

Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim

SALAH

Salah is a very important part of a Muslim's life. It is the second pillar of Islam and therefore a must on every Muslim. Salah is the time to remember Allah (S.W.T). When we die and we go to the grave, Salah is the first thing we will be asked about.

Salah can be prayed in the masjid or at home, however, it is more rewarding to pray Salah in congregation in the masjid. We pray Salah five times in a day. Those Salah are Fajr, which is two Raka'at before dawn, Zuhr which is four Raka'at around noon, Asr which is four Raka'at in the late afternoon, Maghrib which is three Raka'at after sunset and Isha which is four Raka'at at night.

The five daily prayers are called the Fard Salah which means they are compulsory. We also pray Sunnah Salah which are extra prayers which our beloved Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) prayed. Some Sunnah Salah are prayed before the Fard Salah while some Sunnah Salah are prayed after the Fard Salah.

There are also special Salah called Wajib Salah. These are highly recommended prayers, almost close to Fard Salah. One example of Wajib Salah is the Witr Salah which is three Raka'at prayed after the Fard and Sunnah of Isha Salah. Other examples of Wajib Salah are the two Eid Salah which are two raka'at, prayed on each of the two Eid days in an Islamic year.

On Fridays we go to the Masjid to pray Juma Salah in congregation at Zuhr time. Juma Salah is only two Raka'at and there is an Arabic sermon which is a must to listen to before the Salah.

The Adhan tells us that it is time for Salah. When praying in congregation, we do the Iqama so that everyone is ready to begin Salah. After Salah, we make dua and recite Ayatul Kursi.

To pray Salah, we need to be clean and pray in a clean area. We should make sure that our clothes are clean. We also clean our body by doing wudhu and purifying ourselves before praying Salah. Salah is always prayed facing the qibla, which is the Ka'ba in Makka.

Salah is our chance to bow down to Allah. We should therefore always strive to be steadfast and punctual and ensure we do not miss any Salah.

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