

Eulogy for Ahmad Tijani

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All praises and thanks are due to Allah and there is no lord apart from Him

We follow Allah who created us,

The One who created our leader,

the one who will grant salvation on Judgment Day,¹

our Prophet Muhammad, the Savior.

Having opened with the name of Allah, the Lord,

we send greetings from Him, Allah,

to the companions of Muhammad, notable for their virtuous ways,

together with their children. We include them all.

My brothers, come let us engage in dialogue.

Let us not hesitate in our love for Him, the Most High.

We hold fast to remembrance of Allah and to salah [ritual prayers].

Consistency in remembrance is what we are practicing.

Woe unto the fool who does not pay attention!

Here is the clear path.

There is no hunger but only perspiration.

No thirst, no misleading valley.

Woe and woe unto you, poison!

You refused to follow the path of the Saint,

¹ The poet uses *Qiyāma* – an Arabic term that literally means standing. The Day of Judgement is variously referred to as the Day of Resurrection, the Reckoning Day, Rising of the Dead, Day of Reality, as well as the Day of Standing. The Quran says in numerous places: "I do swear by the Day of Judgment!" (Quran 75:1).

even though he is a grandson of the Prophet.

Shaykh Ahmadu is the one to be praised,

for he is the leader of all spiritual leaders.

All the spiritual leaders and even mine ought to go to him!

I will praise him, saying, "Tijani,

hold my hand on the Night of Judgment!"

He is the one to whom [God] has granted salvation on Judgment Day.

In his entire generation,

he was the one who was blessed with

a life extended by twenty years!