الحمدُ لله الَّذِي خلقَ فسوَّى، والذِي قدَّرَ فهدَى، والذِي سخَّرَ لنَا مَا فِي السمواتِ ومَا فِي الأرضِ نعمةً منهُ وفضلاً، وأشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وأَشْهَدُ أَنْ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّداً عَبْدُ الله وَرَسُولُهُ اصطفاهُ واجَتباهُ، اللهمَّ صلِّ وسلِّمْ وبَارِكُ عَلَى سيدِنَا محمدِ فِي الأولينَ والآخرينَ، وفِي كُلِّ وقتٍ وحين، وعَلَى آلِهِ الطَّيبِينَ عَلَى سيدِنَا محمدٍ فِي الأولينَ والآخرينَ، وفِي كُلِّ وقتٍ وحين، وعَلَى آلِهِ الطَّيبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ وأَصْحابِهِ والتَّابِعِينَ لَهُمْ بإحسانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

All Praise to Allah Who has created the heavens and the earth as blessings and bounties to mankind. I testify that there is no god but Allah and that Prophet Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon our Prophet at all times, his family, his companions and all those who follow them till the Day of Judgment

## Indeed in this are signs for the believers - إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

The chilly winters, crippling snow, piercing winds, should make you grateful for the gas, electric, heated homes, strong buildings you have. That you're not homeless, and have food and money to survive. You should thank Allah and act on that by donating clothes & hot food

After the hardship of winters comes relief in spring; the flowers and the colours in bloom, Subhan'Allah! It makes me wonder what Paradise will be like. The spring reminds me of His beauty for He is al-Jameel and how He bestows His loves for us in all things beautiful.

The summer is a time for family & fun, but when you fast in this heat, how do you feel? There are poor people who feel like this all year. When I apply sun cream, remember the hellfire and realise no form of protection will give me shade except for my obedience, good deeds and His Mercy.

The autumn is another palette of colours, the colours of the trees, leaves and nature are breath-taking. I thank Allah that I see this sight rather than torn down buildings from drone attacks and natural disasters.

فَلْيَعْبُدُوا رَبَّ هَلْذَا الْبَيْتِ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَهُم مِّن جُوع وَآمَنَهُم مِّنْ خَوْفٍ

Let them worship the Lord of this House, Who has fed them, [saving them] from hunger and made them safe, [saving them] from fear. (106.3-4)

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءِ قَدِيرٌ

Blessed is He in whose hand is dominion, who has power over everything

The feeble weak child, who becomes a teenage and adult building roads, aeroplanes and skyscraper assumes he is in control of the world... We can't even control or guarantee our heartbeats or the air we breath...

And Allah has raised the sky; and He has set the balance. In order that you may not corrupt the balance. (55.7-8)

If Allah gives, He can also take away, just as He designed and balanced creation/nature, He can reverse this and cause destruction. In the past few years global floods; sinkholes; typhoons, earthquakes in Philippines, Haiti, Afghanistan, Pakistan, tornadoes in Australia, volcano eruptions, forest fires in Indonesia, extreme weather in the UK have left us utterly useless and entirely vulnerable.

Chaos appears in the land and the sea because of the evil deeds which people's hands have earned, in order to make them taste the flavour of some of their misdeeds – in order that they may come back. 30.41

 Weather Phenomena: Cloud, Thunder, Lightning, Rain, Storm, Wind Signs – Power, Dominion, Control, Might, Azaab of Allah

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُزْجِي سَحَابًا ثُمَّ يُؤلِّفُ بَيْنَهُ ثُمَّ يَجْعَلُهُ رُكَامًا فَتَرَى الْوَدْقَ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ خِلَالِهِ وَيُنَزِّلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مِن جِبَالٍ فَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَذْهَبُ بِالْأَبْصَارِ فَهُ عَن مَّن يَشَاءُ يَكَادُ سَنَا بَرْقِهِ يَذْهَبُ بِالْأَبْصَارِ

Do you not see that Allah drives clouds? Then He brings them together, then He makes them into a mass, and you see the rain emerge from within it. And He sends down from the sky, mountains [of clouds] within which is hail, and He strikes with it whom He wills and averts it from whom He wills. The flash of its lightening almost takes away the eyesight. (24.43)

إِنَّا نَحَافُ مِن رَّبِنَا يَوْمًا عَبُوسًا قَمْطَرِيرًا فَوَقَاهُمُ اللَّهُ شَرَّ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ وَلَقَّاهُمْ نَضْرَةً وَسُرُورًا وَجَزَاهُم بِمَا صَبَرُوا جَنَةً وَحَرِيرًا مُثَّكَئِينَ فِيهَا عَلَى الْأَرَائِكِ لَا يَرَوْنَ فِيهَا شَمْسًا وَلَا زَمْهَرِيرًا

"Indeed we fear from our Lord a day which is extremely bitter, most severe." So Allah saved them from the evil of that day, and gave them freshness and joy. And gave them Paradise and silk clothes, as a reward for their patience. Reclining in it, upon thrones; they will not see the hot sunshine in it, nor the bitter cold. (76.10-13)