

ABLUTION – WUDU'



THE IMPORTANCE OF WUDU'

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "The Salah (prayer) of anyone of you who has invalidated his purification, is not accepted unless he makes wudu." (Bukhari)

THE VIRTUES OF WUDU'

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "When the Muslim or believing servant performs ablution and washes his face, each sin he has committed by his eyes washes away with the water. When he washes his hands, each sin his hands have committed washes away with the water – or with the last drop of water until he becomes free of sin." (Malik and others).

BEFORE DOING WUDU'

- ① Go to the toilet first (if required). You should use the toilet and then wash the private parts before performing wudu'.
- ② It is good practice to clean the teeth with siwak (tooth-stick) or a toothbrush before performing wudu' as taught by the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.
- ③ Before starting the actions of wudu' it is necessary to make your intention of washing is for the purpose of wudu' only.

HOW TO PERFORM WUDU' (STEP-BY-STEP)

THE FOLLOWING STEPS MUST BE OBSERVED IN ORDER (TARTEEB).

STEP 1



BEFORE WUDU' Intention of making wudu' should be done in the heart, then say:

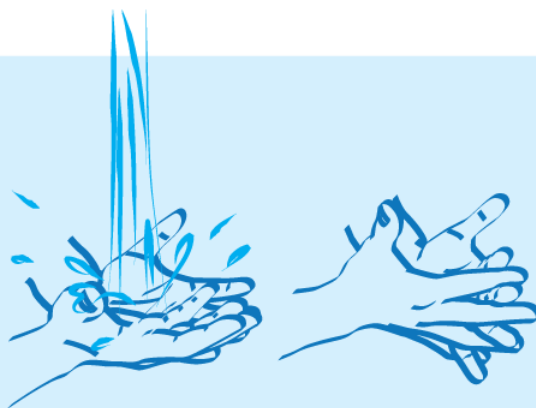
Bismillah
In the name of Allah

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ

STEP 2

x3

Completely washing the hands including the wrists and between the fingers (3 times).

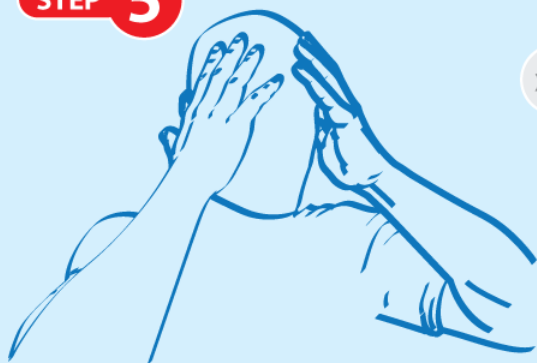


STEP 3**x3**

Rinse the mouth (3 times).
Using the right hand, put a small amount of water into the mouth, swirl around, then expel.

STEP 4**x3**

Sniff water into the nostrils as far as possible with the right hand, and then sniff it out with left hand (3 times).

STEP 5**x3**

Wash the face from forehead to chin, left earlobe to the right earlobe making sure the whole face is washed (3 times).

STEP 6

x3

Wash the two arms up to and including the elbows, hand and between the fingers. Begin with the right arm (3 times for each arm).

**STEP 7**

x1

Wipe the head with wet fingers starting at the fringe to the back hairline and back the same way all in one movement. (once only)

**STEP 8**

x1

Simultaneously wipe the insides of both ears with the index fingers, and the back of the ears with the thumbs (once only).



STEP 9

x3

Wash the feet including the ankles and between the toes.
Begin with the right foot.
(3 times for each foot).



STEP 10

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

Ash-hadu anllaa ilaaha illallaah wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa rasooluh

I bear witness that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah.
And I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.



اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنَ التَّوَّابِينَ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنَ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ

Allahuma ij-'alnee minat-tawabeen waj-'alnee minal-mutatahireen

Oh Allah, make me among those who turn in repentance to you and make me among those who purify themselves.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "Whoever performs Wudu' well then says, (the mentioned supplication); the eight gates of Paradise will be opened for him to enter through any one he wills."
(Muslim)

AL-MASAH (WIPING)

Wiping over leather (thick) socks with wet hands instead of washing the feet is allowed, provided that the socks have been put on after performing ablution, including washing the feet.

This is allowed for 24 hours from the time of ablution, and for 3 days if the person is travelling on a journey. After this time, the feet must be washed when performing wudu' and the period of al-masah (wiping) is restarted.

Similarly if there is a wound in any parts of the body which has to be washed in ablution, and if washing that particular part is likely to cause harm, it is permissible to wipe the dressing of the wound with a wet hand.

ACTIONS THAT NULLIFY WUDU'

Wudu' is broken and must be redone before praying if any of the following acts occur:

1. Passing wind.
2. Passing urine or faeces.
3. Deep sleep, whereby one loses awareness.
4. Unconsciousness or intoxication.
5. Touching the private parts with the hand and fingers without a barrier.
6. Intimate relations between husband and wife or ejaculation (due to a wet dream, for example). A full shower known as Ghusl is required in this situation.

If a person forgets whether they have nullified their wudu' or not, then their wudu' is NOT nullified (regardless of whether the person is praying or not) until they are certain that they have nullified their ablution through one of the acts listed above.

Note:

A menstruating or post natal woman must not pray as long as blood is visible. Her missed prayers do not have to be made up.