

## **Chapter 4: Islam**

*A prayer service to be used at the conclusion of Chapter 4 of Exploring the Religions of our World.*

**Leader:** Christians and Muslims have a common belief in one, merciful God who is the source of all creation. Similar to the Christian tradition of praying to God by his many names, in prayer Muslim's address Allah under his many titles, which express his multitude of attributes. Let us today pray these words for greater unity, understanding, and dialogue with our brothers and sisters who share in a faith of one God. The Al-Fatihah ("The Opening") which we will pray is often called the "Lord's Prayer of Islam." It is taken from the opening surah of the Qur'an.

**Reader 1:** We thank, you Almighty God, for what we have in common, while remaining aware of our differences. We perceive the importance of mutual respect and friendship. Inspired by our shared values and strengthened by our sentiments of genuine fraternity, we call to you to help us work together for justice, peace and respect for the rights and dignity of every person.

**Side 1:** In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

**Side 2:** Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Creation,

**Side 1:** The Compassionate, the Merciful,

**Side 2:** King of Judgment Day!

**Reader 2:** You alone we worship, and to you alone we pray for help. Guide us to the straight path, the path of those whom you have favored, not of those who have incurred your wrath, nor of those who have gone astray. (Surah 1:1–7)