

How to Make Wudu

Step by Step Guide

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What is Wadu

Before we can perform salah we need to prepare ourselves mentally, physically, and spiritually. A large portion of this preparation is what is known as wudu. It is a purification process that every Muslim must perform before their prayer can be performed. It is such an important part of the salah that if anyone decides to leave it due to ignorance, forgetfulness, or negligence then their prayer will not be accepted by Allah.

Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:

“No salah is accepted without wudu (purification)”

Sahih Muslim, Book 2, Hadith 2



Step # 1

Make Niyyyah (Intention)

The first step is to understand that you are about to begin the process of wudu so that you can perform Ibaadah i:e salah. There are no words or special statements that need to be said here.

Creating the intention is a matter of the heart and mind.





Step # 2

Say Bismillah

This is a critical part of making wudu. Before we begin to our wash ourselves we need to say Bismillah (In the Name of Allah). You can say it silently to yourself.

Step # 3

Wash Hand



Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) taught us to begin with our right side first. That means you will need to wash your right hand and then left hand from the fingertips to the wrist.

1-time necessary
3-times sunnah.



Step # 4

Rinse Your Mouth

Take some water into your right hand and rinse your mouth. Do this thoroughly to clean your mouth properly.

1-time necessary
3-times sunnah.



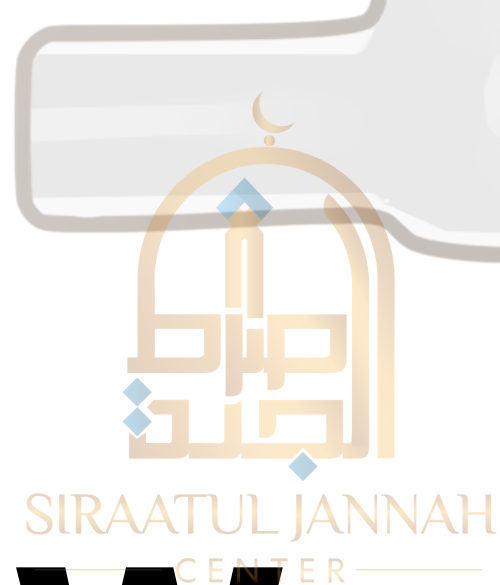
Step # 5

Rinse Your Nose



Take some water into your right hand and rinse your nose, use left hand to clean. Do this thoroughly to clean your Nose properly.

1-time necessary
3-times sunnah.



Step # 6

Wash Your Face

Every part of the face needs to be washed. That means from ear to ear and from the top of your forehead to the bottom of your chin.

1-time necessary
3-times sunnah.



Step # 7

Wash Your Arms



Start from the fingertips and wash your right arm up to the elbow. Make sure that no part is left dry. Afterwards, follow the same process for your left arm

1-time necessary
3-times sunnah.



Step # 8

Wipe Your Head



Did you notice that step 8 says to “wipe” your head instead of “wash.” The choice of words here was intentional. Move your wet hands from the top of the forehead to the back of the head

1-time necessary only



Step # 9

Clean Your Ears Once



This step should be performed with the same water from step 8. Using your wet hands you will use your index fingers to clean the inside of your ears and your thumb to clean the area behind your ears.

1-time only



Step # 10

Wash Your Feet



Begin from your toes on your right foot and wash up to and including your ankle. Make sure water touches every area of the right foot, especially between the toes and the back of the ankle. Right foot then left foot.

1-time necessary
3-times sunnah.

Step # 11

Recite the Shahada and the Dua

“Ash-hadu an la ilaha illal lahu wa ash-hadu
anna Muhammadan ‘abduhu wa rasuluh.”

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

“Allahuma j'alnee mina tawabeen waj-'alnee minal mutatahireen”

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنَ التَّوَّابِينَ، وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنَ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ.

1-time necessary

