# Glossary of Terms

**Adhan**
Call to prayer

**Allahu Akbar**
Allah is the Greatest

**Ansar**
The people of Madinah who responded to the Prophet's call to Islam and offered Islam a city-state power

**Astaghfirullah**
I ask Allah for forgiveness

**Awrah**
Parts of the body that are not supposed to be exposed to others

**Ayah (Ayat pl.)**
Verse or sentence of Qur'an

**C.E.**
Common Era. A term used instead of A.D. in Islamic text referring to the dates before the *Hijra (migration from Mecca to Madinah)*

**Da'wah**
Remembrance for the sake of Allah

**Dhikr**
Remembrance for the sake of Allah

**Du'a**
A prayer or supplication

**Dunya**
The world or life, as opposed to the Hereafter

**Fard**
Something that is obligatory on a Muslim

**Fatwa**
Legal opinion concerning Islamic Law

**Fiqh**
Understanding, comprehension, knowledge, and jurisprudence in Islam. The most famous scholars of Fiqh in the history Muslims are the founders of the four schools of thought in Islam: Imam Malik, Imam Ash-Shafi'i, Imam Abu Hanifa, and Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal

**Faqih (Fuqaha pl.)**
Jurist; an expert in matters of Islamic legal matters

**Ghusl**
The complete washing of the body in pure water following the declaration of the intention

**Halal**
Something that is lawful and permitted in Islam

**Haraam**
Something that is unlawful or prohibited in Islam

**Imam**
Religious leader; the term is also used for prayer leader

**Iman**
Faith and trust in Allah

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Injil**<br>The revelations that were sent down during the time of Prophet Jesus ( Isa). It is referred to as the New Testament | **Jahiliyyah**<br>Means ignorance; refers to the pre-Islamic era that existed in Arabia. It is a combination of views, ideas, and practices that totally defy and reject the guidance sent down by God through His Prophets | **Khutbah**<br>A speech or sermon; this term is often used to refer to the sermon given during the Friday congregational prayer | **Neeyah**<br>Intention |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| **Insha Allah**<br>If Allah wills | **JazakAllahu Khairun**<br>May Allah reward you for the good | **Munafiq**<br>A hypocrite | **Yamul Qiyama**<br>Day of Judgment, Resurrection |
| **Iqamah**<br>Refers to the second call for the prayer, which follows the first call (see **Adhan**) | **Jannah**<br>Paradise | **Mushrik**<br>A polytheist; a person who ascribes partners to Allah | **Quraysh**<br>The most powerful and prominent tribe in all of Arabia in the Prophet's era. The Prophet (S) was from among the Quraysh. |
| **Istighfar**<br>To seek Allah's forgiveness<br><br>**Jahannam**<br>Hell | **Jizyah**<br>A tax paid by non Muslims living in a Muslim State<br><br>**Khalifah (Khulufa pl.)**<br>The successor (in a line of | **Nabi**<br>a Prophet<br><br>**Nasiha** | **RadhiAllahu'anhu**<br>means, "May Allah be pleased with him." To be used by Muslims whenever a name of a companion of the Prophet Muhammad (S) is mentioned or used in writing<br><br>**Sabr** |

| | |
|---|---|
| | Advice<br>Patience<br>successors) to Prophet Muhammad's position as the political, military, and administrative leader of the Muslims |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Sahabah**<br>Companions of the Prophet (S) | **Shariah**<br>Islamic Law | **Surah**<br>The Qur'an is composed of 114 chapters, each of which is called a Surah | **Usul al-Fiqh**<br>The sources of Islamic law |
| **Sallallahu alaihi wasalam**<br>An expression that Muslims use whenever the name of Prophet Muhammad (S) is mentioned or written. The meaning of it is: "May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him (Muhammad)." | **Shirk**<br>Associating partners with Allah | **Tayammum**<br>Performed instead of Wudu or Ghusl in severe circumstances | **Wudu**<br>Purification (ablution) that must be performed before someone does their prayer or reads the Qur'an |

**Sawm** (or **Siyyam**) Fasting
**Subhanahu wa ta'ala**
An expression that Muslims use out of respect for Allah whenever the name is pronounced or written. The meaning of this expression is: "Glory be to Him, Most High".
**Ummah**
A community or a people. This term is used in reference to the community of Believers or Muslims