

Islamic Tapestry 2001



Islamic Prayer

In the name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful,
Praise be to the Lord of the Universe who has created us
and made us into tribes and nations;
that we may know each other,
not that we may despise each other.
If the enemy incline towards peace,
do thou also incline towards peace;
and trust God, for the Lord is the one
that heareth and knoweth all things.
And the servants of God, most gracious
are those who walk on the earth in humility,
and when we address them, we say "Peace".



The larger script in the central medallion of the tapestry is the Islamic prayer and Declaration of Faith:
"There is no god but God, and Muhammad is the messenger of God."

The smaller script in the lower half of the medallion says:
"God's mercy be upon him."

Sufism, the mystical branch of Islam, is symbolically represented by the flowers above the central medallion. The border design is representative of Islamic prayer rugs.