

Key Words

Monotheism	Tawhid	Sawm	Transcendence	Zakat	Rakat	Immanence	Beneficence	Du'ah
Shahadah	Hajj	Shirk	Sadaqah	Qur'an	Mihrab	Salat	Muezzin	Qiblah
Omnipotence	Adhan	Sunnah	Allah (99 names)	Islam	Minaret	Merciful	Halal	Hadith

Prayer/Salat

Salat

The Adhan is the call to prayer and includes the Shahadah. It is the equivalent of church bells calling people to prayer in Christianity. Muslims should try and pray in a mosque and they should do this five times a day. If they are away from the mosque they can pray at home or use prayer mats as long as they are praying in the direction of Mecca. Apps may be used that help Muslims locate the direction of Mecca and remind them of prayer times and more traditionally, a compass may be used.

In the mosque a Muslim must remove their shoes and perform a ritual act of washing (wudu) before entering the prayer room. This involves washing their face, arms, and feet. This physical cleanliness should be reflected by an inner spirituality that is ready for prayer. This is known as 'niyyah'.

The muezzin calls Muslims to prayer from the minaret (a tower that most mosques have). Traditionally, the muezzin would climb the minaret but, nowadays, he uses speakers that are attached to the side of the minaret. The muezzin calls the faithful by chanting the adhan.

Friday prayers are the most important. They are called 'Jummah' (Arabic for 'Friday'). In addition to the usual prayers the imam (prayer leader) will preach a sermon, usually based on a passage from the Qur'an. Men should try and attend Friday prayers. Men and women pray in separate rooms.

Key Sources of Authority

Qur'an

Hadith

Sunnah