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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
وَقَالَ ارْكَبُوا فِيهَا بِسْمِ اللَّهِ مَجْرِيهَا وَمُرْسِيهَا إِنَّ رَبِّي لَغَفُورٌ  
رَحِيمٌ.  
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
كُلُّ كَلَامٍ، أَوْ أَمْرٍ ذِي بَالٍ لَا يُفْتَحُ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ فَهُوَ أَبْتَرُ.

## THE BASMALA: THE SECRET OF BLESSINGS

Dear brothers and sisters, the Prophet ﷺ has advised us to begin every word and deed with the *basmala*, in the name of Allah ﷻ. Let us follow his example and begin all our actions in the name of Allah ﷻ, with passion and love. Let us take refuge in His endless forgiveness and mercy. In the name of Allah ﷻ, we find meaning in our lives, in the name of Allah ﷻ we recognize our servitude and aspiration. The *basmala* is not just a word spoken or written on paintings. It is the intention to take every breath for the pleasure of Allah ﷻ. It is the determination to show honesty in word and deed, to strive in good deeds and goodness, and to be determined to avoid every kind of prohibition and evil.