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METHOD of PRAYING QADĀ' ("MISSED PRAYER")

LEGAL RULING ON MAKING UP MISSED PRAYERS

Imam al-Nawawī (d. 676/1277) states:

أَجْمَعَ الْعُلَمَاءُ الَّذِينَ يُعْتَدُّ بِهِمْ عَلَى أَنْ مَنْ تَرَكَ صَلَاةً عَمْدًا لَزِمَهُ قَضَاؤُهَا

There is consensus (*ijmā'*) of the scholars whose opinion counts that whoever leaves a prayer intentionally must make it up.¹

- You will only perform *qadā'* of **FARD** ("obligatory") and **WĀJIB** ("essential") units of prayers missed.



If a person has missed only a few prayers, they can be made up in the normal way. However, if a large number of prayers have been missed, there is a way to pray them quickly, without missing out any of the obligatory parts of the prayer.

1. When beginning the prayer, a person may begin his prayer starting directly from the recitation of **SURAH AL-FĀṬIḤA**, instead of reading **THANĀ'**² (ثناء), **TA'AWWUDH**³ (التَّعَوُّذ) and **BASMALA**⁴ (بِسْمِ اللَّهِ).
2. In the last two *rak'ah* (units) of a four *rak'ah fard* prayer, instead of reading

¹ Al-Nawawī, *al-Majmū' sharḥ al-Muhadh'dhab* (3:76).

² This is the opening: 'subḥanā-k'allāh humma wa bi-ḥamdika...'

³ The use of the phrase: 'a'ūdhu bi 'llāhi min'ash-shayṭān nī'r-raġīm.'

⁴ The formula: 'bi'smi llāhi l-raḥmāni l-raḥīm', also referred to as the *bismilla* or *tasmīyya*.

SURAH AL-FĀTIḤA, a person may read *subḥān'Allah* (سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ) **three times**.

3. Instead of repeating *subḥāna rabbī 'ya'l-'aẓīm* (سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْعَظِيمِ) three times, it can be repeated **once**.
4. Instead of repeating *subḥāna rabbī 'ya'l-'a'lā* (سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْأَعْلَى) three times in *sujūd* (“prostration”), it can be repeated **once**.
5. At the end of the prayer, instead reciting the full *salawat*, one may read *allāhumma ṣalli 'alā sayyidina muḥammadin wa 'alā ālihi* (اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ).
6. In the *witr* prayer, instead of reading *du'ā al-Qunūt* (دُعَاءُ الْقَنُوتِ), one may read *rabbigh'firli* (رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي) (“O Lord, forgive me”) **three times**.

May *Allah* سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى accept our efforts.

