

AL-TAHARAT (ABLUTION)

1. A Muslim must be pure and clean when he performs his prayer, (otherwise his prayers will not be valid.)

2. Al-Taharat is of two types: Al-Wudu, (partial Ablution) and Al-Ghusl (full Ablution).

A) AL-WUDU' (Partial Ablution) which is performed as follows:

(3) Have Niyyah (Clear intention) that this Wudu is for praying.

(4) Say: "Bismi I-Lahi r-rahmani r-rahim" (in the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful)

(5) Wash the hands, rinse the mouth and clean with water the inside of the nose.

(6) Wash the face.

(7) Wash the arms up to the elbows (Start with the right arm)

(8) Rub the head with wet hands, and the ears.

(9) Wash the feet up to the ankles (starting with the right foot)

(10) Say the two Shahadats.

(11) No need for reapplying Wudu' as long as it has not been invalidated.

(12) Wudu' is invalidated by: Passing of excrement, urine, wind or by sleeping.

B) AI-GHUSL(Full ablution).

(13) Muslim must apply Ghusl after:

1. Ejaculation of semen because of any normal reason.

2. Intimate intercourse.

3. For women: End of Menstruation period.

4. End of the child birth period.

(14) Ghusl is washing the whole body with clean water.

C) AL-TAYAMMUM (Dry Ablution):

(15) In cases of not having water for Wudu or Ghusl, or being unable to use it for any reason, apply the Dry Ablution,

(16) Hit the palms once on any clean dust-containing material, then rub the face once with the palms, then the hands starting with the right hand).