

Inshallah

'*In shā'a llāh* (Arabic: إن شاء الله, '*in shā'a llāh*; pronounced[ʔɪn ʃaː ʔɑ ɪˈʔɑːh]), also *inshallah*, *in sha Allah* or *insha'Allah*, is the Arabic language expression for "God willing" or "if God wills".^[1] The phrase comes from a Quranic command which commands Muslims to use it when speaking of future events.^[2][Quran 18:24] The phrase is commonly used by Muslims, Arab Christians, and Arabic-speakers of other religions to refer to events that one hopes will happen in the future.^[3][4] It expresses the belief that nothing happens unless God wills it and that his will supersedes all human will.^[?]

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A similar expression exists in Maltese: *jekk Alla jrid* (if God wills it).^[5] Maltese is descended from Siculo-Arabic, the Arabic dialect that developed in Sicily and later in Malta between the end of the 9th century and the end of the 12th century.^[6]

On the Iberian Peninsula

In the Spanish and Portuguese languages the expressions *ojalá* (Spanish) and *oxalá* (Portuguese) come from the Arabic expression in shā'a llāh.^[7]

Serbo-Croatian

In Serbo-Croatian, the expression "*ako Bog da*/ако Бог да" is derived from the Arabic equivalent. Owing to Ottoman rule over the Balkans, it is used extensively in the ex-Yugoslav countries of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia and Montenegro.

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