The Basmala
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Al-Basmala means “that saying which begins ‘bismi-Llāh’.” The basmala is central to Islamic piety. It appears at the start of every surah (chapter) of the Qurʾān, except the ninth. It permeates salat (the ritual prayer performed five times a day). It is the practice of many Muslims to say it before beginning any task as a means of consecrating that action. Here, below the basmala written in typical Arabic script (which reads right-to-left), we have provided a transliteration (use of the Latin alphabet to render the sound of each Arabic word) two translations, and three calligraphic renditions of the phrase.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Bismi-Llāh ar-Raḥmān ar-Raḥīm

In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful (The Study Quran)
In the name of God the Compassionate the Caring (Sells)

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