

## Obligatory aspects (Wajibaat) of the prayer

1. All *takbeers* excluding the opening *takbeer* (*takbeeratul-Ihraam*).
2. To say: (سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْعَظِيمِ) - *subhana rabbiyal-'adheem*, once in the bowing position (*ruku'*).
3. To say: (سَمِعَ اللهُ لِمَنْ حَمِدَهُ) - *sami'Allahu liman hamidah*, with respect to the Imam and the one praying alone, when rising from the bowing position.
4. To say: (رَبَّنَا وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ) - *Rabb-ana walakal-hamdu*, after rising from the bowing position.
5. To say: (سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْأَعْلَى) - *subhana Rabbiyal a'la*, once in the prostration position (*sujood*).
6. To say: (رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي) - *Rabbigh firlee*, between the two prostrations.
7. The first *tashahhud*.
8. Sitting for the first *tashahhud*.

## Basic elements (Arkaan) of the prayer

1. To stand, if able, during the obligatory prayers. Standing is not compulsory during the supererogatory prayers. The reward of praying sitting (in a voluntary prayer) is equivalent to half of the reward of praying standing.
2. *Takbeeratul ihraam*; the opening *takbeer*.
3. Reciting Surah Al-Fatihah in each *rak'ah*.
4. Bowing in each *rak'ah*.
5. Standing upright after rising from *ruku'* (bowing).
6. To prostrate with the seven parts of the body twice in each *rak'ah*.
7. Sitting between the two prostrations.
8. Observing tranquility in all the acts mentioned above.
9. The final *tashahhud*.
10. Sitting for the final *tashahhud*.
11. Invoking prayers and blessings of Allah upon the Prophet.
12. Saying the *tasleem* (concluding act of the prayer).
13. Maintaining the order between the basic elements of the Prayer.