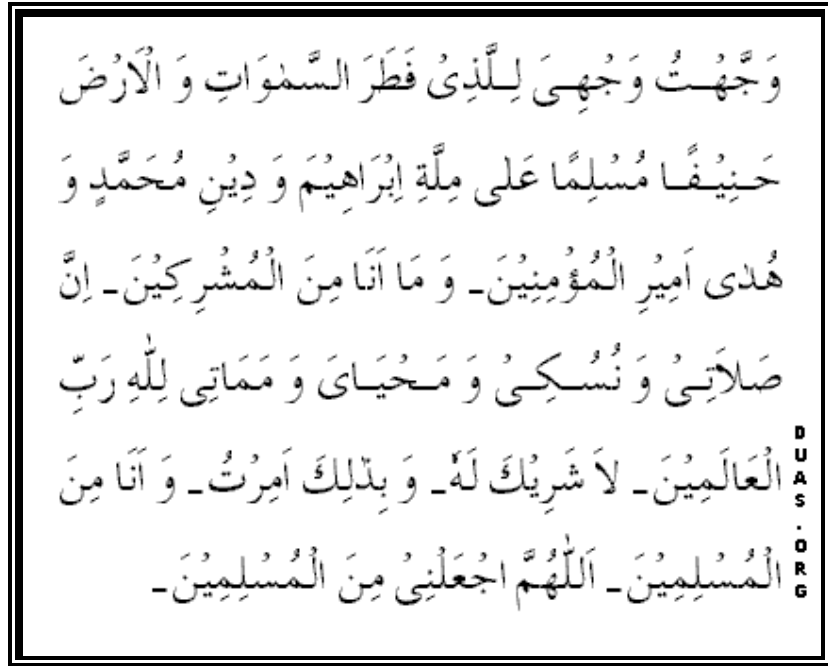


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Du'a Before Takbiiratul Ihram

Before uttering the Takbiiratul Ihraam, it is worthy that he recites the invocation of attention (du'a-e-tawajjuh) which, in the narration of Abdullah Ibn Ja'far Himyari (received in the Tawqi' of Imam-e-Zamaan (atfs) is as follows:



I turn my face towards the One Who has created the heavens and the earth, being upright and submissive, on the nation of Ibrahim and the nation of Muhammad and the guidance of Amiiirul Mukmiinin. And I am not of the polytheists. Surely, my prayers, my sacrifice, my life and my death are (only) for Allah, the Lord of the worlds. There is no partner unto Him. And thus have I been commanded. And I am from those who submit. O Allah! Make me from those who submit.

(Al-Ihtijaaj, vol. 2, p.7; Wasaa'ilush Shia, vol. 6, p.25)

How great it is if somebody utters these words, synchronizes his heart with his tongue, and gives his words a practical shape in its truest sense, really turns his heart towards Allah, and removes all other thoughts from his mind. Yes! How good indeed is the servant who, at any given moment of his life, does not do anything or commit any deed against the wishes of his Master and Lord and even goes to the extent of dying in His cause. If at all he does commit some sin or transgression, he immediately begs Him for forgiveness and seeks His refuge. May Allah make us, and all the friends of the Ahlul Bait (as), from those who submit to His wishes and may He not turn His attention away from us even for a moment.