

UPHOLDING THE OBLIGATION OF SALAH

The President of South Africa called for a 21 day nationwide lockdown on 23 March 2020. The lockdown comes into effect at midnight on Thursday, 26 March 2020 until 16 April 2020.

As responsible citizens, it is important to comply fully with the regulations that are in the best interests of all the citizens of our country.

In these trying times, it is of utmost importance that Muslims turn to Allah Ta'ala. The five daily Salah are the most pivotal of all our actions. These circumstances should strengthen our resolve to perform Salah on its prescribed time.

It is reported in a Hadith that once Rasulullah ﷺ went to solve a dispute between the Ansar of Madinah and when he returned, Zuhr Salah was already completed in the Masjid. So he went home and read Zuhr Salah with his family.
(Tabrani)

NB. Please comply with the rules of congregational Salah at home.

Some Ahadith that highlight the virtues and warnings pertaining to Salah:

- Hazrat Anas ؓ narrates that Nabi ﷺ said, *"The first thing that a person will be questioned about is his Salah."* (Tabrani)
- Hazrat Umar ؓ narrates that Nabi ﷺ said, *"Prayer is a pillar of faith. Whoever abandons it has destroyed his faith."* (Bayhaqi)

- Hazrat Umar ؓ reported that a man asked Nabi ﷺ: *"O Messenger of Allah, what action is dearest to Allah Most High?" Nabi ﷺ replied: "Prayer at its proper time. The one who does not pray has no religion. Prayer is the main pillar of the faith."* (Baihaqi)
- Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Umar ؓ narrates that Nabi ﷺ said *"The prayer in congregation is twenty seven times superior to the prayer offered by a person alone."* (Bukhari)

From the aforementioned Ahadith, it is of vital importance that we perform Salah punctually. It is through repentance, good deeds and Dua that the mercy of Allah Ta'ala will descend.

Each household should establish a basic program, of Istighfaar, Zikr, Taleem, Qur'an recitation and Dua. Refer to our website for recommended Duas to be recited in this time of difficulty - www.darulihisan.com

IMPORTANT: An earnest appeal is made to the entire Ummah to engage in excessive Taubah, Istighfaar, Durood, Salatul Hajah, Sadaqah and Dua. Seek forgiveness from anyone we may have harmed and return their rights. An ideal opportunity to put all affairs in order and prepare for our ultimate journey and destination.



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