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The invocations in this book have been transliterated using a convention different from the standard used for transliterating Arabic terms in the main text. Hence, words are represented as they should be pronounced and the interword connections are transliterated according to the following guidelines:

- I Silent *hamzas* (*waṣl*) have been omitted and replaced with an apostrophe ('). In this case, the word before it should be connected to the letter after the apostrophe; e.g., *wa'l-māli*.
- 2 Commas have been added to indicate appropriate places of pause. Letters enclosed in parentheses are not read when pausing; e.g., fi khayr(in).
- In instances where there is elision (*idgham*) between two words, the words are transliterated in their elided forms; e.g., *wāsi-ʿaw wa shifāʾam min*. However, in some cases, to facilitate a pause, the non-elided form is shown, followed by the elided form in square brackets; e.g., *jadīdan[w]*, *wa*. In this example, the [w] replaces n only when continuing.

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