

### Introduction

A Muslim is obligated to **pray five times a day: before sunrise, at noon, in the afternoon, after sunset, and at night.** During prayer one focuses and meditates on God by reciting the Qur'an and engaging in dhikr to reaffirm and strengthen the bond between Creator and creation, to guide the soul to Truth.

Prayer (Namaz or Salah) in Pictures  
<http://qurango.com/prayer.html>

### There are 14 Arkan of Salat

1. Standing, if able	Qiyam ma'il Qudrah fil fard
2. Opening Takbir	Takbeerat ul-ihram
3. Recitation of Surat al-Fatihah	Qir' aat al-Fatihah
4. Bowing	Ruku'
5. Standing from bowing position)	Rafi'
6. Prostrating on seven bones	Sujud 'alal a'dha a-sab'a
7. Rising from sujud	Al-'itidhan min a sujud
8. The sitting between the two sajdahs	Al-jalsa bayna as-sajdatain
9. Tranquility in all the pillars of the salat	Abta ma anina fi jami' arkani salat
10. The proper order of the pillars of the salat	At-tartib baynal arkana salat
11. The final tashahud	At-tashahud al-akheer
12. The sitting of the final tashahud	A-julus li tashahud al-akheer
13. Sending salam upon the Prophet, salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam	A salatu 'ala nabiiyan, salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam
14. The two Taslims	Taslimatan

### Islam Prayer



### According to Fiqh of Shia Islam

#### Obligatory acts of prayer are eleven:

1. Niyyat (intention)
2. Qiyam (standing erect)
3. Takbiratul Ehram (saying Allahu Akbar while commencing the prayers)
4. Ruku' (bowing)
5. Sajdatayn (two prostration)
6. Qira'at (recitation of Surah al-Hamd and other surah)
7. Zikr (prescribed recitation in Ruku' and Sajdah)
8. Tashahhud (bearing witness after completing the Sajdah of the second and the last Rak'at)
9. Salaam (Salutation)
10. Tartib (sequence)
11. Muwalat (to perform the different acts of prayers in regular succession).

#### The elementals (Arkan) of Prayer are five:

1. Intention (Niyyat)
2. Takbiratul Ehram
3. Standing before the Ruku'
4. Ruku'
5. Two Sajdah in every Rak'at

Credit: <https://www.al-islam.org/shiite-encyclopedia-ahlul-bayt-dilp-team/prayer-salat-according-five-islamic-schools-law-part-1>