

2. Talking.
3. Laughing.
4. Eating or drinking.
5. Uncovering part of the body that should be covered.
6. Diverging from the direction of the *Qiblah*.
7. Excessive movement, which is not part of Salah.
8. Any of invalidators of *Wudu*.

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three, five, seven, nine or eleven *Rak'at*.

Recite Suratul Fatihah and some other verses from the *Quran* and before or after Rukoo of the last *Rak'ah* raise your hands high up to the level of the shoulders in supplication the following Du'a (supplication) with your hands raised towards the sky. This Du'a is called Du'a al-Qunut:

Allahumma Ihdeni Fiman Hadayt, Wa A'feni Fiman A'fayt, Watawallani Fiman Tawallayt, Wabarek li Fima A'atayt, Waqeni Sharra Ma Qadayt, Faenaka Taqdi Wala Yuqda Alyk, Waennahu La Yathelu Man Walayt, Tabarakta Rabbana Wat'alyt."

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This means: "O Allah, guide me among those whom You have guided. Grant me safety among those whom You have granted safety. Take me into Your charge among those whom You have taken into Your charge. Bless me in what You have given me. Protect me from the evil that You have decreed, for You decree and nothing is decreed for You. And there is no humiliation for whom You take as a ward. Blessed and exalted are You, our Lord."

After this, say: *Allahu Akbar* and bow down for Ruku or Sujood and complete the rest of prayer like other prayer.

It is good to ask for forgiveness and mercy from Allah at the end of your Salah. You can say this in your own words and in your own language. But it is better for you to memorize some Du'as (supplications prayers) from the prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in Arabic.

Invalidators of Salah

1. Willful negligence of any basic posture of Salah like Rukoo, Sujood, etc.

Some impurities that must be purified before performing Salah:

1. Human Urine.
2. Human Excrement.
3. *Wadi*: Thick white secretion that might be discharged after urination.
4. *Mathi*: a white sticky (Prostatic) fluid (other than sperm or semen).
5. Menstrual blood.
6. Defecation and urine of animals whose meat is not permissible to eat.
7. Dog's saliva.
8. Water remaining after the beasts (that has canines or claws) have drunk.

How To Purify Things:

In general, using water brings about purification from impurities.

One must remove all impurities from his/her private parts, by using any pure matter (i.e. toilet tissue) three times or by using water or both.

1. Purifying the body and clothes:

This is performed by washing them with water until they are cleansed of the impurities. This is especially the case where the impurity is visible, such as the menstrual blood. If there are some stains that remain after washing that are too difficult to remove, they can be overlooked. If the impurity is not visible, such as urine, it is sufficient to wash it once.

2. Purifying the clothes from the male infant's urine:

This is performed by sprinkling water on it. The urine of a female infant needs to be washed.

3. Purifying the bottom of shoes:

O Allah, let Your mercy come upon Muhammad

Wa ala ali Muhammadin
and the family of Muhammad

Kama sallaita ala Ibrahima
as You let it come upon Ibrahim

wa ala ali Ibrahima
and the family of Ibrahim

wa barik ala Muhammadin
O Allah, bless Muhammad

wa ala ali Muhammadin
and the family of Muhammad

Kama barakta ala Ibrahima
as You blessed Ibrahim

wa ala ali Ibrahima
and the family of Ibrahim.

Fil a'lamina Innaka
Truly You are

hamidun Majid
Praiseworthy and Glorious.”

After this say:

Allahumma inni a'udhu bika min adhabi jahanam wamin adhabil qabri wamin sharri fitnatil mahya wal mamat wamin sharri fitnatil masihid dajjaal. Rabbi-ghfir li waliwalidayya, rabbi-rhamhuma kama rabbayani saghira.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ جَهَنَّمَ وَمِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ وَمِنْ عَذَابِ النَّارِ وَالْمَمَاتِ وَمِنْ شَرِّ فِتْنَةِ الْحَيَاةِ وَمِنْ شَرِّ فِتْنَةِ الْمَمَاتِ رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ كَمَا غَفَرْتَ لِلرَّبَّيْنِ السَّغِيرَيْنِ

This completes one **Rak'ah** or one unit of **Salah**. The second **Rak'ah** is performed in the same way, except that:

1. You do not recite Subhanaka at the beginning.
2. And after the second prostration you sit on the left leg while keeping the right foot upright and put your right hand on the right thigh, with all fingers are closed except the index finger. You stick the index finger straight out. And put your left hand on the left thigh. And recite Tashahhud quietly:



اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ .

At-Tahiyatu lillahi “ was- Salawatu wat-Tayyibatu as-Salamu alaika ayyuhannabiyyu wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu assalamu alaina wa’ala ibadil-Lahis -Salihin ash hadu al-La ilaha il-Lal lahu wa ash hadu anna Muhammadan abduhu Muhammad is His servant wa rasuluhu	All prayer is for Allah and worship and goodness. Peace be on you, O Prophet and the mercy of Allah and His blessings. Peace be on us and on the righteous servants of Allah I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger.”
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In a three-**Rak'ah** Salah (as in Maghrib) or a four-**Rak'ah** Salah (Zuhr, Asr, and *Isha*) you stand up for the remaining **Rak'ah**(s) after Tashahhud. But for a two-**Rak'ah** Salah you remain seated after Tashahhud and recite Assalatul-Ibrahimiyyah:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ
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Allahumma salli ala Muhammadin “

This is performed by rubbing them against the ground as long as the remains of the impurity (Najassah) are removed.

4. Purifying the ground:

1. By pouring water over it.
2. Letting it dry is its purification if the physical impurity is gone.

5. Purifying the utensils if they were touched by a dog's saliva:

This is performed by washing them seven times with water, the first mixed with soil.

6. Purifying the body from Hadath:

And also the body must be free of *Hadath* (unphysical impurity). There are two kinds of *Hadath*:

1. Minor Hadath: This requires *Wudu* or ablution. It happens whenever one or more have the following occur: natural discharges like urine, excrement, or wind, falling asleep, or unconsciousness of any kind.
2. Major Hadath: This requires washing the whole body. It could be caused by unconscious ejaculation (e.g. in one's sleep), intercourse, menstruation or post-childbirth bleeding. This type of washing entails bathing the whole body including the head with pure water.

WUDU (Ablution)

Preparation:

Before we can begin to perform Salah, we must first prepare ourselves. This preparation includes making sure that we are clean from physical impurity, and this is done by carrying out *Wudu*.

Then recite: A'udhu billahi minash shaitanir rajim.

اَعُوذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيْمِ

This is called *Ta'awwuth*, and it means: "I seek shelter in Allah from the rejected Satan."

Then recite: Bismillahir rahmanir rahim.

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

This is called *Tasmiyah*, and it means: "In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful."

5. After this, recite Suratul Fatihah (the opening chapter) of the Noble *Quran*:

Al hamdu lil lahi rabbil alamin. Arrahmanir rahim. Maliki yawmiddin. Iyyaka na'budu wa iyyaka nasta'in. Ihdinas siratal mustaqim. Siratal ladhina an'amta'alaihim, ghairil maghdubi'alaihim wa lad dhallin. (Amin)

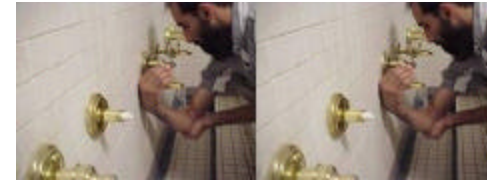
اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِيْنَ
الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ
مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّيْنِ
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اِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيْمَ
صِرَاطَ الَّذِيْنَ اَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ
غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوْبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلا الضَّالِّيْنَ

This means: "All praise is to Allah, the Lord of the worlds, the most Gracious, the most Merciful; Master of the Day of Judgment. You alone we worship, from You alone we seek help. Guide us along the straight path - the path of those whom You favored, not of those who earned Your anger or went astray."

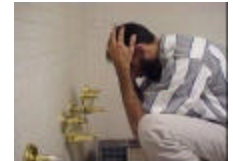
The recitation of Al-Fatihah is a requirement in each unit (*Rak'ah*) of the prayer.

6. Now recite any other passage from the Noble *Quran*. For example: *Bismillahir rahmanir rahim Qul hu wal lahu ahad, allahus samad, lam yalid wa lam yulad, wa lam ya kul lahu kufuwan ahad.*

unwashed. Repeat with the left arm.



7. Then move the palms of the wet hands lightly over the head, starting from the forehead to the head to the back, and passing both hands over the back of the head to the neck, and then bringing them back to the forehead.



8. Next, with the same water, rub the grooves and holes of both ears with the wet index fingers while also passing the wet thumbs behind the ears from the bottom upward.



9. Finally, wash both feet to the ankles three times, starting with the right foot. Make sure that water has reached between the toes and covered the rest the foot.



Note: If you put your socks on while you have a valid *Wudu*, it is not necessary to take them off every time you need to renew your *Wudu*. You can leave them on and wipe the top of each sock once with wet hands in place of washing the entire foot. You may do the same for twenty-four hours or for three days if you are on a journey.

At the ends of the above steps recite: "*Ashhadu alla ilaha*

illallahu, wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluhu.”

شاهداً على ما بين يدي من خلق
لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له
اعلم ان الله اعلم بالشاكرين

Which means:

“I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah alone, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger.”

The Invalidators of Wudu :

1. Natural discharges: urine, stool, wind and the like.
2. Falling asleep.
3. Unconsciousness of any kind.

Ghusl (Bathing)

Ghusl is bathing the whole body with water and it is obligatory in the following cases:

1. *Janabah*, or major *Hadath* (unphysical impurity): The discharge of seminal secretion, or sexual intercourse.
2. At the end of a menstruation period.
3. At the end of a postnatal period.

Tayammum (Dry Ablution)

When can Tayammum be done:

You may perform your Salah by preceding it with *Tayammum* as a substitute for *Wudu* or *Ghusl* when:

1. A person cannot find water, or the amount available is insufficient.
2. A person has no access to water.
3. A person is saving the water for later use.
4. A person is sick and cannot use water.

Having cleansed yourself by *Wudu*, you may proceed to perform Salah. *Wudu* is a ritual cleansing, but before you begin your Salah, you must make sure that you have a clean body; a clean place, and that you are wearing clean clothes. The minimum clothing required during Salah is:

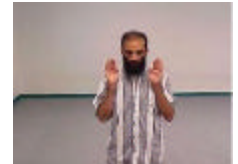
- A. **For males:** Any clothing that covers from the naval to the knees.
- B. **For females:** Any clothing that covers all the body (including the head) except the face and the hands.

The way to offer Salah

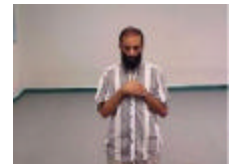
1. Stand upright facing the direction of *Al-Ka'bah*. This standing is called *Qiyam* and the direction is called *Qiblah* in Arabic. The *Qiblah* in North America is towards the east with a slight angle towards the north.

2. Make *Niyyah* (intention) in your heart for the prayer you want to pray.

3. Raise your hands to your ears and say: "*Allahu Akbar*" (Allah is the Greatest). This is called *Takbiratul Ihram*.



4. Now place your right hand on top of your left hand on the chest and look downward to the place where your forehead will touch the ground in the Sujud and recite:



Subhanaka allahumma wa bi hamdika wa tabara kasmuka wa ta'ala jadduka wa la ilaha ghairuka.

سبحانك اللهم وبحمدك
وتعالى جادك ولا إله غيرك

This means: “O Allah, how perfect is You and praise be to You. Blessed is Your name, and exalted is Your majesty. There is no god but You.”

Fard (compulsory) Salah

A Muslim must pray five times a day. The compulsory prayers are called *Fard* in Arabic. Each unit of a prayer is called *Rak'ah*. The *Fard* prayers are:

<i>Fajr</i>	2 <i>Rak'ahs</i>
<i>Zuhr</i>	4 <i>Rak'ahs</i>
<i>Asr</i>	4 <i>Rak'ahs</i>
<i>Maghrib</i>	3 <i>Rak'ahs</i>
<i>Isha</i>	4 <i>Rak'ahs</i>
* <i>Jumu'ah</i>	2 <i>Rak'ah</i> (in place of <i>Zuhr</i> on Fridays)

(Note *Jumu'ah* is obligatory on males only)

Sunnah (recommended) Salah

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) performed extra prayers in addition to *Fard* prayers. These prayers are called Sunnah prayers. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) always prayed two *Rak'ahs* before the *Fard* of *Fajr* and three *Rak'ahs* after the *Fard* of *Isha* even when on a journey. The one, three, five, seven, nine, or eleven *Rak'ahs* after *Isha* are called *Witr* (odd number). The Sunnah prayers are:

<i>Fajr</i>	2 <i>Rak'ahs</i> before <i>Fard</i> .
<i>Zuhr</i>	4 before <i>Fard</i> and 2 after.
<i>Asr</i>	4 (optional) before <i>Fard</i> .
<i>Maghrib</i>	2 <i>Rak'ahs</i> after <i>Fard</i> .
<i>Isha</i>	4 (optional) before <i>Fard</i> 2 <i>Rak'ahs</i> after <i>Fard</i> .
	1, 3, 5, 7, 9 or 11 <i>Witr</i> .

The Sunnah prayers are normally offered individually and no *Athan* or *Iqamah* is needed for those extra prayers.

HOW TO PERFORM SALAH

General Guidelines:

5. The use of water is likely to do harm or cause an illness.
6. The performance of *Wudu* will cause the person to miss a funeral or Eid prayer that cannot be made up.

How is Tayammum done:

In any of these instances it is permissible to make *Tayammum*, which is performed as follows:

1. First, make *Niyyah* (intention) in your heart that this act of *Tayammum* is for the purpose of preparation for *Salah*, and say: "Bismillah."



2. Strike both hands slightly on pure earth or sand or stone.

3. Shake the hands off and wipe the whole face with them.



4. Repeat as in (2) and wipe the right arm up to the elbow (or up to the wrist only) with the left hand and the left arm up to the elbow (or up to the wrist only) with the right hand.

What Tayammum makes permissible:

After performing *Tayammum*, a person is pure and may do any of the acts requiring ritual purification, such as prayer.

What nullifies Tayammum:

Everything that nullifies the ablution nullifies *Tayammum*. If a person prays after performing *Tayammum* and then finds water, he does not need to repeat his prayer even if there is time left to do so. However, once there is no longer a valid excuse for

