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Publisher's Foreword

In the name of Allah, most merciful and compassionate. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone without partners; and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. I invoke the blessings of Allah and His peace upon His final Messenger, Muhammad, his family and companions, along with all those who follow them in goodness till the Day of Rising.

Allah ﷻ says, '*You who believe! Seek help in steadfastness and the prayer. . .*' (2:153). Looking at the lives of the Prophet ﷺ, his Companions and their followers, we see that not only were they punctual on their obligatory prayers, they spared no effort to supplement them with supererogatory prayers. With their determination to please Allah ﷻ, they pushed themselves to the absolute limits until their bodies ached and their feet became swollen. Many of us read these examples and become despondent, realising that we cannot exert such efforts and pray as

much as they did. It is for this reason that the Prophet ﷺ prescribed certain prayers and supplications which, although short and concise, result in generous rewards and great forgiveness. The *Ṣalāt at-Tasbīḥ* is one such supererogatory prayer.

There has been some controversy about the validation of this prayer, which is why we have chosen to present a translation of an exposition on the topic of *Ṣalāt at-Tasbīḥ* by the respected Muftī ‘Abd ar-Ra’ūf Sakharwī. We hope this translation will go some length in explaining and clarifying the issue. We pray that Allah accept the efforts of the author, the translator, the publisher, all those who worked on this book and you, the readers. May Allah bless us with the ability to practice what we read. Amin.

YAHYA BATHA

Translator's Preface

In the name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful. All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of the worlds. May peace and blessings be invoked upon Muḥammad, His chosen one, and upon all of his family and Companions.

The Prophet ﷺ, through his exemplary character, taught us the meaning of submission to and true love for Allah ﷻ. He demonstrated how to draw closer to Allah ﷻ and how to be among Allah's ﷻ nearest friends, especially through performing extra acts of worship. Ṣalāt is a special form of worship, a gift from Allah ﷻ bestowed upon the Prophet ﷺ during his ascent to the heavens (Mi'rāj) and is the second most important pillar of Islam after the Testimony of Faith (Shahādah). It is a unique expression of submission, where Allah's servant bows in prostration, displaying his need before his Master. The Prophet ﷺ said, 'Allah says, "I declare war on anyone

who shows hostility to a friend of Mine. My slave comes nearer to Me with nothing I love more than what I have made obligatory for him. My slave continues to draw closer to Me through optional acts. . .”¹

Ṣalāt at-Tasbīḥ is amongst the various optional prayers recommended by the Prophet ﷺ to his Companions رضي الله عنهم. This book presents a translation of *Ṣalāt at-Tasbīḥ ke Faḍā’il aur Masā’il* by Muftī ‘Abd ar-Ra’ūf Sakharwī, outlining the virtues of this prayer, along with the various methods and rulings regarding it, as derived from multiple narrations. The respected Muftī penned this thoroughly-researched treatise in the Urdu language, which has now been translated into English due to the demand for such a resource on the topic. To ease readability, some alterations have been made. There are additions to clarify any gaps arising in the translation from Urdu to English, while some repeated sections have been omitted. The work has been supplemented with additional footnotes, to provide clear references to the primary sources used by the author and to add clarity where required.

We ask Allah ﷻ to make us steadfast with our Ṣalāt and make us amongst His close servants.

1 Bukhārī (6502).