

Vitr Prayer

It is essential to say three raka`aat of *Vitr* Prayer after *Ishaa'* and before dawn, preferably after midnight and following the *Tahajjad* prayers. If one knows that he cannot get up at that time, it can be said after the two *Sunnah* raka`aat of *Ishaa'* Prayer (Muslim). *Vitr* Prayer is the said in the normal way except for the following:

- ◆ Qur'anic recitation after Surah Al-Fatihah is required in **all** three raka`aat
- ◆ It is the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet^{sa} to recite Surah *Al-A`laa*, *Al-Kaafiroon*, and *Al-Ikhlaas*, respectively, in the raka`aat (Abu Dawood).
- ◆ All three raka`aat can be said together with *At-Tashahhud* after two (Tirmidhi), or the first two and the third can be said independently. (Bukhari)
- ◆ Standing up after *Rukoo`*, we recite **Du`aa Qunoot** in Arabic after *Tahmeed* — as follows —

Du`aa Qunoot

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْتَعِينُكَ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَنُؤْمِنُ بِكَ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ
عَلَيْكَ وَنُثْنِي عَلَيْكَ الْخَيْرَ وَنَشْكُرُكَ وَ لَا نَكْفُرُكَ وَ
نَخْلَعُ وَنَتْرُكُ مَنْ يَفْجُرُكَ ط اللَّهُمَّ إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَ لَكَ
نُحْضِي وَ نَسْجُدُ وَ إِلَيْكَ نَسْعِي وَ نَحْفِدُ وَ نَرْجُوا
رَحْمَتَكَ وَ نَخْشِي عَذَابَكَ إِنَّ عَذَابَكَ بِالْكَفَّارِ مُلْحِقٌ ط

O Allah! We beseech Your help and ask Your forgiveness and believe in You and trust in You and praise You in the best manner; and we thank You and we are not ungrateful to You, and we cast off and forsake him who disobeys You. O Allah! You alone do we worship and to You alone do we pray and we prostrate ourselves; and we rush to You and present ourselves, and we hope for Your mercy and we fear Your chastisement, for surely Your chastisement overtakes the disbelievers.

Friday Prayer

Friday Prayer is at the time of *Zuhr* Prayer. It contains a *Khutbah* (Sermon) and the four regular *Fard* raka`aat are reduced to two. The recitation of the Quran'ic verses is aloud. There are two *Adhaan*'s, the first is just like that for *Zuhr* and the second one is just before the Imam stands to deliver the sermon.