

The Prayer Service In Islam

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THE PREPARATIONS

1. The washing and cleansing of all exposed parts of the body of filth and uncleanness to stand and bow before the Lord of the Worlds.
2. The rinsing out of the mouth (the impure and evil speaking that the mouth is guilty of speaking).
3. The washing of the hands that are subject to the handling of clean and unclean things. They are cleansed to be spreaded before Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

The Holy Qur-an says: That our hands will bear witness against the evil doers on the Day of Resurrection. "They will say; O hands why has thou beared witness against me? The hands will say: As Allah makes everything to bear witness, so has He made us to bear witness. Whatever we do, every member of our body plays a part in it.

4. The feet are washed up to the ankles if they were exposed. The feet should be washed once everyday, even though one wears shoes.
4. A total bath should be taken if there were sexual relations.

He is now ready for prayer. He stands erect with his face and body towards the rising of the sun (the East) and lifts his hands, with the palms open towards the East, and the thumbs pointing towards the lobes of the ears and repeats twice: "Allah-u-Akbar" (Allah is the Greatest). He bears witness that there is no God but Allah, and nothing deserves to be served besides Allah and Muhammad is His last Apostle.

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