VT-D_Oxalá (Ana, Portugal)

The Portuguese word "Oshalá" comes from the expression "Inshallah" in Arabic, which means "If God wills". Its presence in Portuguese is a result of the Arab presence in the Iberian Peninsula between the 8th and 13th centuries.

During this period, Arabic had a deep cultural and linguistic influence, and today Portuguese still has around 600 words of Arabic origin in everyday use,

Many of them are surprisingly common, from words related to agriculture, daily life, place names, since numerous cities and towns in Portugal preserve Arabic roots in their names. So, when Portuguese speakers say "Oxalá", they are actually using a small linguistic trace of that historical context.