

Salaatul Witr

Salaat-ul-Witr is not obligatory and is one (single) Rakaat, before going to bed, or after Isha Prayer, or at the end of the night and just before dawn. Before Witr prayer, you need to pray at least two Rakaat Sunnah Prayers.

Al_Qunut (Special Invocation) for a Calamity and When it is to be said:

It is from Sunnah that Rasool Allah (Peace-Be-Upon-Him) performs a special invocation, and supplicates for the Muslims when some calamity strikes them.

Duaa Qunut is to be said after the bowing (rukoo'), after one has said: "Rabbanaa Wa Lakal-Hamd"

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنِي فِيمَنْ هَدَيْتَ، وَعَافِنِي فِيمَنْ عَافَيْتَ، وَتَوَلَّنِي فِيمَنْ تَوَلَّيْتَ، وَبَارِكْ لِي فِيمَا أَعْطَيْتَ، وَقِنِي شَرَّ مَا قَضَيْتَ، فَإِنَّكَ تَقْضِي وَلَا يُقْضَى عَلَيْكَ، إِنَّهُ لَا يَدُلُّ مَنْ وَالَيْتَ، وَلَا يَعْزُ مَنْ عَادَيْتَ، تَبَارَكْتَ رَبَّنَا وَتَعَالَيْتَ

Transliteration:

Allaahum-mahdinee feeman hadayta, wa 'aafinee feeman 'aafayta, wa tawallanee feeman tawallayta, wa baarik lee feemaa 'a'atayta, wa qinee sharra maa qadhayta, fa'innaka taqdhee wa laa yuqdhaa 'alayka, 'innahu laa yathillu man waalayta, [wa laa ya 'izzu man 'aadayta], tabaarakta Rabbanaa wa ta'aalayta

Translation:

O Allah, guide me with those whom You have guided, and strengthen me with those whom You have given strength. Take me to Your care with those whom You have taken to Your care. Bless me in what You have given me. Protect me from the evil You have ordained. Surely, You command and are not commanded, and none whom You have committed to Your care shall be humiliated and none whom You have taken as an enemy shall taste glory. You are Blessed, Our Lord, and Exalted.

Note: You can add one or more Quraanic Duas for Qunut.

Ref: Abu Dawud, Ibn Majah, An-Nasa'i, At-Tirmidhi, Ahmad, Ad-Darimi, Al-Hakim, and Al-Bayhaqi. See also Al-Albani, Sahih At-Tirmidhi 1/144, Sahih Ibn Majah 1/194, and 'Irwa'ul-GhaW. 2/172.

If you DIFFER in anything (Faith, Salaat, Sayaam/Fasting, Zakaat, Hajj, Moonsighting etc.) amongst yourself, then REFER to Allah and his Messenger, if you really believe in Allah and in the Last Day. That is better and more suitable for determinations, (Al_Quraan_004.059). Makkah is our Guide, (Ref: Al_Quraan_002.189, 003.096, 006.096, 010.005).

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