

HOW TO PRAY (SALAH)

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Before You Pray:

- • Make wudu (ablution)
- • Face the Ka'bah
- • Wear clean clothes
- • Make intention in your heart

1. Opening Takbir (Start the Prayer)

Allahu Akbar

Allah is the Greatest

2. Surah Al Fatihah (While Standing)

• **Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem**

In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

• **Alhamdu lillahi rabbil alameen**

All praise is for Allah, the Lord of all worlds

• **Ar Rahmanir Raheem**

The Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

• **Maliki yawmid deen**

Master of the Day of Judgment

• **Iyyaka naabudu wa iyyaka nastaeen**

You alone we worship and You alone we ask for help

• **Ihdinas siratal mustaqeem**

Guide us to the straight path

• **Siratal ladeena anamta alayhim**

The path of those You have blessed

• **Ghayril maghdubi alayhim wa laddalleen**

Not the path of those who earned Your anger, nor those who went astray

3. Short Surah (Example – Al Ikhlas)

• **Qul huwallahu ahad**

Say: He is Allah, the One

- **Allahu samad**

Allah is the One all depend on

- **Lam yalid wa lam yoolad**

He does not give birth, nor was He born

- **Wa lam yakullahu kufuwan ahad**

And there is none comparable to Him

4. Say when moving into Bowing (Ruku)

Allahu Akbar — Allah is the Greatest

5. Bowing (Ruku) – Say 3 Times

Subhana Rabbiyal Azeem — Glory be to my Lord, the Most Great

6. Standing After Ruku

Samiallahu liman hamidah / Rabbana lakal hamd —

7. Say when moving into First Prostration (Sujood)

Allahu Akbar — Allah is the Greatest

8. First Sujood – Say 3 Times

Subhana Rabbiyal Ala — Glory be to my Lord, the Most High

9. Say when sitting between the two Sujoods (3 times)

Allahu Akbar — Rabbighfir li (3 times)

10. Say when moving into Second Sujood

Allahu Akbar — Subhana Rabbiyal Ala (3 times)

11. After the Second Sujood

Say: Allahu Akbar

If you still have another rakah to pray, stand up and repeat steps 2–10.

If this is your final rakah, remain seated and continue to the final Tashahhud below.

Final Sitting (Tashahhud and Salawat)

- **Attahiyyatu lillahi was salawatu wattayyibat**

All greetings, prayers, and pure words are for Allah

- **Assalamu alayka ayyuhan nabiyyu wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh**

Peace be upon you, O Prophet, and the mercy and blessings of Allah

- **Assalamu alayna wa ala ibadillahi saliheen**

Peace be upon us and upon the righteous servants of Allah

- **Ashhadu alla ilaha illallah**

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah

- **Wa ashhadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluh**

And I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger

- **Allahumma salli ala Muhammadin wa ala aali Muhammadin kama sallayta ala Ibraheema wa ala aali Ibraheema innaka Hameedun Majeed**

O Allah, send prayers upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad as You sent prayers upon Ibrahim and the family of Ibrahim. Indeed, You are Praiseworthy, Glorious

- **Allahumma barik ala Muhammadin wa ala aali Muhammadin kama barakta ala Ibraheema wa ala aali Ibraheema innaka Hameedun Majeed**

O Allah, bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad as You blessed Ibrahim and the family of Ibrahim. Indeed, You are Praiseworthy, Glorious

- **Allahumma inni aoodhu bika min adhaabil qabri wa min adhaabi jahannam wa min fitnatil mahya wal mamaat wa min sharri fitnatil maseehid dajjal**

O Allah, I seek refuge in You from the punishment of the grave, from the punishment of Hellfire, from the trials of life and death, and from the evil of the trial of the False Messiah (Dajjal)

Ending the Prayer (Salam)

Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullah (turn head to the right) — Peace and mercy of Allah be upon you

Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullah (turn head to the left) — Peace and mercy of Allah be upon you

Number of Rak'ahs

- Fajr – 2
- Dhuhr – 4
- Asr – 4
- Maghrib – 3
- Isha – 4