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Shahada Guide

A Beginner's Guide to the Declaration of Faith

What is the Shahada?

The Shahada is the declaration of faith and the first pillar of Islam. It affirms that Allah alone deserves worship and that Muhammad ﷺ is His final Messenger.

English Meaning

There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.

Transliteration

Ashhadu an la ilaha illa Allah, wa ashhadu anna Muhammadan rasul Allah.

- Believe in Allah alone.
- Accept Muhammad ﷺ as the final Messenger.
- Start learning prayer and the Qur'an.
- Grow step by step.
- Be patient with yourself.

Common Questions

Do I need witnesses?

Witnesses are encouraged but sincere belief is the foundation.

Must I change my name?

Only if it has an inappropriate meaning.

Do I need to know everything first?

No. Learning is a lifelong journey.