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**Witr – Detailed Explanation &  
Method of Praying**

## Witr Prayer

The Witr prayer is a confirmed Sunnah (Sunnah Muakkadah).  
The Prophet (PBUH) used to observe Witr and the 2 Sunnah units of Fajr even when travelling.  
So we should make an effort not to neglect it.

It needs to be made clear that the Witr prayer is not part of Isha', even though the time for Witr starts when one has prayed Isha'. Witr can be prayed at any time after praying Isha' to the start of Fajr time (Dawn).

The Witr prayer is the final prayer of the night.

It is better to delay it until the last 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Even if you are not planning to wake up before Fajr it can be delayed to just before you go to sleep.

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

## Witr Prayer

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

It is preferred to pray 3 rak'ah but praying 1 or another odd number is acceptable.

It is permissible to recite dua of Qunoot from a piece of paper or a phone/tablet if one does not have it memorised.

In this presentation we will go through three methods of praying Witr.

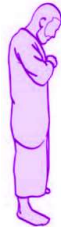
# Witr Prayer

## Method 1 – 3 rak’ah Witr – 2 rak’ah then 1 rak’ah (2 Tashahhud)

### Rak’ah 1



**Allahu Akbar**  
(Start the Salah)



**Recite Al-Faatiha**  
**Recite a Surah**  
(The Sunnah is to recite Surah Al-A’la Qur’an 87)



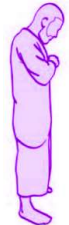
**Rukoo’ as normal**



**2 x Sujood as normal**

**Then stand up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> rak’ah.**

### Rak’ah 2



**Recite Al-Faatiha**  
**Recite a Surah**  
(The Sunnah is to recite Surah Al-Kafirun Qur’an 109)



**Rukoo’ as normal**



**2 x Sujood as normal**



**Recite Tashahhud**  
(Attahiyat and Durood) as normal



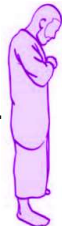
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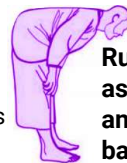
### Rak’ah 3



**Allahu Akbar**  
(Start the Salah again)



**Recite Al-Faatiha**  
**Recite a Surah**  
(The Sunnah is to recite Surah Al-Iklas Qur’an 112)



**Rukoo’ as normal and stand back up**

 **Recite Dua Qunoot while standing and hands cupped at chest height**



**2 x Sujood as normal**



**Recite Tashahhud**  
(Attahiyat and Durood) as normal



**Tasleem – Salaams as normal**



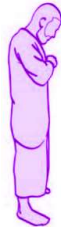
# Witr Prayer

**Method 1 – 3 rak’ah Witr – 3 continuous rak’ahs (1 Tashahhud)**

## Rak’ah 1



**Allahu Akbar**  
(Start the Salah)



**Recite Al-Faatiha**  
**Recite a Surah**  
(The Sunnah is to recite Surah Al-A’la Qur’an 87)



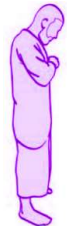
**Rukoo’ as normal**



**2 x Sujood as normal**

**Then stand up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> rak’ah.**

## Rak’ah 2



**Recite Al-Faatiha**  
**Recite a Surah**  
(The Sunnah is to recite Surah Al-Kafirun Qur’an 109)



**Rukoo’ as normal**

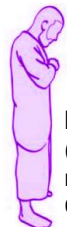


**2 x Sujood as normal**

**Then stand up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> rak’ah.**

**IMPORTANT – We do not sit for Tashahhud after the second rak’ah.**

## Rak’ah 3



**Recite Al-Faatiha**  
**Recite a Surah**  
(The Sunnah is to recite Surah Al-Iklas Qur’an 112)



**Rukoo’ as normal and stand back up**

 **Recite Dua Qunoot while standing and hands cupped at chest height**



**2 x Sujood as normal**



**Recite Tashahhud**  
(Attahiyaat and Durood) as normal



**Tasleem – Salaams as normal**



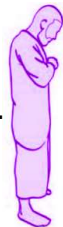
# Witr Prayer

## Method 1 – 1 rak'ah Witr – (1 Tashahhud)

### Rak'ah 1



**Allahu Akbar**  
(Start the Salah)



**Recite Al-Faatiha**  
**Recite a Surah**  
(The Sunnah is to recite Surah Al-Iklas Qur'an 112)



**Rukoo'**  
as normal  
and stand  
back up



**Recite Dua Qunoot**  
while standing and  
hands cupped at  
chest height



**2 x Sujud**  
as normal



**Recite Tashahhud**  
(Attahiyaat and Durood)  
as normal



**Tasleem**  
– **Salaams**  
as normal



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