

Divine Mercy, this is also an attribute of fruitful meditation.

In offering my English-trained reader these particular groups of daily Quranic verses, I have consulted several renowned English paraphrases of the Qur'an, as well as a number of scholarly works of Quranic interpretation in their original Arabic language (see Appendix). But the actual translations (or rather, interpretations) in these pages remain my own.

The original classical Arabic of the Qur'an flows in a rhythmic style of prose-poetry (sometimes called blank verse) whose powerful and beautiful effects cannot be fully duplicated in English or any other language. Nevertheless, I have tried my best to keep this interpretive translation/paraphrase as faithful to its given text and context as possible. My aim and purpose throughout has been to make each daily devotion able to stand alone without any need for disruptive footnotes or explanations.

To derive the greatest benefit from these daily devotions, I recommend that each be approached in a receptive meditational and reflective mood, preferably during the early hours of the day, or just before retiring at night. In this way, each daily passage will, Insha'allah (God willing), guide the reader through the enriching experience of what it means To Know, To Love, and To Serve.

For most of us, living in today's world means living in a stressful, fast-paced society where it is increasingly difficult to find the time, the inclination, the mood, and the desire to slow down a bit to reflect, contemplate, think, pray, and communicate with God.

Thus, my dear reader, I sincerely hope and pray that this modest book becomes your faithful companion on the road to ever-greater knowledge, love, and service. I trust that each passage – one for every day of the year – will suffice for regular contemplation, meditation,