

Witr Salah (means odd number Prayer has 3 Raka'at)

This is an important Prayer being Waajib (Compulsory – Waajib is very close to the Fardh). This three-Raka'at Salah is performed after the Fardh of Isha Salah.

The first two Raka'at are performed as normal and after completing the Tashahhud of the second Raka'at stand up (Qiyaam) position with the arms folded (as in Qiyaam).

After reciting "Bismillah" "Surah Al-Fatiha" and then any other Surah, say "Allahu-Akbar" raising the hands upto the ears and folding them below the navel or on your chest if a female. Thereafter recite the Du'a-e-Qunoot (Prayer of obeisance – bowing/respect), which is given below.

After reading the Du'a-e-Qunoot, you say "Allahu Akbar" and then do the Rukoo, Qiyaam, Sajdah, Jalsa and read the Tashahhud, Durood, du'a and Salam.

Du'a-e-Qunoot:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْتَعِينُكَ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَنُؤْمِنُ بِكَ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْكَ وَنُشْنِي
عَلَيْكَ الْخَيْرَ ط وَنَشْكُرُكَ وَلَا نَكْفُرُكَ وَنَخْلَعُ وَنَتْرُكُ مَنْ يَفْجُرُكَ ط
اللَّهُمَّ أَيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَلَكَ نُصَلِّي وَنَسْجُدُ وَ إِلَيْكَ نَسْعَى وَنَخْفِدُ وَ نَرُجُوا
رَحْمَتَكَ وَ نَخْشَى عَذَابَكَ إِنَّ عَذَابَكَ بِالْكَفَّارِ مُلْحِقٌ ۝

"O Allah ﷻ ! We ask You for Your help and ask You for Your forgiveness, believe in You and put our trust in You, we praise you in the best way and we thank you and we are not ungrateful to You, we throw away and leave the person who disobeys You. O Allah ﷻ ! You alone do we worship and to You we Pray and do the Sajdah (prostration) to You we turn to quickly, we surrender and hope for Your Mercy and we fear Your punishment. Surely, Your punishment overtakes the unbelievers." (Kanzul-a'maal, Tahaawi, Darul-Manshoor, Musanaf-Abdur-razaq)

- If you cannot read du'a-e-Qunoot in full, then you may read this du'a:

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ط

"Our Lord! We seek goodness from You in this world and the Hereafter and Save us from the punishment of the fire of Hell." (Kabeeri)

- Or three time:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي — اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي — اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي

"O Allah ﷻ , forgive me." — "O Allah ﷻ , forgive me." — "O Allah ﷻ , forgive me."

- Or three time:

يَا رَبِّ — يَا رَبِّ — يَا رَبِّ

"O my Lord." — "O my Lord." — "O my Lord."

(Kabeeri)