

Surah Al-Ikhlās

الإخلاص

Surah 112 · 4 verses · Sincerity

1

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

Qul huwallāhu aḥad

Say, He is Allāh, [who is] One,

There is only one Allah. Not two, not three: one. Nothing and no one shares being God with Him.

2

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ

Allāhuṣ-ṣamad

Allāh, the Eternal Refuge.

Everyone needs Allah for everything, and Allah needs nobody. When we need help, we go to Him.

3

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ

Lam yalid walam yūlad

He neither begets nor is born,

Allah has no children and no parents. He was never born and He will never die.

4

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

Walam yakun lahu kufuwan aḥad

Nor is there to Him any equivalent.

Nothing and nobody is like Allah. Whatever we can imagine, Allah is greater than that.

Surah Al-Ikhlās word by word

Verse	Arabic	Say	Meaning
1	قُلْ	<i>qul</i>	Say
	هُوَ	<i>huwa</i>	He
	اللَّهُ	<i>allāhu</i>	(is) Allah
	أَحَدٌ	<i>aḥadun</i>	the One
2	اللَّهُ	<i>allāhu</i>	Allah
	الصَّمَدُ	<i>aṣ-ṣamadū</i>	the Eternal, the Absolute
3	لَمْ	<i>lam</i>	Not
	يَلِدْ	<i>yalid</i>	He begets
	وَلَمْ	<i>walam</i>	and not
	يُولَدْ	<i>yūlad</i>	He is begotten
4	وَلَمْ	<i>walam</i>	And not
	يَكُنْ	<i>yakun</i>	is
	لَهُ	<i>lahu</i>	for Him
	كُفُوًا	<i>kufuwan</i>	equivalent
	أَحَدٌ	<i>aḥadun</i>	any [one]

Sounds to listen for

- Every verse ends on d (aḥad, aṣ-ṣamad, yūlad, aḥad): at the stop it bounces with a small echo, the qalqalah.
- Qul with a q from the back of the throat; aḥad with a breathy ḥ, not an English h.
- The l of Allāh is heavy here, said with a full mouth, because an a comes before it.
- Aṣ-ṣamad: the l of "al" merges into a heavy, doubled ṣ.
- Yakun laḥū is read yakul-lahū: the n merges into the l with no nasal sound.
- Kufuwan aḥad: the n of -an is said clearly before the a.

When it is recited

- Morning and evening, three times, with Al-Falaq and An-Nas (Sunan Abi Dawud 5082).
- Before sleep: blow into cupped hands and wipe over the body, three times (Sahih al-Bukhari 5017).
- Equal to a third of the Quran (Sahih al-Bukhari 5013).