

مجلس الأئمة القادرين الأستراليين
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL



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Subject: Muslim Friday Midday Prayers

To whom it may concern,

In Islam it is obligatory for every Muslim male adult to attend the midday congregational prayer which is conducted on Friday of every week (also known as the *jumu'ah salaah* or Friday prayer). In particular, Muslims are obliged to attend the Friday prayer every Friday at the nearest prayer venue (usually a mosque or a prayer facility).

The Friday prayer is of a duration of approximately 30 to 45 minutes. Muslims around the world, including Australia, give up this time to participate in the Friday prayer.

In Islam, the Friday prayer is one of the few mandatory congregational prayers. Allah (God) says in the Holy Quran "O you who believe, when [the adhan] call of prayer is called for the prayer on the day of *Jumu'ah* [Friday], then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you, if you only knew" (62;9). It is a time when Muslims are required to collectively remember Allah (God) and pray together.

Therefore, this ritual prayer is regarded by Muslims as a serious commitment. A Muslim who fails to attend the Friday prayers is considered as committing a sin.

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact the Australian National Imams Council any time.

Kind Regards,

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