



INVALIDATORS OF PRAYER

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Objectives >>>

Students should:

- A brief introduction on importance of not interrupting the prayer
- Necessity of praying in a quiet place without any disturbance
- Be introduced to some of the invalidators of prayer

Invalidators of Prayer

Ahmed and Maliha are back from school. They are only 5 and 7 years old. "Before you go out to play my children, it's time to offer your Ḍuhr and 'Aṣr prayers," calls out their Mum.

Activity: Pop Quiz

How much do we remember?

1. What should the children change into?
2. Do they need to wash themselves? What is this special washing before prayer called?
3. What is the call for prayer in Arabic?
4. How should you behave when the adhān is being recited?

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LEVEL 1

5. What usually follows the adhān?

Mum asked: "Children, who are we going to talk to in our prayer?"

"To Allah (SWT)," answered the children.

"That is right! Well done, my dear ones! We are in clean clothes, we are in Wuḍū' and we have put on some perfume; so now we are ready to talk to Allah (SWT). But, there is one more thing," continued Mum.

How would you feel if you were telling your best friend something very special and then someone disturbed you? Or imagine, Dad is in the middle of a conversation with his boss, will you interrupt him?

"Of course not" they said!

NOT INTERRUPTING PRAYER!

It is very important not to interrupt prayer. Will you go to answer a telephone call in the middle of prayer? Will you turn your head to look at your baby brother who has crawled into the room?



Should you run to answer the door bell in the first rak'ah of a prayer?

Of course not! We should **never** interrupt prayer unnecessarily.

PRAYING IN A QUIET PLACE!

That is why it is very important to offer your prayers in a clean and **quiet** spot at home – in a room away from other people talking or walking in and out. Also, we should pray in a room without a TV or other things that would distract us. Can you think of such a quiet spot for prayers in your house?



Actions or things that interrupt your prayers or disturb it are called **invalidators** of prayer. This means these things ruin our prayer.

Class Activity

Your teacher will give all of you a card saying "It's **Ok**" on one side and "**not okay**" on the other. Tell your teacher if each of these things is okay or not by showing the right side of the card.

1. Your little baby brother has crawled into the room and is behind you, can you turn your head all the way back to look at him for a second?
2. During the prayer, I remembered how funny Ahmed looked in the clown's costume; can I laugh out loud?
3. I am upset about a fight with my sister. Can I cry?
4. Can I take a sip of water or chew gum?

5. Ali nudged his mate who was praying next to him?

Well done children! Now let's list all the invalidators of prayer on the board. Raise your hand those who wish to help me.

INVALIDATORS OF PRAYER

Here is a list of the most important ones.

- Turning away from the Qiblah
- Speaking
- Laughing
- Crying for worldly things
- Eating, drinking, clapping, swinging during prayer, holding hands, nudging, chewing gum

We are not allowed to do the above during prayer. All these things ruin our prayer (spoil, make it useless).

CLASS ACTIVITY

Put a cross on the things that will invalidate your prayer

