



TARAWEEH GUIDELINES

DURING THIS PANDEMIC / LOCKDOWN

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★ IMPORTANCE:

It is Sunnah Mu'akkadah for males and females to perform 20 Rakāts of Tarāweeh Salāh. Nabi (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) mentioned: "Whoever stands in Ramadhān (i.e. Tarāweeh) with Imān and hoping for reward from Allah, all his past sins will be forgiven". (Bukhari, 1/16)

★ NUMBER OF RAKATS:

Ibn Abbas (Radhiyallahu Anhu) narrated that the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) used to pray twenty raka'at followed by Witr in the month of Ramadan. (Musannaf ibn Abi Shaibah, 2/164)

Imam Shaf'i (Rahmatullahi 'Alaih) said that I have always found people in Makkah offering twenty raka'at. (Sunan Al-Tirmidhi, 2/162)

'Ata (Rahimahullah) (who was a great Tabi'ee living in Makkah Mukkaramah) said: I always found people offering twenty-three raka'at including Witr. (Musannaf ibn Abi Shaibah, 2/163)

★ COMPLETING QUR'AN:

★ Reading 20 Rakats of Taraweeh is a separate Sunnah and to complete an entire Qur'an in Taraweeh is a separate Sunnah. It is in fact Sunnah Mu'akkadah to complete an entire Qur'an either by reciting it or listening to it. (Fatawa Mahmudiyah 314/7 – Faruqiyyah)

If a Hafidh is not available, then one may recite any portion of the Qur'an he knows, for example Surah Yaseen, Surah Mulk, etc.

★ CONGREGATION:

★ Where possible, a small group may continue to lead the Taraweeh Salah and complete a Khatam in the Masjid provided it does not contravene any laws.

In the current situation, it will suffice for the men to read their Taraweeh at home. An effort should be made to read in congregation where possible. It is sufficient for a minimum of two people to form a congregation.

★ WOMEN AND CHILDREN:

- If the Mahram of a woman is not part of the Jamaa'ah, she should perform her Salah individually and not join the Jamaa'ah.
- A woman should not leave her home to join a Jamaa'ah in a nearby home.
- It is necessary for the Imam to make the intention of leading the women as well.
- If there are any non-Mahram men or women within the home, necessary caution should be taken to maintain purdah (Hijaab) especially in regards to performing Salah in congregation.

- The males shall stand in the first Saff (row), followed by the children in the second and the women in the third row. Older girls should stand with the women and not with the children.
- If there is only one child, he/she should be made to stand in the Saff of the adults in accordance with his/her gender.

IMAMAT:

- According to the preferred view of the Hanafi Madh-hab, a person who is not baaligh (reached puberty) cannot lead the Taraweeh prayers.
- It is not permissible for women to lead men in any Salah. It is also Makruh Tahreemi to have a woman only Jama'ah.

CORRECTING THE IMAM:

- A person not in the same Salah as the Imam cannot correct the mistakes of the Imam.
- If a Non-Baligh of understanding age corrects the Imam whilst in Salah, it is permissible. (Fatawa Raheemiyyah 6/234 – Isha'at)
- A woman should not correct any mistakes of the Imam, she should rather clap her hand (hit right hand on left) and alert the Imam. If she does correct the mistake and the Imam accepts the correction, the Salah will be valid.
- It is not permissible to look into the Qur'an and lead.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- It is also not permissible to follow Taraweeh through livestream, radio or TV.
- Salah can be read wearing masks and gloves and also with a slight gap in between the Musallis due to the current situation.

WITR:

- In the month of Ramadhan, it is preferred to perform Witr Salah in congregation. If one is able to read Taraweeh in congregation, he should also read the Witr Salah in congregation.
- It is also permissible and in fact encouraged to read Qunoote Nazila in addition to the Duaa of Qunoot in Witr due to the current pandemic.

QUNOOTE NAZILAH

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنَا فِيمَنْ هَدَيْتَ وَعَافِنَا فِيمَنْ عَافَيْتَ وَتَوَلَّنَا فِيمَنْ تَوَلَّيْتَ وَبَارِكْ لَنَا فِيمَا أَعْطَيْتَ وَقِنَا شَرَّ مَا قَضَيْتَ إِنَّكَ تَقْضِي وَلَا يُقْضَى عَلَيْكَ إِنَّهُ لَا يَدُلُّ مَنْ وَالَيْتَ وَلَا يَعِزُّ مَنْ عَادَيْتَ تَبَارَكْتَ رَبَّنَا وَتَعَالَيْتَ فَالْحَمْدُ عَلَى مَا قَضَيْتَ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَنَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

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