

الوضوء (Ablution)

❖ Definition: Ablution is the use of purifying water (in washing) the four extremities (and head) in the manner prescribed by the law (Shari'ah).

Allah say:

❖ “ O you who have believed, when you rise to [perform] prayer, wash your faces and your forearms to the elbows and wipe over your heads and wash your feet to the ankles...” (Surah Al-Maa'idah: 6)

Virtues of Ablution

- ❖ He upon whom are Allah's blessings and Peace said:
- ❖ “My nation will be called on the day of resurrection by the name ghurr muhajjileen (implying that the parts of the body will be glittering or radiant) due to the traces of ablution. Whoever among you who can lengthen his portions of radiance should do so.”

The condition of Ablution

- ❖ Being a Muslim.
- ❖ Being mentally sound.
- ❖ Having discretion.
- ❖ Having the intention of performing ablution.
- ❖ Using pure water.
- ❖ Using legally-obtained water.
- ❖ Anything that would keep the water from reaching the skin must first be removed.
- ❖ Being preceded by istinja or istijmaar (When necessary).
- ❖ The time of the prayer must have begun for those people who are in a continual state of nullifying the ablution.

The obligatory Acts of the Ablution

- ❖ Washing the face, including the mouth and nose.
- ❖ Washing the arms (from the hands) to the elbows.
- ❖ Wiping the head, including the ears.
- ❖ Washing the feet.
- ❖ Sequence.
- ❖ Succession.

Ref. Surah Al-maa'idah: 6.

Actions that Obligate the Making of Ablution

- ❖ Prayer (Salaat)
- ❖ Circumambulation (Tawaaf)
- ❖ To touch or hold the Holy Qur'an

It is recommended for one to perform ablution before engaging in the following acts:

- ❖ Before Zikr (Remembrance of Allah) and recitation of the Holy Qur'an.
- ❖ Renewing the ablution for every prayer.
- ❖ It is recommended for one in the state of "Janaba" to perform ablution if He/she want to return to the act of intercourse, or sleep or eat and drink.
- ❖ Before performing ritual bathing (Ghusl).
- ❖ Before going to sleep.

The Way of Performing Ablution

- ❖ Intention: To intend performing ablution for the act of Worship.
- ❖ Tasmiyah: To say “Bismillah”
- ❖ To wash the hands three times
- ❖ To rinse the mouth and then nose three times
- ❖ To wash the face three times

The Way of Performing Ablution

- ❖ To wash the hands up to the elbows three times
- ❖ To wipe over the whole head once
- ❖ To wipe the ears once
- ❖ To wash the feet three times including the ankles
- ❖ The supplication that comes after the ablution, (Shahada).

The Acts of Sunnah to Be Observed during Ablution

- ❖ Tasmiyah.
- ❖ Using siwaak (tooth-stick) during ablution.
- ❖ Starting ablution with washing the hands three times.
- ❖ Inserting one's wet fingers into one's (thick) beard.
- ❖ Starting with the right side in all the acts.
- ❖ It is recommended to rub the parts that must be washed.
- ❖ Washing (the appropriate parts) two or three times.

The Acts of Sunnah to Be Observed during Ablution

❖ The supplication that comes after the Ablution.

“ Ash-hadu anlaa illaaha illalaahu wahdahu laa shareeka lahu wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa Rasooluhu.”

“Allaahumaj’alnee minattawwaabeena waj’alnee minal mutatahhireen.”

❖ Praying two rakats after ablution.

Disliked Acts Related to the Ablution

- ❖ Making ablution in a place that has impurities.
- ❖ Washing the different body parts more than three times.
- ❖ Being wasteful with respect to the amount of water used.
- ❖ Leaving one or more acts of sunnah.

What Nullifies One's Ablution

- ❖ Whatever comes out of the stool and urine exits.
- ❖ Losing consciousness (or sanity) through temporary insanity, fainting or intoxication.
- ❖ One touching his/her sexual organ.
- ❖ Touching the opposite gender with desire.
- ❖ Eating Camel meat.
- ❖ Everything that obligates ghusl also obligates ablution.
- ❖ A sound sleep.

Wiping over the Khuff

The Islamic Shari'ah is known for its easiness in all rulings and this characteristic is explicitly expressed through the following Qur'anic verse:

{...and He has not laid upon you in religion any hardship...} (Qur'an: 22:78).

It is permissible to wipe over the Khuff (and their likes, such as socks)

Period of wiping over the khuff

- ❖ Residence: A day and its night .
- ❖ Traveler : A journey legally allows shortening prayer, the period of wiping over the khuff is three days and nights.

Condition of wiping over the khuff

- ❖ To wear them while being fully purified.
- ❖ The khuff must be lawfully acquired.
- ❖ The khuff must not contain any holes beyond what is customarily accepted.
- ❖ The Khuff must cover the foot up to the part over the ankle.

The Areas and way to be Wiped over

- ❖ Wiping is to be applied on the top of the khuff.
- ❖ The way of wiping: According to the Sunnah, one should start wiping over the khuff by placing his/her wet right hand on the right khuff and the wet left hand on the left khuff, then he/she should simultaneously stretch/pass the hands over the khuff up to the leg.

What Negates the wiping

- ❖ Removing the khuff from the foot.
- ❖ What requires one to make ghusl.
- ❖ Having a large hole on the khuff.
- ❖ Expiration of the permissible time limit.