

# There's No God Except Allah

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AN ENGLISH HYMN WRITTEN by Nigerian-American imam **Adéyínká Muhammad Mendes**. It joyously encourages believers to polish their souls by repeating the central formula of Islam, *la ilaha illallah*, as we are told to in several hadiths. The poem also recalls the great heroes and heroines of faith throughout time – those who lived the sacred formula – and asks Allah to shower his blessings upon them. Written on the same metre as the well-known Arabic *tahlil*, “Karrir Ayyuha l-Insān” (some lines are direct translations), the hymn can be sung in many different tunes, and is a great upbeat way to increase one’s remembrance of Allah.

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1.  
It saved Noah from the Flood,  
It made Adam more than mud,  
It’s our flesh and it’s our blood:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There’s no god except Allah,  
There’s no god except Allah.  
Abraham was sent by Allah,  
On him blessings of Allah.*

3.  
It revives hearts that are dead,  
Through it Enoch wrote and read,  
For it they took off John’s head:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There’s no god except Allah,  
There’s no god except Allah.  
Aaron was sent by Allah,  
On him blessings of Allah.*

5.  
It will guide you to what’s right,  
It will strengthen with true might,  
It helped David win the fight:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There’s no god except Allah,  
There’s no god except Allah.  
Virgin Mary served Allah,  
On her blessings of Allah.*

2.  
It’s the polish of your soul,  
By it our lives become whole,  
It’s our start and it’s our goal:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There’s no god except Allah,  
There’s no god except Allah.  
Moses was sent by Allah,  
On him blessings of Allah.*

4.  
By it Faith is made concrete,  
By it you become complete.  
Mankind, be sure to repeat:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There’s no god except Allah,  
There’s no god except Allah.  
Lady Asiya served Allah,  
On her blessings of Allah.*

6.  
These words are Light upon Light!  
They open your inner sight.  
Recite them all day and night:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There’s no god except Allah,  
There’s no god except Allah.  
Gabriel was sent by Allah,  
On him blessings of Allah.*



7.  
By it Jonah left the whale,  
By it Joseph left the jail.  
It's the Friend that will not fail:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There's no god except Allah,  
There's no god except Allah.  
Jesus was sent by Allah,  
On him blessings of Allah.*

9.  
It's the freedom we must spread.  
It's our water, it's our bread.  
Nothing better could be said:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There's no god except Allah,  
There's no god except Allah.  
Muhammad was sent by Allah,  
On him blessings of Allah.*

11.  
It will bring you inner peace,  
It will cure you from disease,  
It will fill your life with ease:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There's no god except Allah,  
There's no god except Allah.  
al-Mahi was sent by Allah,  
On him blessings of Allah.*

13.  
For sick hearts it is the cure –  
For those who seek to be pure.  
It's the Truth that shall endure:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There's no god except Allah,  
There's no god except Allah.  
al-'Aqib was sent by Allah,  
On him blessings of Allah.*

8.  
It has come in Narration,  
From the Best of Creation –  
The best of invocations:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There's no god except Allah,  
There's no god except Allah.  
Lady Fatima served Allah,  
On her blessings of Allah.*

10.  
It's your shield and it's your sword.  
On Earth there's no better words.  
Invoking the Gracious Lord:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There's no god except Allah,  
There's no god except Allah.  
Ahmad was sent by Allah,  
On him blessings of Allah.*

12.  
This Truth placed Bilal ahead,  
This Truth kept Salman's soul fed,  
For this Truth our Suhaib fled:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There's no god except Allah,  
There's no god except Allah.  
al-Hashir was sent by Allah,  
On him blessings of Allah.*

14.  
It's what made Khadija spend,  
It made A'isha ascend.  
Lord, grant we say at our end:  
Laa ilaaha illallaah.

*There's no god except Allah,  
There's no god except Allah.  
Muhammad was sent by Allah,  
On him blessings of Allah.*