



**NATIONAL WATER AND
SEWERAGE CORPORATION**



**CHIEF CELEBRANT: HIS EMINENCE SHEIKH MUHAMMAD ALI WAISWA,
THE FIRST DEPUTY MUFTI OF UGANDA**

THANKSGIVING SERVICE



18 DECEMBER, 2024

03:00 PM – 04:30 PM

VENUE: NWSC IREC BUGOLOBI

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Recital

A Quran recital, also known as Tilawah, is the practice of reading the Quran aloud while following specific rules and guidelines. The term Qira'at refers to the different ways the Quran can be recited, which include linguistic, phonetic, and syntactical forms.

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Dua

Shukr (Gratefulness and thankfulness for the Year 2024)
Prayers for prosperity in the year 2025

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Sermon

By the First Deputy Mufti on Stewardship
Leadership & Unity

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Remarks

By the Managing Director
NWSC and the
Board Chairman

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Adhan

and Asr Prayer



Surah Ikhlas (الإِخْلَاصُ) (112th Surah of the Qur'an). It is titled in English "Sincerity"



Bismillah hir rahman nir raheem
In the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful,
the Especially Merciful.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Qul huwal laahu ahad
Say, "He is Allah, [who is] One,

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

Allah hus-samad
Allah, the Eternal Refuge.

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ

Lam yalid wa lam yoolad
He neither begets nor is born,

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ

Wa lam yakul-lahoo kufuwan ahad (section 1)
Nor is there to Him any equivalent."

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

Surah Al-Fatiha الفاتحة is the 1st chapter of the Qur'an. The surah titled in English means "The Opening" and it consists of 7 verses

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Alhamdu lillaahi Rabbil 'aalameen
[All] praise is [due] to Allah, Lord of the worlds –

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Ar-Rahmaanir-Raheem
The Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful,

الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Maaliki Yawmid-Deen
Sovereign of the Day of Recompense.

مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Iyyaaka na'budu wa iyyaaka nasta'een
It is You we worship and You we ask for help.

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

Ihdinas-Siraatal-Mustaqeem
Guide us to the straight path –

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Siraatal-lazeena an'amta 'alaihim ghayril-
maghdoobi 'alaihim wa lad-daaalleen
The path of those upon whom You have
bestowed favor, not of those who have evoked
[Your] anger or of those who are astray.

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ
غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا
الضَّالِّينَ

Some Verses About Water in Qur'an

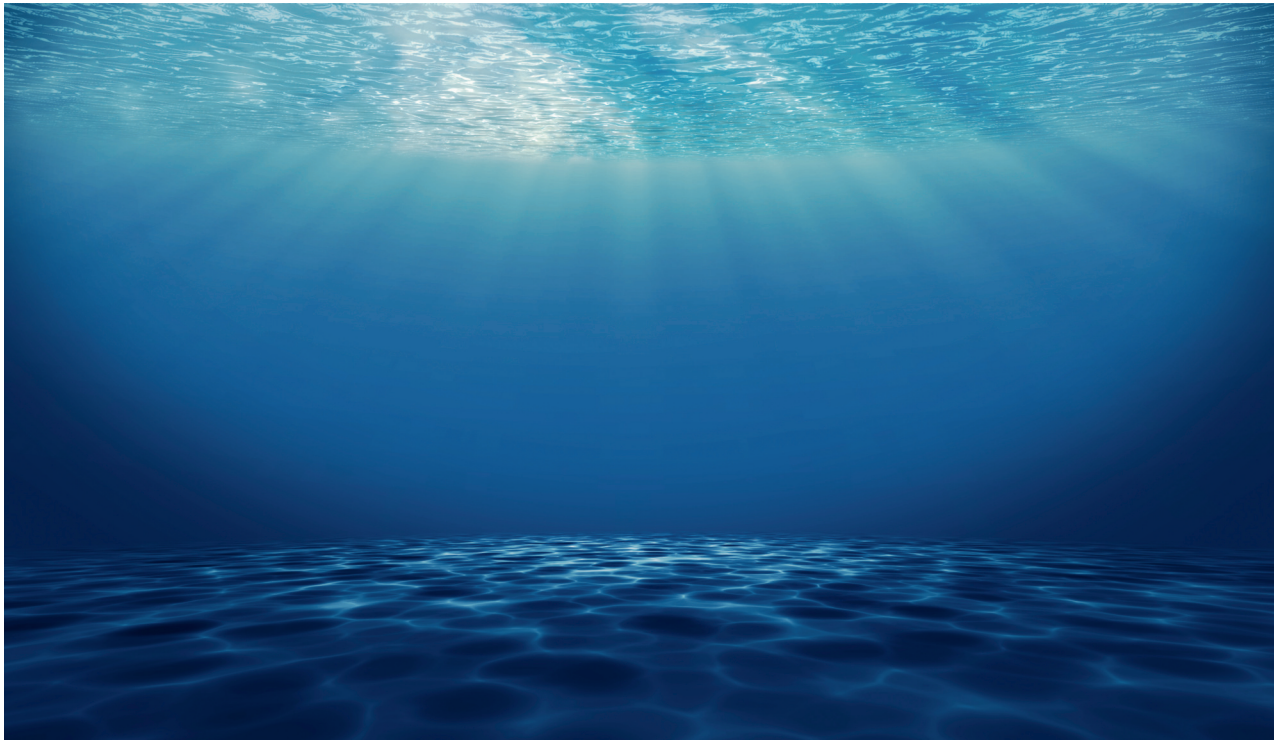


Water is mentioned numerous times in the Quran.[1] Allah SWT categorizes water into its different properties. He differentiates the rain that falls from the sky as purified water, water from the spring as sweet, seawater as salty and bitter [2] and mentions of water that flows from rocks[3]. He speaks of the barrier between freshwater and salt water[4].

In other verses there is recurrent theme in the verses. **The different themes are illustrated for a better understanding of the verses and to portray the importance the Creator gave towards water.** The attributes of Allah SWT are also portrayed in these themes as well.

Water as a Building Block of Living Things: Al-Khaliq (الخالق): The Creator

Allah SWT describes how water (ماء mā') is the building block of all living things[5]. It is not surprising that the adult man is made up 60% of water and man can survive without water for only three to four days. It is an essential liquid for our very existence.



Rain as a Provision: Ar-Razzaq (الرزاق): The Sustainer

This is the main theme that Allah SWT often repeats, that rain is a mercy and a provision to mankind. Allah SWT emphasizes that it is He who makes the rainfall and makes the barren land fertile that brings forth food.[7] It is His mercy that the rain falls to provide water to drink and beautiful green pastures for the cattle.[8] He further describes rain as purified water and the winds that bring the rain-filled clouds as bearing good tidings.[9] He sent sweet water from the mountains for man to enjoy.[10]

Water for Purification: Al-Quddus (القدوس): The Pure One

Purification is an important aspect of Islam, and Allah SWT talks about external as well as internal purification. The Prophet SAW taught by example on how to perform these cleansing rituals. The act of prayer is when the servant comes forward to meet the Creator, and Creator would like to see His servant in a purified state. In the verse 8:11, Allah sends down rain as calmness, as an internal purification to remove the negative effect of Shaitan on their hearts."

Water as an Analogy: Ar-Rashid (الرشيد) The Righteous Teacher

Allah SWT makes analogies using water. He likens the life on this world to a life cycle of a plant. Rain falls on a dead barren earth, bringing to life vegetation, which later dries, and there is no trace of its existence [15].

Stewardship Leadership and Unity

Here are some Quranic verses that can be used to address the theme of stewardship, leadership, and unity:

Stewardship:

Quran 6:165: "Indeed, We have made you, [O mankind], successors upon the earth and have appointed some of you above others in degrees [of authority] that We may try you through what We have given you." This verse highlights the responsibility of humans as stewards of the earth and the trust placed in those who are given leadership roles.

Quran 2:159: "And cooperate in righteousness and piety, and do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah ; for indeed, Allah is severe in penalty." This verse emphasizes the importance of working together for good and avoiding actions that harm others or violate Islamic principles.

Leadership:

Quran 4:59: "O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. And if you disagree on anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and most appropriate in outcome." This verse highlights the importance of following the guidance of Allah and His Messenger, as well as respecting those in positions of authority.

Quran 16:90: "Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded." This verse emphasizes the importance of justice, fairness, and good conduct in leadership.

Unity:

Quran 3:103: "And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - how you were enemies, then He reconciled your hearts and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the brink of a pit of fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided." This verse emphasizes the importance of unity among Muslims and the blessings that come with it.

Quran 49:10: "Indeed, the believers are but brothers, so make reconciliation between your brothers and fear Allah that you may receive mercy." This verse highlights the importance of resolving conflicts among brothers and sisters in Islam.



May we strive to embody these principles in our daily work and personal lives. Let us be stewards of our responsibilities, leaders who inspire and uplift, and colleagues who foster unity and cooperation. May we work together in righteousness and piety, remembering the favor of Allah upon us.

May Allah bless us all with success, happiness, and guidance in the coming year. Ameen.