

January 11

Give glad tidings to those who persevere,
to those who, when calamity strikes them,
would say 'Surely we belong to God
and surely to Him we shall return.'

They have their Lord's blessings and mercy upon them
and they are the ones who are truly guided.

2:155-157

January 12

Your God is One God,
the Most Compassionate,
the Most Merciful.
There is no other god but He.

The creation of the heavens and the earth,
the alternation of night and day,
the vessels that sail the seas
carrying cargo to benefit people,
the rain that God sends down
to revive the earth after its death,
the scattering of all kinds of living creatures
around the earth,
the sending of the winds,
and the clouds hanging suspended
between heaven and earth -
in all these there are indeed signs from God
for people who would understand.

And yet some people take others as rivals to God,
loving them as much as they should love God.