

Congregational Prayer for Women

Salamu alaykum wa rahmatullah

Ibn al-Mundhir records the validity of congregational prayer for women as being narrated from Aisha, Umm Salamah, Hamnah, 'Ataa, Ath-Thawree, Al-Awazaa'ee, Ahmad, Ishaq, and Abu Thawr. There is no opposing opinion known from the Companions. {al-Muhalla 3/171-172}

The women leading stands in the middle of thier (first row).

al-Haakim and ibn Khuzaymah reported from Umm Waraqah al-Ansaree that the prophet (sallallahu alayhe wa sallam) "Ordered her to lead the people of her house in prayer."

Abdur-Rahman bin Khallaad from Umm Waraqah that the prophet (sallallahu alayhe wa sallam) said: "Come let us visit a female martyr," He gave permission that the adhan be said for her and that she lead the people of her household in the obligatory prayers, for she had memorized the Qur'an. {Sunan Abu Dawood Vol. 1/56 No. 592, and al-Haakim 1/203, and Saheeh Ibn Khuzaymah 3/89 No. 1676}

Aisha led the womens in the maghrib prayer, standing in the middle of (thier first row). She made the recitation aloud. {al-Muhalla 3/171 - by Ibn Hazm}

Hujayrah bint Husayn said: "Umm Salamah - the Mother of the Believers - led us in the asr prayer and stood among us." {al-Muhalla 3/171 - by Ibn Hazm}

also, it is reported from ibn Umar that he ordered a slave girl of his to lead the women (of his household) in prayer on the nights of Ramadan. {al-Muhalla 3/173 - by Ibn Hazm}

These hadeeth point out that it is recommended for women to pray in thier own congregation. This is the opinion of Abu Haneefa, Ahmad bin Hanbal, Ash-Shafi'ee, Dawood Adh-Dhahiree and thier followers. {al-Muhalla 3/171- 172 - by Ibn Hazm}

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Wallahu Tabaraka wa Ta'ala A'llam