

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.



# The Etiquette and Rules of the *Masjid*

Islam made the *Masjid* the heartbeat of Muslim society.

## **The etiquette and rules include:**

1. YOU should avoid everything that has an offensive smell like garlic, onion, or smoking. You should wear clean clothes and socks when you come to the *Masjid* so that you do not offend any of the angels or Muslims around you with an offensive smell.
2. YOU should say a supplication, which the prophet used to say while on his way to the *Masjid*. Imams Bukhari and Muslim reported that the prophet (S.A.W.) used to say: *"O Allah, make in my heart light, in my vision light, on my right light, behind me light, in my nerves light, in my flesh light, in my blood light, in my hair light, and in my skin light."*
3. YOU should enter the *Masjid* with your right foot first, and then say what was reported by Imam Muslim, the Prophet (S.A.W.) used to say: *"Bismillah. In the name of Allah, O Allah, open for me the gates of your mercy."*
4. YOU should give *Salam* to the people as you enter the *Masjid*, even if the people are praying, because the companions used to give *Salam* to the Prophet (S.A.W.) while he was in his prayer, and he used to reply with a hand gesture.
5. WHEN you enter the *Masjid* you should not sit until you have prayed two *Rak'ahs*.
6. It is more virtuous to sit in the first row. However, if a place is not available, you should sit wherever you find a place.
7. WHEN you enter the *Masjid* you should NOT run to catch up with a *Rak'ah*, rather you should remain quiet because the prophet (S.A.W.) forbade running in such a situation.
8. When *Jamaa'at* begins, the first rows should be completed first, with both the right and left hand sides balanced equally. It is improper to stand in a back row, if space is vacant in front.
9. Do not make noise or disturbance in the *Masjid*. YOU should not distract others who are praying, because the praying Muslim is in contact with Allah (S.W.T.) so

he should not be distracted not even with reciting *Qur'an*, supplication, or remembrance of Allah.

10. YOU should keep yourself busy supplicating and remembering Allah (S.W.T.) while you are sitting in the *Masjid*, because you are in the prayer as long as you are waiting for the prayer.
11. YOU should place something in front of you during prayer as a barrier between you and the passersby in front of you, and that you get closer to it as the prophet used to do.
12. YOU should not pass in front of others who are praying.
13. YOU should keep the *Masjid* clean and tidy and smell because it is the house of Allah (S.W.T.).
14. YOU should keep away from the *Masjid* all selling and buying transactions and crying out about something lost.
15. YOU should not walk out of the *Masjid* after the *Athan* before you pray with others. This is even if you have already prayed an obligatory prayer (which will be considered a *Nafelah* (extra) when you pray with others).
16. YOU should say *Salam* to the people before you leave the *Masjid*.
17. YOU should leave the *Masjid* with your left foot first and say what the prophet (S.A.W.) use to say: "*Bismillah, In the name of Allah, O Allah open for me the gates of your blessings, o Allah protect me from Satan.*"