

Wudu is a special process of purification that allows Muslims to do things that can not be done without it, such as praying and touching the Quran. It is an essential act of worship.

The virtues of Wudu:

1- A Means of Forgiveness of Sins:

One of the greatest virtues of wudu is that it expiates sins and mistakes. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "Whoever performs wudu and perfects it, his sins will come out from his body, even from under his nails" (Muslim).

2- A Means of Entering Paradise:

Wudu is one of the actions that lead to entering Paradise and raising one's status. The Prophet ﷺ said: "None of you performs wudu and completes it, then says: 'I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, He is One and has no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad ﷺ is His servant and His Messenger,' except that the eight gates of Paradise will be opened for him, and he may enter through whichever one he wishes" (Muslim).

3- A Distinguishing Mark for Muslims on the Day of Judgment:

Wudu will make Muslims recognizable on the Day of Judgment. The Prophet ﷺ said: "My followers will be called on the Day of Judgment as those with bright faces and limbs from the traces of wudu. So whoever can increase the brightness of his face, let him do so" (Bukhari and Muslim).

4- Raising Ranks and Increasing Good Deeds:

Wudu is among the actions by which Allah raises the ranks of a Muslim and increases their good deeds. The Prophet ﷺ said: "Shall I not tell you something by which Allah erases sins and elevates ranks?" They said, "Yes, O Messenger of Allah." He said, "Perfecting wudu in difficult conditions, taking many steps to the mosque, and waiting for one prayer after another." (Muslim)

Wudu is necessary for:

1- Prayer: One can not pray without wudu. If you maintain your wudu and nothing broke it, you may pray as many prayers as you want without having to renew your wudu, however renewing wudu is the sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ.

2- Touching the Quran: Touching the Quran without being in state of purification is forbidden. However, Wudu is not required to read the Quran. There is a difference between reading the Quran from Memory, phone or even from the Quran that is opened, and touching the Quran. The former is allowed without wudu while the latter is forbidden unless wudu is performed.

3- Sujud Attilawah: there is 15 parts in the Quran when reading any of them the Prophet ﷺ used to pause his recitation and made sujud. This sujud called sujud attilawah (prostration of recitation). This sujud requires one be in state of Purification.

4- Tawaf: Wudu is required to make tawaf (circumambulating) around the ka'bah.

Fard and Sunnah

we can divide the acts of wudu into two categories, Fard (Obligatory) which must be done and Sunnah (recommended) which should be done.

Fard

- 1- Niyah
- 2- Washing the face.
- 3- Hands up to elbows
- 3- Wiping part of the head
- 5- Washing feet up to ankles.
- 5- Follow the above order.
- 6- Moving to the new part before the previous dries.



Sunnah

- 1- Say Bimillah
- 2- washing hands up to wrists three times.
- 3- using *Siwak* to clean the mouth
- 3- Rinsing mouth three times
- 5- Sniff water into the nose 3 times.
- 6- Wipe the whole head
- 7- Wiping the ears three times.
- 8- Washing every part 3 times.
- 9- Takhleel (rubbing between) fingers, toes and beard.
- 10- Start with the right side.
- 11- Dhikr after wudu

Things that break Wudu

The following things break wudu, if any of these things happen to the Muslim while they were in the state of wudu, their wudu is nullified and they will have to make a new wudu if they want to do anything that requires wudu such as prayer or touching the Quran.

- 1- Passing urine, stool or wind.
- 2- Deep sleeping
- 3- Fainting
- 4- Flowing of blood
- 5- Vomiting

QUIZ

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What should you do if you realize your Wudu broke during prayer?

- a) Continue praying but redo it later
- b) Stop praying, perform Wudu, and start over
- c) Finish the prayer and apologize to Allah
- d) Leave the prayer entirely

2- Washing face is

- a) Sunnah
- b) Fard

2- Washing hands up to wrists is

- a) Sunnah
- b) Fard

True or False

- 1. You can touch the Quran without Wudu as long as your hands are clean.
- 2. Wudu is required for performing Sujud Attilawah.
- 3. Starting with the right side during Wudu is Fard.
- 4. Wudu helps expiate sins and raises ranks.

Fill-in-the-Blank

- 1. Wudu is a process of _____ that allows Muslims to pray and touch the Quran.
- 2. One of the virtues of Wudu is that it helps erase _____.
- 3. The Prophet ﷺ said: "My followers will be called on the Day of Judgment as those with bright _____ and _____ from the traces of Wudu."

QUIZ

Answer the Questions

1. What is Wudu?
2. What happens to sins when someone perfects their Wudu?
3. Which acts require Wudu to be performed?
4. Name one Sunnah act of Wudu.
5. What are the Fard (obligatory) acts of Wudu?
6. What breaks Wudu?
7. How does Wudu help Muslims on the Day of Judgment?

Multiple Choice Questions

1- Which of the following is NOT a Sunnah act of Wudu?

- a) Sniffing water into the nose three times
- b) Using Siwak to clean the mouth
- c) Washing feet up to the ankles
- d) Starting with the right side

2- Which condition does NOT break Wudu?

- a) Deep sleeping
- b) Touching the Quran
- c) Vomiting
- d) Fainting

3- What does “Takhleel” mean in the context of Wudu?

- a) Washing hands up to the wrists
- b) Rubbing between fingers, toes, and beard
- c) Rinsing the mouth three times
- d) Wiping the whole head

4- Which of the following acts is Fard (obligatory) in Wudu?

- a) Saying Bismillah
- b) Washing the face
- c) Using Siwak
- d) Sniffing water into the nose

5- What is the reward for saying the Shahadah after Wudu?

- a) Forgiveness of sins
- b) Entry through any gate of Paradise
- c) Additional good deeds
- d) None of the above

6- How does Wudu distinguish Muslims on the Day of Judgment?

- a) By their glowing faces and limbs
- b) By their ability to perform perfect prayers
- c) By their rank in Paradise
- d) By their memorization of the Quran