

## HAYYA ALAS-SALAAT (COME TO WORSHIP)

### Salat begins with the Adhan, followed by the Iqamat:

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar  
Ash-hadu an la ilaha illa 'llah  
Ash-hadu anna Muhammadar Rasoolullah,  
Hayya ala-s-salat  
Hayya alal falah  
Qad iqamatis salat  
Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar  
La ilaha illa 'llah



### We then say (silently) our intention for salat:

Na-wai - to an oosal-le salaah \_\_\_\_\_ lillahi ta 'aala  
(I intend to perform \_\_\_\_\_ (mention name of prayer) to  
Allah, the Most high)

Raise hands to the shoulders, with your palms facing the Qibla,  
your fingers straight up and your thumbs touching your earlobes  
and say: **Allahu Akbar**. This is called “**takbirat-al-ihram**.”  
The open palms signify our empty-hands before Allah.

Standing erect with folded arms, left wrist over the navel, and  
right hand over left wrist,<sup>1</sup>  
say “**soob-haa-nakal-lahum-ma wa be-hamdika  
wa tabara-kasmuka wa ta-aala jad-duka wa laa  
ilaha ghai-ruka  
'Aoozu bil-lahe minash-shai-taanir-rajeem**”<sup>2</sup>



*And now recite Surat-ul-Faatihah* (The Chapter of  
The Opening): Bismillahir Rahmaanir Rahim



Alhamdu lillahi Rabbil aalameen. Ar-Rahmanir Rahim.  
Maliki yawmid-din. Iyyaka na'budu.  
Wa iyyaka nasta 'een. Ih-dinas-siratal mustaqeem. Siratal-  
ladzeena an amta alaihim, ghairil maghdoobi alaihim, walad-  
daaleen.

### Followed by another surah, for example:

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

<sup>1</sup>The woman should place both palms in the same manner but on top of the breasts.

<sup>2</sup>Glory to Thee, O Allah, and Thine is the Praise, blessed is Thy name, and exalted is Thy Majesty, and there is none to be served besides Thee. I seek refuge in Allah against the accursed Satan.

Qul huwa-llahu Ahad. Allahus Samad. Lam yalid,  
walam you lad. Walam yakun lahu, kufwan Ahad.

With the words **Allahu Akbar** go to the bowing position  
(**Ruku‘u**). Let your knees be firmly held in your palms, and  
your bent back leveled with your head. Relax, and say the  
following:

**soob hana Rabbi yal ’azeem** (three times)  
Glory be to Thee, my Lord, the Mighty



Then say: **sami’a- ‘llahu liman hamida hu**, (Allah hears the one  
who praises Him), as you rise from the bowing position.

While standing erect, say:  
**Rab-bana lakal hamdu**  
(Our Lord, praise belongs to You).

With the words **Allahu Akbar**, now go down to the prostrate (**sajdah**) position. In this position,  
lay your palms face down with your fingers stretched toward the  
**Qibla**, your knees should be on the ground, and the tip of the toes of  
your feet face the Qibla, place your face between your palms making  
sure that your forehead is on the ground. It is very important that  
your forehead, your palms, your knees, and your toes touch the  
ground while in this position. While in sajdah, say:

**Soob- hana Rab-bi yal- a’alaa** (three times)  
Glory be to Thee, My Lord, the Most High





Rise up from sajdah with the words **Allahu Akbar**, sit down briefly, and say: **Rab-bi igh-firlee wa-r-ham-nee** (my Lord, forgive me and have mercy on me). Say **Allahu Akbar** again and repeat the sajdah.



Repeat: **Soob-hana rab-biyal a'ala** (3 times)

***THIS SECOND SAJDAH MARKS THE END OF ONE RAKA'AH.***

With the words **Allahu Akbar**, Rise up to the standing position and repeat the entire process from al-Faatihah. This stage begins the second raka'ah.

**After the second prostration, sit down. Place the left hand on your left knee, and your right hand on your right knee, and recite the following:**

At-tahiyaatu lillahi was-salawaatu wa tayyi baatu



(All salutations and prayers are for Allah)

As-salaamu alaika ayyu-han-nabiyyu

(Peace be unto you, O Prophet)

Wa rah'matullahi wa barakatuhu

(And the Mercy and Blessings of Allah)

Assalaamu alaina (Peace be unto us)

wa ala ibaada-llahis-saaliheen

(and unto all the righteous servants of Allah)



**Now raise the index finger of the right hand, and say the Tashahhud, which is:**

Ash hadu an laa ilaaha illaa-llah

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah

wa ash hadu anna Muhammadan

and I bear witness that Muhammad is

abduhu wa rasoo-luhu

His servant and His messenger

**If this is the final sitting<sup>3</sup>, then say the following prayers to end the salaah:**

Allahumma salli ala Muhammad (O Allah! Bless Muhammad)

wa alaa aali Muhammad (And the true followers of Muhammad)



kama salaita ala Ibraaheem (As you Blessed Abraham )

wa ala aali Ibraaheem (And the true followers of Abraham)

wa baarik alaa Muhammad (And bless Muhammad)

wa ala aali Muhammad (And the true followers of Muhammad)

kama barakta alaa Ibraaheem (As You blessed Abraham)

wa alaa aali Ibraaheem (And the true followers of Abraham)

fil aalameen innaka (For certainly in the universe, You are)

hameedoon majeed (The Owner of praise and splendor.)

**To end the salat turn your head to the right and say the tasleem:**

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<sup>3</sup>Final sitting refers to the last sitting before saying tasleem to end your prayer.

Assalaamu alaikum wa rah'ma-tul-lah

**then to the left and repeat:**



Assalaamu alaikum wa rah'matullah.

The following prayers are recommended after the *tasleem*:

Allahumma antas-Salaam O Allah, You are Peace

Wa minka-s-Salaam And Peace comes from You

tabarakta ya dzal jalali wal ikram Blessed are You, the Possessor of Majesty and Honor

### **Ayat-al-Kursiyyi (Verses of the Throne)**

Allahu la ilaha illa Huwa Allah, there is no god beside Him

Al Hayyul Qayyoom The Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting by Whom all subsists

La ta'khudzuhu sinatun wa la nawm Slumber does not overtake Him, nor sleep

lahu ma fis-samawati wa ma fil ardi Whatever is in the heavens nor in the earth is His

man dzal-ladzee yashfa'ou indahu Who is he that can intercede with Him

illa bi idz-nihe Except by His permission

Ya'lamu ma baina aideehim He knows what is before them

Wa ma khalfa hum And what is behind them

Wa la yuhee toona be shay-im	And they cannot comprehend anything
Min ilmihee illa be ma shaa'a	out of His knowledge except what He pleases
Wasi 'a kur-siyu-hus-sama-wati wal ardi	His throne extends over the heavens and the earth
Wa la yahud-duhu hifzu-huma	And the preservation of them tires Him not
Wa huwal Aliyyul Azeem	And He is the Most High, the Great.

**Note:** There are other prayers that could be said before the end of the prayer, but they are optional. What we have sought to do in this little presentation is the very basics of salaah.

If the particular prayer involves four raka'ahs, for example: **Zuhur, Asr, or Isha**, or even three raka'ah as in the case of **Maghrib**, don't say any additional surah after al-Faatihah in the third and fourth raka'ah. The Faatihah in all of these raka'ahs are said silently.

Finally, the two afternoon prayers: Zuhur and Asr are performed silently, except in the case of the Jum'ah (Friday congregational prayer).

### ***Additional Surahs***

#### **Surat-al-Falaq (113)**

Bismillahir Rah'maanir Raheem	In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.
Qul a 'oozu bi rab-bil falaq	Say: I seek refuge in the Lord of the Dawn
Min shar-ri ma khalaq	From the evil of what He has created
Wa min shar-ri ghasiqin	And from the evil of intense darkness
izaa waqab	when it spreads
Wa min shar-rin-nafaathaati fil uqad	And from the evil of those who practice secret arts
Wa min shar-ri haasidin izaa hasad	And from the evil of the envious one when he

envies

### **Surat-an-Naas (114)**

Bismillahir Rah'maanir Raheem	In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.
Qul a 'oozu bi Rab-bin-naas	Say: I seek refuge in the Lord and Cherisher of Men
Maliki-n-naas	The King of men
Ilaahin-naas	The God of men
Min sharil was-waasil	From the evils of the whisperings
khan-naas	of the slinking devil
Allazee yuwas-wisu fee soodoo rin-nas	Who whispers into the hearts of men
minal jin-nati wan-naas	From among the jinn and the men.

### **The Adhan:**

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar	Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest
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Ash hadu an laa ilaaha illa Allah	I bear witness that there is no god but Allah
Ash hadu an la ilaaha illa Allah	I bear witness that there is no god but Allah
Ash hadu an-na Muhammadan Rasoolullah	I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah
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Hayya alas-salaah	Come to prayer
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Hayya alal falah	Come to prosperity
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Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar	Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest
La ilaaha illa Allah	There is no god but Allah

\*If the adhan is for the morning prayer, then say the following after Hayye alal falah:

Assalaatu khairun minan - naum	Prayer is better than sleep
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**After the adhan, the following prayer is said:**

Allahum-ma Rab-ba hazihi da`wati `taamati	O Allah! The Lord of this perfect call
wa salaatil qaa-imati	and the ever-living prayer
ati Muhammada nil wasilata wal fadilata	Grant to Muhammad nearness and
excellence	
wab ath hu maqaaman mah`mudan	And raise him to the position of glory
Allazi wa ad-tahu	Which you promised him.

### **THE IQAMAH**

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar	Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest
Ash hadu an laa ilaha illa Allah	I bear witness that there is no god but Allah
Ash hadu anna Muhammadan Rasoolullah	I bear witness that Muhammad is the
	Messenger of Allah



Hayya alas salah

Come to prayer

Hayya alal falah

Come to prosperity

Qad' qaamati - s - salah

Prayer is about to be performed

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Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar

Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest

La illaha illa Allah

There is no god but Allah