

Qaza Namaz

How to make up missed prayers, step by step

THE RULE

Pray it when you remember

مَنْ نَسِيَ صَلَاةً فَلْيُصَلِّهَا إِذَا ذَكَرَهَا

Man nasiya salatun fal-yusalliha idha dhakaraha

Whoever forgets a prayer, let him pray it when he remembers it.

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WHAT MUST BE MADE UP

Fard and Witr

- All five **fard** prayers, and **Witr**, which is wajib in the Hanafi school.
- Sunnah and nafl prayers are not made up. The one exception: if you missed Fajr, and make it up the same day before midday (zawal), pray its two sunnah first.
- Prayers missed for any reason, even oversleeping or a busy day, must be made up. Only a woman's prayers during her period and after childbirth are not.

HOW MANY RAK'AHs FOR ONE FULL DAY

PRAYER	FAJR	DHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHA	WITR	TOTAL
Fard / wajib to make up	2	4	4	3	4	3	20

HOW TO PRAY A QAZA PRAYER

1

Intention for that exact prayer

Make the niyyah in your heart for the specific prayer: "The first Fajr I missed that I have not yet made up" (or "the last"). This keeps the count clear.

HANAFI

2

Pray it like the original

A qaza Fajr is two rak'ahs, a qaza Maghrib three, and so on, prayed just as you would on time.

3

Any time, except three

You may make up prayers at any time, even after Fajr or Asr, but not at sunrise, at midday (zawal) or at sunset.

HANAFI

4

Keep it private

Pray your qaza at home where you can. Missing a prayer is between you and Allah, so do not make it known to others.

HANAFI

A FEW PRAYERS MISSED · ORDER

If you have fewer than six prayers to make up, pray them in order, and before the current prayer, unless its time is about to run out. With six or more, the order is no longer required.

NOT CORRECT

There is no single prayer, on the last Friday of Ramadan or at any other time, that makes up for years of missed prayers. Each prayer has to be prayed. Tawbah removes the sin; the prayers are still owed.



Years *missed?*

Work out what you owe, then clear it a little every day

STEP 1 · WORK OUT THE YEARS

Prayer became fard when you reached puberty: for a boy usually from about 12, for a girl from about 9, or when the signs began. Count the years since then in which you did not pray. If you are not sure, take a careful estimate that leaves no doubt.

Years not
prayed

× 365 = days

Prayers owed
(days × 6)

STEP 2 · A PLAN YOU CAN KEEP

- With every fard prayer, pray one qaza of the same prayer. That clears one full day, every day.
- Busy day? Pray at least one qaza day (20 rak'ahs) whenever you can.
- Write a wasiyyah (will) that fidya be paid for any prayers still owed when you die.

TICK ONE CIRCLE FOR EACH PRAYER YOU MAKE UP · ONE ROW = ONE FULL DAY

DAY	FAJR	DHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHA	WITR
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DAY	FAJR	DHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHA	WITR
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