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Prayer Service In Islam

Times Of Prayer

(From The Preface of Holy Qur-an, By: Muhammad Ali)

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(The Messenger of Allah)

The saying of prayer is obligatory upon all, every Muslim; male or female, who have attained to the age of description. It is said five times a day as follows:

1. Salat-uz-Fard or early morning prayer is said after dawn and before sunrise.
2. Salat-uz-Zubr or the early afternoon prayer, is said when the sun is about to decline, and its time extends till the next prayer.
3. Salat-ul-asr or the late afternoon prayer is said when the sun is about midway on its course to setting, and its time extends to a little before it actually sets.
4. Salat-ul-Mashrab or the sunset prayer, is said immediately after the sun sets.
5. Salat-ul-Isha or the early night prayer is said when the red glow in the west disappears, and its time extends to midnight. But it must be said before going to bed.

NOTE 1—When a person is sick, or on a journey (or in case of rain, when the prayer is said in congregation in a Mosque) the early afternoon and the late afternoon prayers may be said in conjunction, the sunnats may be dropped.

NOTE 2—Beside these five obligatory, there are two optional ones. The first of these is the Salal-ul-Hail, the Taljjid or the late night prayer, which is said after midnight, after being refreshed with sleep, and before dawn. This prayer is specially recommended in the Holy Qur-an. The other is known as the Salat-ud-duha and it may be said at about breakfast time. This is the time at which the two 'Id prayers are said.

NOTE 3—The service on Friday takes the place of the early afternoon prayer. (From the preface of the Holy Qur-an, by Muhammad Ali).

Prayer is Universal: It is a showing of ones submission and recognition to a Superior. When it comes to a God, the act or saying of prayer to a God other than himself is to show not only submission and recognition, confession, supplication, thanksgiving, the seeking of help, guidance, and forgiveness of wrongs, the secrets of our hearts are poured out in prayer to his or her God.

The Muslims must say their prayers. Whatever mercy and blessings that we receive from Allah. The only thing that He asks you and I in return is sincere thanks and the doing of good to self and others, being grateful to Allah (God) for His guidance, mercy, protection, and blessings, which is a very little pay in return for what we are given by Him.

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