Al-Hamd (Praise)

By Sidi Muhammad ibn al-Habib ash-Shadhilli (May Allah sanctify his secrets)

1. Yours is all praise, O You Who covers our faults in Your Gentleness and Pardon. My praise is part of Your Grace, You whose goodness envelops all.

2. Yours is praise as abundant as raindrops, grains of sands, and pebbles, As abundant as the plants of the earth, and the fish in the sea.

3. Yours is praise as abundant as the ants, the jinn, and humankind, Praise which fills the sky and the Throne and the stars that glisten above.

4. Praise which fills the vastness of space, the Tablet, the Chair, and the soil, Praise as abundant as all who exist till the Day of the final Assembly.
Yours is praise, O my Lord, praise as is Your due.
I could not number Your praises, were I given all earthly time.

Yours is praise, O Bestower of gifts, by way of Your infinite Grace,
You are the One Who grants Allah's people Opening and Victory.

Yours is praise, with every breath, with the body and heart:
so be Benevolent towards a servant who is bewildered in the way.

Though my sins may weigh heavy upon me
Still I trust in Your goodness to mend my brokenness.

Favor us, O Most Forgiving Lord, with repentance
that effaces the mistakes which were made in the past.
And increase us in blessings, light and unveilings,
And enable us to guide with permission and secret.

Support us in what we say and do,
And make it easy our provision from a place we do not know.

Here we stand at the door of benevolence
Awaiting without hardship the kindness of the Friend.

You Who answers prayers, hasten Your grace upon us
You are truly the One full of generosity, goodness and favor.
Grant us the gratitude incumbent upon us
Which beckons increase without any loss.

Bring us forth from the prison of physical forms and raise us
To the realm of spirits as recompense for thanks.

And let us witness in every theophany the meaning of the Essence
That our vision might be strengthened both in hardship and in ease.

Efface us from our egos and sustain us always in You
That we might be among those who are heir to the realm of the secret

For Your command to all things is, “Be,” and they are
So make things be resolutely for us without ruse
And, O Lord, shower blessings in every mode of perfection
Upon Ahmad the Guide to the realm of Purity

And upon his people, and noble companions, and any who pray
That the rhymer of these verses be granted breadth of heart

O Lord, by Muhammad, the compassionate guide
Grant us knowledge that will serve us on Resurrection Day

Strengthen us with lights at every instant,
and keep us steadfast at the end when the spirit is taken, and in the grave.