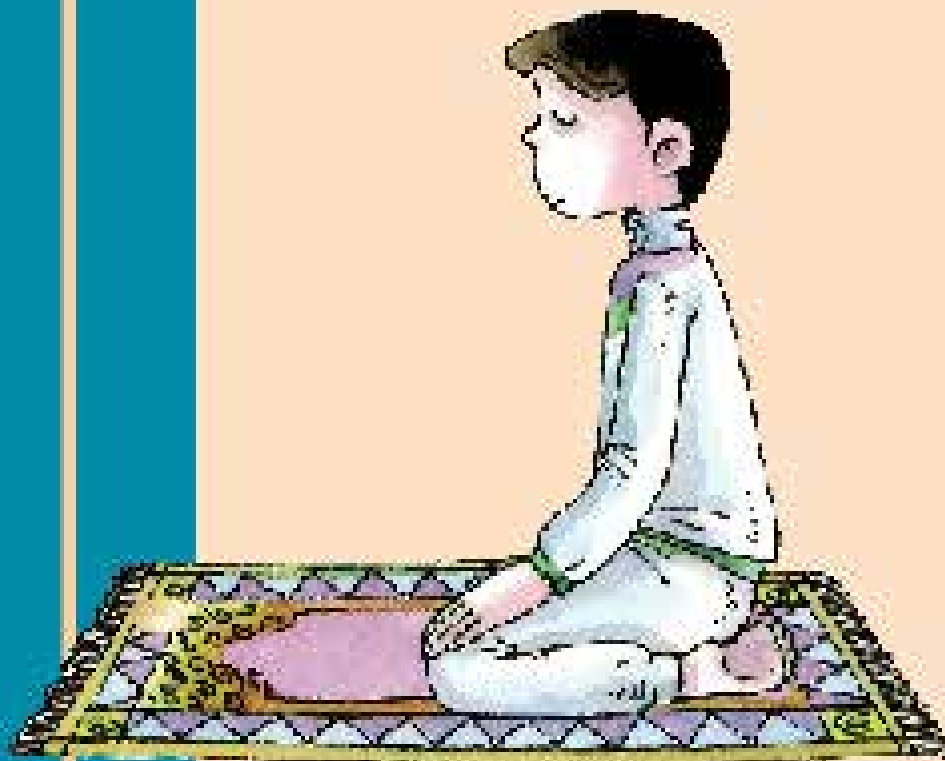


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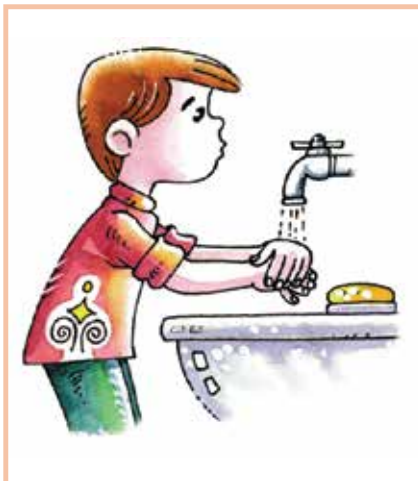
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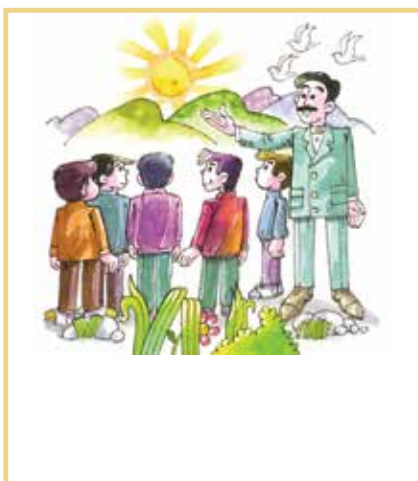
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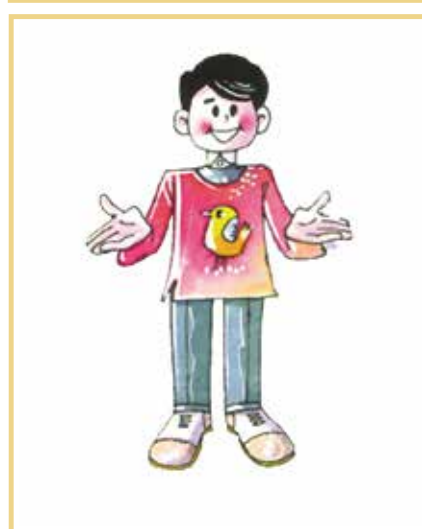
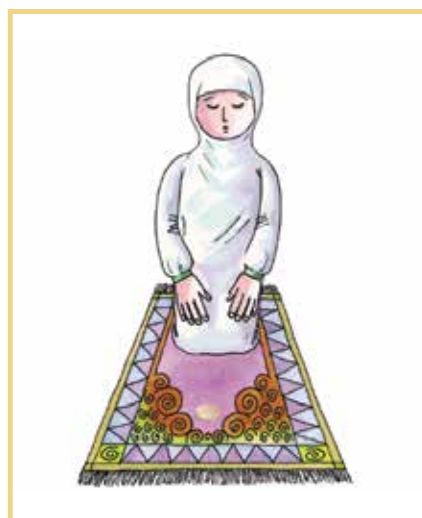
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In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful.

Praise be to Allah who taught by the pen and taught man what he did not know. Prayers and peace be upon the one who was sent to the worlds as mercy, Muhammad and his good and pure family.

More than 25 years ago, I published a religious educational series for children entitled "Gardens of Faith". It included various chapters including: the Holy Qur'an, religious beliefs, morals, history, and Islamic laws. The series was later reprinted with some additions and modifications.

Mr. Abdul Rahman Jassim Al-Wazzan recently asked me for a special book for teaching Ablution (Wudu') and prayer so that it would be suitable for elementary school aged children, so I took some of what was included in this series of issues related to ablution and prayer, and added other chapters to it to be more comprehensive, and I avoided mentioning some issues for its lack of relevance with the target age group.

In this book, I simplified some of the language to make it easier for the target demographic. I have added illustrations and used a large font and large enough spaces in between letters to prevent overlapping in a way that makes it difficult for children to read, as well as possible overlapping due to certain design elements. Many thanks to Hasan Al-Wazzan, Hider Hajieh, Ahmad Hadi and my daughter Fatemah Al-Zahraa for their efforts in editing the book. I ask Allah - the Almighty and Sublime - that I have succeeded in this work, and that it be acceptable to Him.

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Ablution

1ST CHAPTER

Wudu'

Al-Ma'idah

﴿ O you who have believed, when you rise to [perform] prayer, wash your faces and your forearms to the elbows and wipe over your heads and your feet to the ankles.... ﴾ 6 ﴿

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuhf) said: "When the individual performs the Ablution, his sins shed away from him just as leaves shed from a tree."

Imam Ali (pbuh) said: "He who performs his Ablution as best as he can and then walks to the mosque [is considered to be] in a state of prayer as long as he does not nullify it."

Performing Ablution



1. Intention (Niyyah):

For example:

- "I perform Wudu' for Noon Prayer (Salat Al-Dhuhr) to attain closeness to Allah."

2. Washing the Face:

Vertically: from the hairline to the chin.
Horizontally: What falls in the space between your thumb and middle finger.



- **Obligatory: Once.**

- 3. Washing the right arm: from the elbow down to the finger tips.

●► Obligatory: Once.



- 4. Washing the left arm: from the elbow down to the finger tips.

●► Obligatory: Once.



- 5. Wiping the front of your hair with your right hand, starting from the top of your head to your hairline.

● ➤ Once

- 6. Wiping your right foot with your right hand from the toes to the ankle.

● ➤ Once



- 7. Wiping your left foot with your left hand from the toes to the ankle.

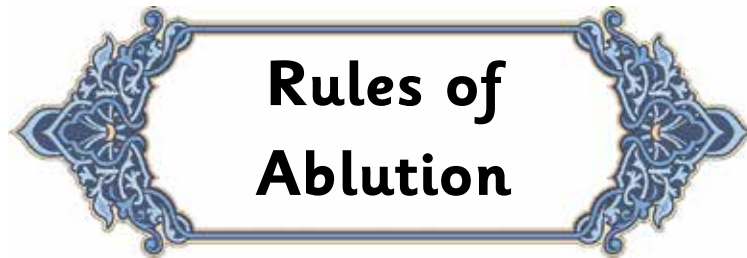
● ➤ Once



Mistakes in Ablution

- 1. Is it allowed to wipe my socks or my shoes if I was wearing them?
- ▶ No, it's not allowed. You have to remove the socks or the shoes and then wipe your feet.
- 2. Is it allowed to wipe the front of my hair or my foot while it is wet?
- ▶ No, it's not allowed. At first, you have to dry your hair or foot and then wipe it.
- 3. Does eating invalidate Ablution?
- ▶ No, it does not.
- 4. Does releasing gas (farting) invalidate Ablution?
- ▶ Yes, it does.
- 5. Does burping invalidate Ablution?
- ▶ No, it does not.
- 6. Does urinating invalidate Ablution?
- ▶ Yes, it does.

- 7. Does drinking liquids invalidate Ablution?
- ▶ No, it does not.
- 8. Does passing stool invalidate Ablution?
- ▶ Yes, it does.
- 9. Does sleeping invalidate Ablution?
- ▶ Yes, it does.
- 10. Does bleeding invalidate Ablution?
- ▶ No, it does not.
- 11. Does fainting invalidate Ablution?
- ▶ Yes, it does.
- 12. Can you guess what invalidates Ablution throughout the previous answers?
- ▶
 - 1) Releasing gas (farting)
 - 2) Passing stool
 - 3) Urinating
 - 4) Sleeping
 - 5) Passing out



Rules of Ablution

1. The water must be pure (Tahir).

- **If a drop of blood or urine falls into a small container of water (like a bottle), is it valid to perform Ablution with this water?**
- **No, it's not allowed to use this water for Ablution, because it is not pure anymore (Najis).**

2. Wudu' must be in sequence. Washing of the face should come before that of the arms; your right arm has to be washed before the left one; and wiping the head should be done before that of the feet.

- **If I washed my left arm then I washed the right one, does my Ablution invalidate?**
- **No, all what you have to do then is to wash your left arm again and complete the Ablution.**

3. Before prayer, you should be certain that you have performed Wudu'.

- If I performed Wudu' then had doubts about whether or not I had gone to the toilet, is my Wudu' still valid?
- ▶ Yes, you should ignore your doubts and assume that your Wudu' is still valid.

4. Washing the face and the two arms should be performed by pouring some water on them. In wiping we only use the remaining wetness on the hands.

- If I wash my feet instead of wiping them, does this invalidate my Ablution?
- ▶ Yes, it does.

5. You must perform Wudu' by yourself as long as you are able to do so.

- Can I ask someone to pour some water in my hand to wash my face and arms?
- ▶ Yes you can, but it is better to do so by yourself.



PRAYER

2ND CHAPTER

SALAH

Al-Isra'

﴿ Perform As-Salat from mid-day till the darkness of the night and [also] the Qur'an of dawn. Indeed, the recitation of dawn is ever witnessed ﴾ 78 ﴿

Ibraheem

﴿ My Lord, make me an establiher of prayer, and [many] from my descendants. Our Lord, and accept my prayer ﴾ 40 ﴿

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuhf) said: "The prayer is like a deep river of sweet water running by your door into which you plunge five times a day. How much of your dirtiness do you think that will leave?"

Prayer Times

- All Muslims are tasked with praying five times a day. The daily prayers are:
 - ▶ The Dawn (Fajr) Prayer: Consists of two cycles (rak'as) performed at anytime between the moment of dawn until sunrise.
 - ▶ The Noon (Dhuhr) Prayer: Consists of four cycles performed anytime starting from noon until about 5 minutes before sunset.



- **The Afternoon (Asr) Prayer:** Consists of four cycles performed anytime after the Noon Prayer until sunset.
- **The Sunset (Maghrib) Prayer:** Consists of three cycles performed anytime after sunset until about 5 minutes before the middle of the night.
- **The Night (Isha') Prayer:** Consists of four cycles performed anytime after the Sunset Prayer until the middle of the night.



**The Prophet Muhammad (pbuhf) said:
"My intercession (Shafa'a) will not be earned tomorrow by the one who delays performing the obligatory prayers after their specified times are over."**

**Imam Muhammad Al-Baqir (pbuh) said:
"Know that the beginning of the prayer time is always better, thus hurry to do good whenever you can."**



Imam Jafar Al-Sadiq (pbuh) said: "Test our Shia in three matters: Their performance of prayers and keeping their times; the keeping of our secrets from our enemy; and helping their brothers in Islam with their money."

Clothing for Prayer

- When we visit our relatives or friends, we wear our best clothes; therefore, it is better that we wear our best and cleanest clothes when we want to pray. So, we must take into account the following matters:
- Boys: Should cover their private parts, and it is better to cover the thighs to the knees at least.
- Girls: Should cover their whole body except for the face, palms and feet.



- ▶ **Pure (Tahir) Clothes.** Meaning, we should not pray while wearing clothes that are contaminated with urine, blood, stool or other Najasat.
- ▶ **Okay to use (Mubah);** for example they should not be stolen.
- ▶ **Should not contain gold and silk (for boys).**
- ▶ **Should not contain parts of animals not allowed to be eaten, such as fox fur.**
- ▶ **Should not contain parts of a dead animal, such as the leather of a cow that has not been slaughtered by the Islamic way.**



The Place of Prayer

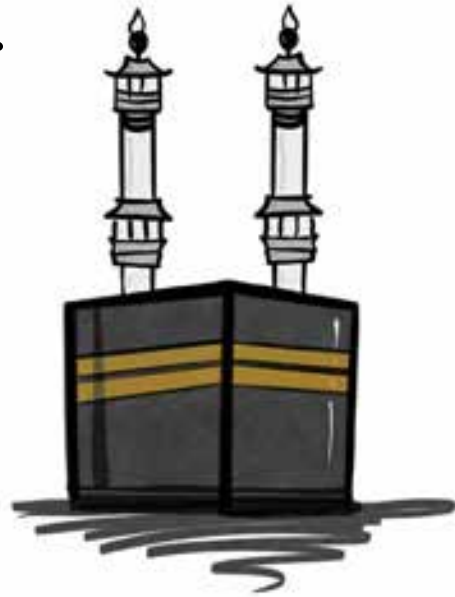
- The place of prayer should be as follows:
 - ▶ Clean (Tahir), especially the prostration (Sojood) spot such as the clay tablet (Turba).



- ▶ Okay to use (Mubah). So, you shouldn't pray in a place where the owner does not allow you to pray in.
- ▶ Stable. So, it is invalid to pray on a sailing ship shaking violently in high waves. But if one has to pray in such conditions and does not have the time to wait for a stable condition then the prayer is considered valid.

Prayer

- It is obligatory to face toward the Qiblah in all prayers.
- ▶ The Qiblah is the place where the sacred Kaaba in Mecca is located.
- ▶ To identify the direction of the Qiblah, it is enough to rely on:



**The Qiblah
direction
of near
mosques.**

**A compass that
is accurate.**



The Call for Prayer

- It is recommended that we recite the ritual call to prayer (Athan) and the call to start prayer (Iqamah) before starting the daily prayers. As for the recommended (Mustahab) prayers, there is neither Al-Athan nor Al-Iqamah for them.

Al-Athan:

Allahu Akbar (4 Times)

Ash'hadu Alla Elaha Ellallah (2 Times)

Ashhadu Anna Muhammadar Rasoulullah (2 Times)

Ashhadu Anna Aliaw Waliullah

(This is not a part of the call for prayer)

Hayya Alas Salah (2 Times)

Hayya Alal Falah (2 Times)

Hayya Ala Khairil Amal (2 Times)

Allahu Akbar (2 Times)

La Elaha Ellallah (2 Times)

Al-Iqamah:

Allahu Akbar (2 Times)

Ash'hadu Alla Elaha Ellallah (2 Times)

Ashhadu Anna Muhammadar Rasoulullah (2 Times)

Ashhadu Anna Aliaw Waliullah

(This is not a part of the call for prayer)

Hayya Alas Salah (2 Times)

Hayya Alal Falah (2 Times)

Hayya Ala Khairil Amal (2 Times)

Qad Qamatissalah (2 Times)

Allahu Akbar (2 Times)

La Elaha Ellallah (1 Time)



The Two-Cycle Prayer

- The Dawn (Fajr) prayer consists of two cycles and should be performed as follows:
 - ▶ Recite Al-Athan and Al-Iqamah.
 - ▶ The Intention of Prayer, which means you know you are going to perform (Al-Fajr) prayer to attain closeness to Allah. You could say: "I perform the obligatory Al-Fajr prayer to attain closeness to Allah."
 - ▶ Raise your hands and say: "Allahu Akbar;" meaning: Allah is the Greatest. This is the beginning of prayer.
- The 1st Cycle (Rak'a):
 - ▶ Recite Surat Al-Fatihah then another surah such as Surat Al-Ikhlās.



Prayer

- Say: "Allahu akbar," then bow and say: "Subhana rabial adhim wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.



- Stand up and say: "Sami'allaho liman hamidah. Allahu akbar."



- Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih."

It is recommended to recite this 3 times.



- ▶ Sit and say: "Allahu akbar. Astaghfirullah rabbi wa atoobu ilaih. Allahu akbar."

- ▶ Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih."

It is recommended to recite this 3 times.

- ▶ Sit and say: "Allahu akbar." Stand up while saying: "Bihawlillahi wa qowatihi aqoumu wa aq'oud."

● The 2nd Cycle (Rak'a):

- ▶ Recite Surat Al-Fatihah then another surah such as Surat Al-Ikhlash.

- ▶ Say: "Allahu akbar," then raise your hands and place your palms in front of your face and recite Al-Qunoot.



Prayer

- Say: "Allahu akbar," then bow and say: "Subhana rabial adhimu wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.



- Stand up and say: "Sami'allaho liman hamidah. Allahu akbar."



- Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih."

It is recommended to recite this 3 times.



●► Sit and say: "Allahu akbar. Astaghfirullah rabbi wa atoobu ilaih. Allahu akbar."

●► Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih."

It is recommended to recite this 3 times.

●► Sit and say: "Allahu akbar." Then, recite the witness of Faith (Al-Tasahhud): "Ash'hadu alla elaha ellallah wahdahu la sharikalah, wa ash'hadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluh. Allahumma salli ala Muhammadiw wa aali Muhammad."



●► Recite the greetings (Al-Tasleem): "Assalamu alaika ayyuhannabi wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh. Assalamu alaina wa ala ibadil lahi ssaliheen. Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatul lahi wa barakatuh."



The Three-Cycle Prayer

- The Sunset (Maghrib) prayer consists of three cycles and should be performed as follows:
 - ▶ Recite Al-Athan and Al-Iqamah.
 - ▶ The Intention of Prayer, which means you know you are going to perform Al-Maghrib prayer to attain closeness to Allah. You could say: **"I perform the obligatory Maghrib prayer to attain closeness to Allah."**
 - ▶ Raise your hands and say: **"Allahu Akbar."** This is the beginning of prayer.
- The 1st Cycle (Rak'a):
 - ▶ Recite Surat Al-Fatihah then another surah such as Surat Al-Ikhlas.
 - ▶ Say: **"Allahu akbar."** Then bow and say: **"Subhana rabial adhimi wa bihamdih."** It is recommended to recite this 3 times.

- Stand up and say: "**Sami'allaho liman hamidah. Allahu akbar.**"
- Prostrate and say: "**Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih.**" It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Sit and say: "**Allahu akbar. Astaghfirullah rabbi wa atoobu ilaih. Allahu akbar.**"
- Prostrate and say: "**Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih.**" It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Sit and say: "**Allahu akbar.**"
- Stand up while saying: "**Bihawlillahi wa qowatihi aqoumu wa aq'oud.**"
- The 2nd Cycle (Rak'a):
- Recite Surat Al-Fatihah then another surah such as Surat Al-Ikhlās.
- Say: "**Allahu akbar,**" then raise your hands and place your palms in front of your face and recite Al-Qunoot.

- Say: **"Allahu akbar."** Then bow and say: **"Subhana rabial adhimi wa bihamdih."**
It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Stand up and say: **"Sami'allaho liman hamidah. Allahu akbar."**
- Prostrate and say: **"Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih."** It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Sit and say: **"Allahu akbar. Astaghfirullah rabbi wa atoobu ilaih. Allahu akbar."**
- Prostrate and say: **"Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih."** It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Sit and say: **"Allahu akbar."** Then, recite the witness of faith (Al-Tasahhud): **"Ash'hadu alla elaha ellallah wahdahu la sharikalah, wa ash'hadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluh. Allahumma salli ala Muhammadiw wa aali Muhammad."**
- Stand up while saying: **"Bihawlillahi wa qowatihi aqoumu wa aq'oud."**

- **The 3rd Cycle (Rak'a):**
- ▶ While you are stood up, say: **"Subhanallah; wa alhamdu lillah; wa la Elaha ellallah; wallahu akbar."** It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- ▶ Say: **"Allahu akbar."** Then bow and say: **"Subhana rabial adhim wa bihamdih."** It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- ▶ Stand up and say: **"Sami'allaho liman hamidah. Allahu akbar."**
- ▶ Prostrate and say: **"Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih."** It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- ▶ Sit and say: **"Allahu akbar. Astaghfirullah rabbi wa atoobu ilaih. Allahu akbar."**
- ▶ Prostrate and say: **"Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih."** It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- ▶ Sit and say: **"Allahu akbar."** Then, recite Al-Tasahhud and Al-Tasleem as mentioned in the Two-Cycle Prayer.

The Four-Cycle Prayer

- The Noon (Thuhr), Afternoon (Asr) and Night (Isha') prayers consist of four cycles and should be performed as follows:
 - ▶ Recite Al-Athan and Al-Iqamah.
 - ▶ The Intention of Prayer, which means you know you are going to perform a specified prayer to attain closeness to Allah. You could say: "I am performing the obligatory Al-Thuhr prayer to attain closeness to Allah."
 - ▶ Raise your hands and say: "Allahu Akbar." This is the beginning of prayer.
- The 1st Cycle (Rak'a):
 - ▶ Recite Surat Al-Fatihah then another surah such as Surat Al-Ikhlās.
 - ▶ Say: Allahu akbar. Then bow and say: "Subhana rabial adhimī wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.

- Stand up and say: "Sami'allaho liman hamidah. Allahu akbar."
- Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Sit and say: "Allahu akbar. Astaghfirullah rabbi wa atoobu ilaih. Allahu akbar."
- Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Sit and say: "Allahu akbar."
- Stand up while saying: "Bihawlillahi wa qowatihi aqoumu wa aq'oud."
- The 2nd Cycle (Rak'a):
- Recite Surat Al-Fatihah then another surah such as Surat Al-Ikhlās.
- Say: "Allahu akbar," then raise your hands and place your palms in front of your face and recite Al-Qunoot.

- Say: "Allahu akbar." Then bow and say: "Subhana rabial adhim wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Stand up and say: "Sami'allaho liman hamidah. Allahu akbar."
- Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Sit and say: "Allahu akbar. Astaghfirullah rabbi wa atoobu ilaih. Allahu akbar."
- Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Sit and say: "Allahu akbar." Then, recite the Witness of Faith (Al-Tasahhud): "Ash'hadu alla elaha ellallah wahdahu la sharikalah, wa ash'hadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluh. Allahumma salli ala Muhammadiw wa aali Muhammad."
- Stand up while saying: "Bihawlillahi wa qowatihi aqoumu wa aq'oud."

- The 3rd Cycle (Rak'a):
- While you are stood up, say: "Subhanallah; wa alhamdu lillah; wa la Elaha ellallah; wallahu akbar." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Say: "Allahu akbar." Then bow and say: "Subhana rabial adhimi wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Stand up and say: "Sami'allaho liman hamidah. Allahu akbar."
- Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Sit and say: "Allahu akbar. Astaghfirullah rabbi wa atoobu ilaih. Allahu akbar."
- Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Stand up while saying: "Bihawlillahi wa qowatihi aqoumu wa aq'oud."

- The 4th Cycle (Rak'a):
- While you are stood up, say: "Subhanallah; wa alhamdu lillah; wa la Elaha ellallah; wallahu akbar." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Say: "Allahu akbar." Then bow and say: "Subhana rabial adhimih wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Stand up and say: "Sami'allaho liman hamidah. Allahu akbar."
- Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Sit and say: "Allahu akbar. Astaghfirullah rabbi wa atoobu ilaih. Allahu akbar."
- Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih." It is recommended to recite this 3 times.
- Sit and say: "Allahu akbar." Then, recite Al-Tasahhud and Al-Tasleem as mentioned in The Two-Cycle prayer.

After Prayer Supplication

- It is recommended to recite the supplication (Ta'qib) immediately after the prayer, such as:
- Raising your hands three times close to your ears saying each time: **"Allahu akbar."**
- Reciting Tasbehat Al-Zahraa by saying:

Allahu Akbar	Alhamdu Lillah	Subhanal Lah
34	33	33
Times	Times	Times

- Imam Jafar Al-Sadiq (pbuh) said: "Reciting Tasbehat Fatemah Al-Zahraa (pbuh) after every daily prayer is more dear to me than performing one thousand cycles (rak'at)."
- Asking Allah's forgiveness for yourself, your parents, your relatives, and anyone else.

Prostration Rules

- When prostrating, it is required to place the seven prostration points on the ground
- They are:
 - The forehead, both palms, both knees and both big toes.
- Your forehead should be placed on one of the following:

- Part of earth such as: soil, rock, marble or the clay tablet (Al-Turba).



- Plants that cannot be worn or eaten such as: grass, palm fronds and wood.



- ▶ A piece of paper
(including that which is
colored or written upon.)



- You should not place your forehead on
any of the following:



**Edible Plants like:
carrots or lettuce.**



**Metals like:
gold or iron.**



**Cotton Products
like: t-shirts.**



**Petroleum Products
like: plastic.**

Voice Level During Prayer

- Sometimes, reciting the two surahs in the first and second cycles should be whispered, while sometimes it should be done in clear voice.
- Clear voice means that others can hear you, while should be whispered means that only you can hear what you are saying.

Male

Dawn ◀●
Sunset
Night:
Reciting
the two
surahs
in clear
voice.

●▶ Noon
Afternoon:
Reciting
the two
surahs
Should be
whispered.



Female



Dawn ◀
Sunset
Night:
 Reciting
 them in
 clear voice
 is optional.

▶ **Noon**
Afternoon:
 Reciting
 the two
 surahs
 Should be
 whispered.

- ◉ When you recite the surah while whispering, it is recommended to say "Bismillah Ar-Rahman Ar-Rahim" in a clear voice.
- ◉ In the third and fourth cycle, when you say Al-Tasbihat, you must say it while whispering.
- ◉ For the other sayings in the prayer, males and females can choose between a clear voice or whisper.



Mistakes in Prayer

- There are a few actions that would cause your prayer to be invalid. For example:

- ▶ Doing anything that spoils the prayer's form, such as: jumping, turning around, punching, etc.

- ▶ Turning your head fully away from the qibla.



- ▶ Eating or Drinking.

- ▶ Speaking, apart from the following:

Quran

Dua'a

Thikr, such as Al-Tasbehat



- ▶ Deliberate laughter invalidates prayer, but smiling does not.



- ▶ Deliberate weeping or crying about worldly matters.



- ▶ Deliberate crossing of one's hands, over the abdomen, while standing in prayer.
- ▶ Deliberate utterance of the word "Amen" after the imam has finished reciting Al-Fatiha.

Prostrations of Forgetfulness

- You might make some mistakes during prayer, does this mean that your prayer becomes invalid?
- ▶ Sometimes prayer becomes invalid, such as when you forget to bow and didn't remember until you were in the next cycle (Rak'a).
- ▶ In some cases, you should perform the Two Prostrations of Forgetfulness (Sajdata Al-Sahu) after finishing the prayer.
- ▶ These are some of the conditions where this applies:
 - ▶ Saying something unintentionally that is not Quran, Dua'a or Thikr.
 - ▶ **Saying Al-Tasleem unintentionally while the prayer is still in progress.**
 - ▶ Forgetting Al-Tashahhud.

● How to perform (Sajdata Al-Sahu):

- ▶ After you have finished prayer, Immediately prostrate and say: "Bismillahi wa billah. Assalamu alaika ayyuhan nabiyyu wa rahmatul lahi wa barakatuh."



- ▶ Return to a seated position.



- ▶ Do a second prostration the same way.

- ▶ Return to a seated position and recite both Al-Tashahhud and Al-Tasleem.



Prayer Etiquette

- There are many forms of etiquette that can increase the value of praying.
- Here are some prayer etiquettes:
 - ▶ Wearing suitable and clean clothes.
 - ▶ **Wearing perfume.**
 - ▶ Being humble and focused.
 - ▶ **Avoiding looking around.**
 - ▶ Avoiding praying in front of an open door.
 - ▶ **Avoid praying in front of a mirror.**
 - ▶ During Al-Takbeer, raise both of your hands and put them close to your ears.
 - ▶ **While standing, keep your palms on your thighs before the knees.**
 - ▶ Before reciting a surah, say: "Authu billahi minash shaitanir rajeem."

- ▶ **Keep your knees straight while bowing.**
- ▶ During bowing, put your palms on your knees and spread your fingers apart.
- ▶ **Add:** "Allahumma Salli Ala Muhammadiw Wa Aali Muhammad," **in both bowing and prostration after Al-Tasbeeh.**
- ▶ In the last prostration, ask Allah about your worldly and afterlife concerns.

Al-Mu'minun

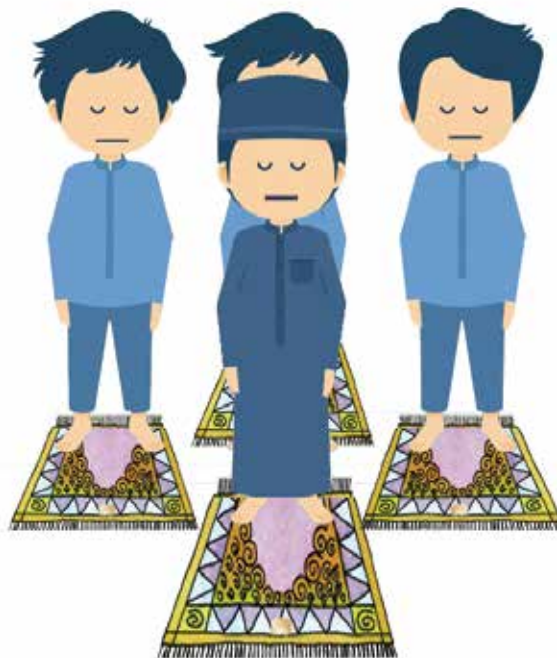
﴿ The believers have succeeded ﴾¹ Those who are humble in their prayers ﴾² ﴿

The Prophet (pbuhf) said: "The person would pray and not a sixth or even a tenth of his prayer is accepted by Allah. For He only accepts of prayer that which is fully comprehended."

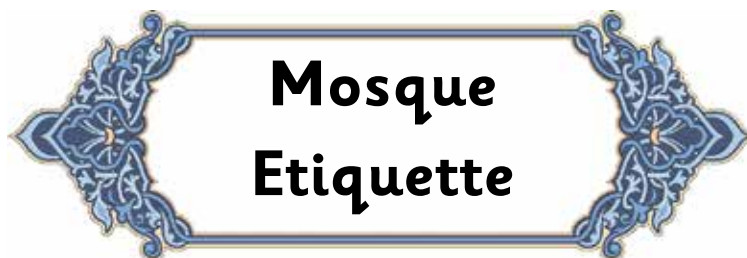
Congregational Prayer

- **Congregational Prayer (Salat Al-Jama'a) is one of the most important acts of worship in Islam. It is the greatest recommended act and has more benefits than individual prayers.**
- **It is recommended to perform all obligatory prayers congregationally.**
- **It isn't allowed to perform recommended (Mustahab) prayer congregationally, except for Eid Prayers and Prayers for rain (Salat Al-Istisqa').**
- **Congregational Prayer can be offered by only two persons, one of them is the imam.**
- **When the imam recites two surahs in a clear voice, the worshippers should not recite the surahs.**
- **The worshippers must follow the imam in his actions, and do nothing before him.**

The Prophet (pbuhf) said: "Congregational prayer is twenty five times better than prayers offered individually."



The Prophet (pbuhf) said: "When one of Allah's servants offers a prayer in congregation and invokes Him, He would be shy if His servant should leave before He grants it."



Mosque Etiquette

- **The mosque is a place of worship in which muslims gather to perform individual and congregational prayers.**
- **It is also the place in which muslims recite the Qur'an, listen to lectures and lessons, and meet with their believing brothers.**
- **In the mosque, muslims discuss their important matters and seek for solutions.**
- **Praying in the mosque is better than praying at home.**
- **Attending mosques continuously fills the heart with faith and love for Allah.**
- **The abandoned mosque, in which no prayers are performed, will complain to Allah on the Day of Resurrection about the people who abandoned it, and Allah will hold them accountable for it.**

- There is a set of mosque etiquettes which are recommended to preserve and pay attention to, here are some:
 - ▶ It is recommended to perform Ablution before entering a mosque.
 - ▶ It is better for those who enter the mosque to pray two greeting rak'as (Tahyatul Masjid).
 - ▶ It is recommended to wear clean and elegant clothes, and avoid wearing dirty or inappropriate clothes.
 - ▶ It is inappropriate to eat, drink or sleep in the the prayer part of the mosque.
 - ▶ It is inappropriate to talk about worldly matters, such as trade, sports, or TV shows.
 - ▶ It is not allowed to defile the mosque, and worshippers must purify it if such a thing occurred.
 - ▶ It is recommended to keep quiet while attending the mosque.

Al-A'raf

﴿ O Children of Adam! Beautify yourselves at every time and place of prayer , and eat and drink [freely], but do not waste, He (Allah) does not love the wasteful ﴾ 31 ﴿

Imam Ali (pbuh) said: "Those who go to the mosque often shall acquire one of the following eight characteristics: brotherhood for the sake of God; new knowledge; certain verses; awaited Mercy or words to save them from destruction; hear words of guidance; and abandon sins out of fear of God or shame."



Friday Prayer

Al-Jumu`ah

﴿ **O** you who have believed, when [the Athan] is called for the prayer on the day of Jumu`ah [Friday], then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you, if you only knew ﴿ 9 ﴾﴾

- The Friday (Jumu`ah) prayer replaces the noon prayer on Friday.
- It consists of two cycles in congregation similar to the dawn prayer, preceded by two lectures.
- It is obligatory to attend the two lectures. However, it is allowed to join the prayer even if you missed the lectures.
- It consists of two recommended Qunoots, one before the first bow, and the second after the second bow.

Imam Muhammad Al-Baqir (pbuh) said: "The Friday prayer is an obligation, and congregating for it with the leader is a religious duty. So if someone misses three Friday prayers without an excuse, he would have abandoned the performance of three obligatory acts of worship. And only a hypocrite would abandon three obligatory acts of worship without an excuse."

Imam Musa Al- Kadhim (pbuh) said: "A prayer is not valid if performed during the leader's sermon, unless the person had already performed one cycle of prayer and so adds another to end his prayer. He would then not pray until the Imam finishes his sermon."



- Festival (Al-Eid) prayers are those observed during the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast (Eid Al-Fitr) and the Festival of the Sacrifice (Eid Al-Adha).
- It can be performed between sunrise and noon time. It's recommended to perform it with a group with two lectures afterwards.
- Al-Athan and Al-Iqama are not required before performing the prayer. However, It is recommended instead to repeat the phrase: **"Al-Salah"**, three times.
- It consists of two cycles performed similarly to the dawn prayer but with some additions:
 - First cycle: **Recite Al-Qunoot five times, and saying before each one: "Allahu akbar."**
 - Second cycle: **Recite Al-Qunoot four times, and saying before each one: "Allahu akbar."**

Al-Ayat Prayer

- **Al-Ayat is the plural of Al-Ayah which means the sign. Here, it refers to the signs and evidence of the greatness, power and wisdom of God, the Creator of the World.**
- **The night and the day, the sun, the moon, the stars, the mountains, and all creatures are signs of God's presence and greatness.**
- **The solar and lunar eclipses, earthquakes, volcanoes, severe storms, thunderbolts and hurricanes are also signs of God's greatness.**
- **The Prayer of Natural Phenomena (Salat Al-Ayat) becomes obligatory when a solar or a lunar eclipse, or an earthquake occurs.**
- **It is also obligatory to perform it if any extraordinary phenomenon takes place on earth or in the sky and causes people to become afraid.**

- It consists of two cycles, and each cycle consists of five bows and two prostrations.
- After the intention, say: **"Allahu akbar."** During that, it is recommended to raise your hands close to your ears.

The First Cycle:

- Recite Surat Al-Fatihah and another surah.



- Perform the first bow and say: **"Subhana rabial adhim wa bihamdih."**



- Stand up and recite Surat Al-Fatihah and another surah.

2



- Perform the second bow and say:
"Subhana rabial
adhimi wa bihamdih."

- Stand up and recite Surat Al-Fatihah and another surah.



3



- Perform the third bow and say:
"Subhana rabial
adhimi wa bihamdih."



- Stand up and recite Surat Al-Fatihah and another surah.

4



- Perform the fourth bow and say:
"Subhana rabial
adhimi wa bihamdih."

- Stand up and recite Surat Al-Fatihah and another surah.



5



- Perform the fifth bow and say:
"Subhana rabial
adhimi wa bihamdih."



- Stand up and say: "Sami'a Llaho liman hamidah. Allahu akbar."



- Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih."



- Sit and say: "Allahu akbar. Astaghfirullah rabbi. Allahu akbar."

- Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih."



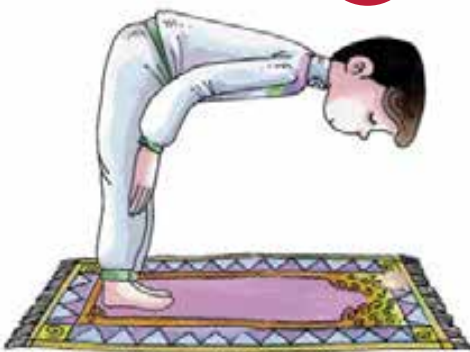
- Sit and say: "Allahu akbar." Stand up while saying: "Bihawlillahi wa qowatihi aqoumu wa aq'oud."

The Second Cycle:

- Recite Surat Al-Fatihah and another surah.



1



- Perform the first bow and say:
"Subhana rabial
adhimi wa bihamdih."



- Stand up and recite Surat Al-Fatihah and another surah.

2

- Perform the second bow and say:
"Subhana rabial
adhimi wa bihamdih."





- Stand up and recite Surat Al-Fatihah and another surah.

3



- Perform the third bow and say:
"Subhana rabial
adhimi wa bihamdih."

- Stand up and recite Sura Al-Fatihah and another surah.



4



- Perform the forth bow and say:
"Subhana rabial
adhimi wa bihamdih."

- Stand up and recite Surat Al-Fatihah and another surah. It is recommended to perform Al-Qunoot before bowing.



5

- Perform the fifth bow and say:
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- Stand up and say: "Sami'a
Llaho liman hamidah.
Allahu akbar."



- Prostrate and say: "Subhana
rabial aala wa bihamdih."



- Sit and say: "Allahu akbar. Astaghfirullah rabbi. Allahu akbar."

- Prostrate and say: "Subhana rabial aala wa bihamdih."



- Sit and say: "Allahu akbar," then, recite Al-Tasahhud and Al-Tasleem.

- Salat Al-Ayat can be performed from the beginning of the eclipse until it clears away.
- The prayers for other extraordinary phenomena could be performed as soon as the phenomenon takes place.

