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**Mistakes - Combining - Shortening – Witr
Missed – Prohibited Times**

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Times when prayer is prohibited.

From Dawn to Sunrise -

No voluntary prayers except the 2 Sunnah of Fajr.

From Sunrise to Midday -

No voluntary prayers except Salatul Ishraq (Approx. 15 mins after sunrise) or Duha (Up to approx. 15 mins before Dhuhr)

When the sun is directly overhead -

From approx. 15 mins before Dhuhr start time.

Between Asr Salah & Maghrib Salah -

From when the sun starts to set until it has fully set.

What to do if you make a mistake in Salah.

Prostrations of Forgetfulness. (Sujood as Sahu)



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Prostrations of forgetfulness should be done if you omit something or do something extra while performing Salah. Eg: a unit (rak'ah) of Salah.

METHOD – This is 2 prostrations done exactly as you would while performing normal Salah including the recitation.

When should these be done?

BEFORE the Tasleem (Salaam) – If you omit an obligatory act in Salah.

AFTER the Tasleem (Salaam) – If you do something extra in Salah.

Important.

The prostrations of forgetfulness do not make up for missed pillars of Salah.
Missed Pillars need to be made up.

Shortening Prayers.

Shortening prayers while travelling is a confirmed Sunnah (Sunnah Muakkadah). The Prophet (PBUH) always shortened his prayers when travelling. Therefore, we should always shorten prayers while travelling.

Shortening of prayers can only be done for the 4 compulsory (fardh) units of Dhuhr, Asr & Isha. The 4 units are shortened to 2 units.

Combining Prayers.

It is permissible to combine Dhuhr & Asr together, as well as Maghrib & Isha. This can **only be done** when there is an extreme pressing need which will mean that you will miss one of the salahs at the appointed time.

When combining 2 prayers they can be performed at any time within the permissible period for either prayer.

Missed or Delayed Prayers (1 of 2)

Missed prayers fall into two categories:

1. Prayers missed or delayed accidentally

This is when you are prevented from praying on time because of being unconscious, forgetting, oversleeping (**occasionally**) etc. Something beyond your control.

This prayer should be offered at the FIRST OPPORTUNITY and BEFORE the next prayer is offered. (Bukhari 597) This is not classed as a sin.

Missed or Delayed Prayers (2 of 2)

2. Prayers missed or delayed deliberately

This is when you CHOOSE to either completely miss or delay the prayer. Such as not waking up for Fajr out of laziness or tiredness.

THIS IS A MAJOR SIN – The consensus from the majority of scholars is that prayers missed or delayed deliberately are lost, and cannot be made up. One should show repentance, ask Allaah for forgiveness, do extra voluntary charitable acts and pray extra voluntary prayers.

There is nothing in the Sunnah about making up intentionally missed prayers later in the day or week, as is taught in some countries.

Witr Prayer

The Witr prayer is a confirmed Sunnah (Sunnah Muakkadah) .

The Witr prayer is the final prayer of the night.

The time for the Witr prayer starts when an individual has finished praying Isha and ends at dawn (Start of Fajr time). It is better to delay it until the last 3rd of the night unless you feel that you will not be able to get up, then you should pray it before you go to sleep.

If you are getting up to pray Tahajjud then Witr should be prayed after.

The minimum number of rak'ah for Witr prayer is 1, but can also be prayed with 3,5,7,9 or 11 rak'ah. The method for praying the different numbers of rak'ah differs.

If praying with 3 rak'ah these should be completed **continuously without sitting for Tashahud** after the 2nd rak'ah. Or split up with 2 rak'ah with salaam and then 1 rak'ah.

In the final Rak'ah Qunoot dua should be recited after the Rukoo', with hands cupped at chest level. After this you go straight into Sujood.

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