

THE ADHAN

THE CALL TO PRAYER

STORY OF THE ADHAN

As the Muslim community grew in Madina, some of the people worked further from the masjid.

The sahabah got together and discussed how they could gather the Muslims together for the congregational salah.

There were several suggestions, but nothing was agreed upon or completely satisfactory to everyone.

The following day, Abdullah bin Zayd رضي الله عنه told Prophet Muhammad ﷺ about a dream where he heard some beautiful words.

Umar رضي الله عنه had the same dream.

Abdullah رضي الله عنه was asked to teach those words to Bilal رضي الله عنه, who recited them in a beautiful loud voice before each prayer.

This lets the people know that salah was ready to start.

x4

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

ALLAHU-AKBAR
(AFFIRM THE GREATNESS OF GOD)
Allah is the greatest

x2

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

ASH-HADU AN-LAILAHA ILLALLAH
(TESTIFY TO THE ONENESS OF GOD)
I bear witness that there is no deity except Allah.

x2

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

ASH-HADU ANNA MUHAMMADAR-RASULULLAH
(TESTIFY THAT MUHAMMAD IS THE MESSENGER OF GOD)
I bear witness that Muhammad ﷺ is the messenger of Allah.

x2

حَيَّ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ

HAYYA ALAS-SALAAH
(INVITE AND CALL TO THE PRAYER IN CONGREGATION)
Come to Salah

x2

حَيَّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ

HAYYA ALAL FALAH
(INVITE AND CALL TO THE PRAYER IN CONGREGATION)
Come to Success

x2

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

ALLAHU-AKBAR
(AFFIRM THE GREATNESS OF GOD)
Allah is the greatest

x1

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

LAILAH HA ILLAL LAH
(AFFIRM THE ONENESS OF GOD)
There is no deity except Allah

* During the Fajr Adhan, the extra words (*الصَّلَاةُ خَيْرٌ مِنَ النَّوْمِ*) are repeated twice, which means Salah is better than sleep.

DUA AFTER ADHAN

اللَّهُمَّ رَبِّ هَذِهِ الدَّعْوَةُ التَّامَّةُ وَالصَّلَاةُ الْقَائِمَةُ آتِ مُحَمَّدًا الْوَسِيلَةَ
وَالْفَضِيلَةَ وَابْعَثْهُ مَقَامًا مَحْمُودًا الَّذِي وَعَدْتَهُ

O Allah, Owner of this perfect call and Owner of this prayer to be performed, bestow upon Muhammad al-waseelah and al-fadeelah and send him upon a praised platform which You have promised him.'

Al-Waseelah: A station in paradise. Al-Fadeelah: A rank above the rest of creation. Praised Platform: One in which all of creation will praise him on, in order to bring about the account quickly and be relieved from the lengthy standing or the role of intercession.