship for you, and that you fulfil the number and magnify God that He has guided you, and haply you will be thankful. And when My servants question thee concerning Me — I am near to answer the call of the caller, when he calls to Me. So let them respond to Me, and let them believe in Me. Haply they will go aright (2: 185-6).

And He will furnish you with a gentle issue of your affair (18: 16).

He will provide you with guidance in your affair. God's it is to show the way ... If He willed, He would have guided you all together (16.9).

Then the way eased for him (80:20). Have not the unbelievers then beheld that the heavens and the earth were a mass all sewn up, and then We unstitched them and of water fashioned every living thing? Will they not believe? (21:30).

..and [she] withdrew with him to a distant place. And the birthpangs surprised her by the trunk of the palm tree. She said, Would I had had died ere this, and become a thing forgotten. But the one that was below her called to her, Nay, do not sorrow. See, thy Lord has set below thee a rivulet. Shake also to thee the palm trunk, and there shall come tumbling upon thee dates fresh and ripe. Eat therefore, and drink, and be comforted. And if thou shouldst see any mortal, say, I have vowed to the All-merciful a fast, and today I will not speak to any man. Then she brought the child to her folk, carrying him; and they said, Maryam, thou hast surely committed a monstrous thing! Sister of Harun, thy father was not a wicked man, nor was thy mother a woman unchaste.

Maryam pointed to the child then; but they said, How shall we speak to one who is still in the cradle, a little child? He said. Lo, I am God's servant; God has given me the Book, and made me a Prophet. Blessed He has made me, wherever I may be; and He has enjoined me to pray, and to give the alms, so long as I live, and likewise to cherish my mother. He has not made me arrogant, unprosperous. Peace be upon me, the day I was born, and the day I died, and the day I am raised up alive! That is 'Isa, son of Maryam (19:22-34).

'And it is God who brought you forth from your mothers' abdomens not knowing anything, He appointed for you hearing, and sight, and hearts, that haply so you will be thankful. Have they not regarded the birds, that are subjected in the air of heaven? Naught holds them but God, surely in that are signs for a people who believe (16:78-9).

Thus, O newborn child, come forth healthy, by the will of Allah, the Mighty and Sublime.'

“Then fasten it to her and when she gives birth, remove it from her. Take care that you do not leave out any part of the verse or stop after [writing] part of it, and that you complete it. It is the statement of Allah, the Exalted:

God who brought you forth from your mothers' wombs not knowing anything. If you stop here, the child will be born dumb (*akhras*).

If you do not recite: ***and appointed for you hearing, and sight, and hearts, that haply so you will be thankful,*** the child will not be born healthy.”

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