

## The Latecomer to the Prayer

He is the one that misses some parts, one rak'ah or more of the Prayer. So he completes whatever he has missed after the Imam has said the second *Tasleem* (concluding act of the prayer). The beginning of the latecomer's prayer is considered from where he started praying with the imam. He is considered to have prayed a *rak'ah* by catching the *ruku'* (bowing position) with the imam. But if he misses the bowing position with the *imam* he has missed that *rak'ah* as a whole.

The latecomer should join the congregation in whatever part of the prayer he finds them when he enters the mosque, whether they are standing, bowing, prostrating, and so on. He should not wait for them to stand up for the following *rak'ah*. He should say the opening *Takbeer* while standing, except for one with some excuse like the sick.

## Things that nullify the prayer

1. Deliberate speech even though it was little.
2. Deviation from the direction of the *Qiblah* with all the body.
3. Occurrence of anything that vitiates the ablution.
4. Excessive and successive movements without necessity.
5. Laughing, even though it was little.
6. If he deliberately adds a bowing (*ruku'*) or prostration (*sujud*), or standing or sitting.
7. Deliberately preceding the imam.