



In The Name of Allah, The Most Merciful, The Bestower of Mercy

The Pillars (Arkan) for Salaat

Assalaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakhatahu

Upon us today is a subject that needs explanation to every Muslim. Allah says for us to Pray and

He alhamdulillah directed our Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, to teach us how we should pray.

And we learn this from the Sunnah.

What is the meaning of Arkan?

The Arkan of salaat means “the basic elements” of the prayer and they are essential to the prayer. If one of them is missing then the salaat becomes invalid.

What are the 14 pillars for Salaat? Pgs. 241-244

The fourteen pillars upon which the correctness of one’s prayer depends are as follows:

- Standing if you are able [2:238] – Qiyam
- The Opening Takbir – Saying Allahu Akbar – Takhbiratul-Ihram
- Reciting Al-Fatihah – in every unit (Rakat) of the prayer.
- Bowing – Ruku
- Standing up straight after bowing
- Prostrating on seven specific bones/body parts (forehead, both hands, knees, toes of both feet)
- Rising from Sajdah
- Sitting between the two prostrations
- Tranquility in your actions throughout the prayer
- Performing the Pillars in order
- Reciting the final tashahhud
- Sitting down for it (the tashahhud)
- Sending the Salat (blessings upon the prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)
- Lastly, by saying the two Taslims to end the salaat.

Vocabulary:

Arkan, Qiyam, Takhbiratul-Ihram, Rakat, Ruku, Sajdah, tashahhud, tasleem