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Basic Teachings of Islam

Salah – Prayer

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Prayer of a Sick Person

- Allah Almighty has made it easy for a sick person to offer his prayers:
- A sick person can offer his prayers while sitting if:
 - He is unable to stand
 - His sickness will increase if he stands
 - It will take longer to recover from his sickness

Prayer of a Sick Person

- If a sick person or old person can stand for a while, he should start his prayer while standing and then he can choose to sit down.
- Even if a person can stand by resting against the wall or with a stick, he should stand.
- But if a person stands and then finds it difficult to bow down in Ruku or to prostrate (sajda), then in this case its preferred that he offers his prayers by sitting down.

Prayer of a Sick Person

- When a person is unable to do Ruku or Sajda properly, he can signal it with his head.
- The person can lower his head to signal Ruku, and lower it further to signal the performance of Sajda.
- A person can also put an item (e.g. a chair, bench) in front of him to place his forehead on it during Sajda.

Prayer of a Sick Person

- If a person is so ill that he is unable to sit, he can perform his prayers while laying down on a bed.
- He should put pillows under his head so it is raised (it will make it easier to perform Ruku and Sajda).
- He should do his best not to put his feet towards the Qibla.

Prayer of a Sick Person

- A person can also perform prayer by laying on one of his sides.
- His right side is preferred.
- It is important that his face is facing the Qibla.
- If that's impossible, then Allah will still accept his prayers.

Prayer of a Sick Person

- In other words, a person must pray as long as he can recite with tongue or silently and can use his head to signal different positions.
- In situations where a person has become unconscious, lost his mind or cannot use his head, he has no obligation to pray.
- If he remains in this position for longer than a day and night (5 daily prayers), he does not have to offer the missed prayers.