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Basic Teachings of Islam

Salah – Prayer

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How to perform Witr Prayer

- The Witr prayer is Waajib (compulsory).
- It is performed in Isha prayer.
- It is three Rak'ahs with one Salaam.
- In each of its Rak'ahs Surah Fatiha and other verses from Quran are recited.
- There is a sitting after the second Rak'ah in which only Tashah-hud is read.
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How to perform Witr Prayer

- In third Rak'ah, recite Surah Fatiha and other verses from Quran as usual.
- Then raise your hands to the ears whilst saying the Takbeer and then fold your hands.
- Then recite the Dua-e-Qunoot before going to the Rukoo'.

How to perform Witr Prayer

Dua-e-Qunoot:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْتَعِينُكَ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَنُؤْمِنُ بِكَ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْكَ وَنُثْنِي عَلَيْكَ
الْحَيْرَ وَنَشْكُرُكَ وَ لَا نَكْفُرُكَ وَنَخْلَعُ وَنَتْرُكُ مَنْ يَفْجُرُكَ * اللَّهُمَّ إِيَّاكَ
نَعْبُدُ وَ لَكَ نُصَلِّي وَ نَسْجُدُ وَ إِلَيْكَ نَسْعَى وَ نَخْفَدُ وَ تَرْجُو رَحْمَتَكَ وَ نَخْشَى
عَذَابَكَ * إِنَّ عَذَابَكَ بِالْكَفَّارِ مُلْحِقٌ

(O Lord we seek Your help and forgiveness, we believe in You, we rely on You, and we praise You in the best way. We thank You and we are not ungrateful to You. We abandon and cast off those disobey You. O Lord, we worship You alone and we pray to You alone and prostrate to You. We rush towards You and we have hope in Your mercy and we fear Your punishment, Surely Your punishment will strike the unbelievers.)

How to perform Witr Prayer

- If you have not memorised Dua-e-Qunoot, you can read Surah Ikhlas or the following Dua:

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

(O Lord! give us good in this world and in the Hereafter and save us from the torment of the Hell.)

How to perform Witr Prayer

- If you forget to read Dua Qunoot, perform Sajda Sahv.