

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
نُحَلِّي وَ نَسْجُدُ وَ إِلَيْكَ نَسْعِي وَ نَحْفِدُ وَ نَرْجُوا
رَحْمَتَكَ وَ نَخْشَى 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.

The sermon consists of two parts. In the first, the Imam recites At-Tashahud (ash-hadu...), ta'awuz, Surah Faatihah, and then addresses the Muslims in the local language. When he finishes his first sermon, he sits down for a moment and then stands up and reads the second part, the *Khutbah Thaania*, in the Arabic language, as follows:

All praise is due to Allah, we laud Him, we beseech help from Him and ask His forgiveness. We believe in Him, and we put our trust in Him, and we seek Allah's protection against the evils and mischiefs of our souls and from the bad results of our deeds. Whomsoever Allah guides on the right path, none can misguide him, and whomsoever He declares misled, none can guide him to the right path. And we bear witness that none deserves to be worshipped, save Allah. He is Alone, and has no partner. We bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَ
نُؤْمِنُ بِهِ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْهِ ط وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ
شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَ مِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ
اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ
لَهُ ط وَنَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا
شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَنَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ ط

O servants of Allah! May Allah be merciful to you! Verily, Allah commands you to act with justice, and to do good to others and giving like kindred; and forbids indecency and manifest evil and wrongful transgression. He admonishes you that you may take heed; you remember Allah, He too will remember you; call Him and He will make a response to your call; and verily Divine remembrance is the highest virtue.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ ط رَحِمَكُمُ اللَّهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ
وَ الْإِحْسَانِ وَ إِيْتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَ يَنْهَى عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَ الْمُنْكَرِ وَ الْبَغْيِ ط يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ
تَذَكَّرُونَ ۝ أذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَ اذْعُوهُ
يَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ وَ لَذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ ط