



PRAYER CLOTHES

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Objectives >>>

Students should:

- Understand the basic etiquette of dressing for prayers
- Understand that the clothes worn during prayer should not be Najis
- Understand that women need to wear Hījāb during prayers

JURISPRUDENCE

LEVEL 2

Lesson 1: Dress of Prayer

When we stand in front of Allah (SWT) to pray, we are actually standing before the King of all kings, and the Master of the worlds. We are praying to the One who has given us all that is around us, and the One who deserves all praise and thanks. When we pray, we are talking to Allah, and therefore we must look neat and respectful in front of Him. Part of looking respectful is to dress the right way, and so we should be careful about the clothes we are wearing during prayer.

DRESSING FOR PRAYER

Imagine the prime minister of Australia is visiting your school. The first thing that comes to your mind is that you need to be in the best and cleanest clothes possible. So you go home and make sure that your uniform is very clean so as to wear it when he comes. Similarly, we know that every day, the Lord of the world, calls us to pray to Him. As much as we dress up well to meet the minister, we should dress up much better when talking to our Lord.

It is *Mustahab* (recommended) for us to wear our best clothing for prayer. Just like we buy new clothes and make sure they are clean and tidy for an important occasion, we should try to wear nice clothes for the occasion of prayer. We should try to:

- Wear white and not wear black
- Wear clean clothes not old shabby clothes
- Use perfume and not come to prayer smelling bad
- Wear an 'Aqīq ring- this is a ring made from a special stone, and wearing it has lots of rewards

CONDITIONS OF THE DRESS OF **PRAYER**

There are two important things to remember about the clothes we wear during prayer. These rules are Wājib (obligatory), which we means we have to follow them:

- Our clothes must be ṭāhir (Islamically clean)
- Our clothes must cover our body appropriately:
 - It is better for boys to wear clothing that covers them from the shoulder to below the knees
 - Girls should cover their whole body except face, hands and feet



Class Activity

Each of you will be given some colouring pencils and paper. You should draw two pictures: the first picture should be of someone who is not dressed correctly for prayers and the second should be of someone who is dressed correctly for prayers. The student with the best picture will win a very special prize. To help you do that, first put a tick or a cross on the pictures below depending on whether they are the correct way to dress for prayer or not.



Review Questions

Q1. When we are praying, it is better to:

- a) Wear white
- b) Wear black
- c) Wear red

Q2. When we are praying, we must:

- a) Cover our body appropriately
- b) Wear whatever we feel like according to the weather