BEGIN WITH PURPOSE

Come to worship. Come ready to grow.

Masjid etiquette helps us give our attention to Allah and care for the people beside us. Each visit can become an opportunity for worship, learning and service.

Renew your intention

Aim to please Allah, learn something useful and benefit someone else. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) taught that intentions give actions their meaning.

Sahih al-Bukhari 1

Prepare with consideration

Come in clean, suitable clothing as you are able. Attend to hygiene and avoid odors that disturb others. Prepare for prayer without making appearance or wealth a measure of belonging.

Qur'an 7:31; Sahih al-Bukhari 855

A useful intention for today

I want to pray with attention, understand one lesson and make another person feel welcome.

This is an example intention, not a prescribed formula.

CARRY THE BENEFIT HOME

Let the visit change your day.

Leave with a next step

Choose one lesson to practice, one question to follow up or one helpful action to take. These are practical ideas, not additional rituals.

As you leave

Allahumma inni as'aluka min fadlik.

Meaning: O Allah, I ask You for Your bounty.

Sahih Muslim 713a

New here? Questions welcome.

Ask a volunteer or knowledgeable teacher about prayer, classes and the local arrangements. You do not have to know everything before asking for help.

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Check the sources

Qur'an 7:31. Sahih al-Bukhari: 1, 220, 444, 636, 707, 855, 934, 1117. Sahih Muslim: 591, 710a, 713a, 2699a. Sunan Abi Dawud: 1332 (sahih).

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English meanings and everyday applications are identified as such. References in this PDF are clickable.

WORSHIP. LEARN. BELONG.

Make every masjid visit meaningful

Etiquette that helps you grow closer to Allah and helps everyone benefit.

Bring a sincere heart.
Take home knowledge.
Leave others welcome.

A practical guide grounded in the Qur'an and authentic Sunnah.

ARRIVE WITH CALM

Give your worship a thoughtful start.

Walk calmly to prayer

Even when you hear the iqamah, the call immediately before congregational prayer, approach calmly. Join what you catch and complete what you missed.

Sahih al-Bukhari 636

Enter seeking mercy

Allahumma-ftah li abwaba rahmatik.

Meaning: O Allah, open the doors of Your mercy for me.

Sahih Muslim 713a

Greet the masjid with prayer

The Prophet taught two rak'ahs, units of prayer, before sitting. When the iqamah has begun, join the obligatory prayer instead of starting an optional prayer.

Sahih al-Bukhari 444; Sahih Muslim 710a

> **A welcoming place to learn**
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> If you are new to prayer or visiting to learn, ask for guidance. Respect others' circumstances; someone may need to sit.

FOCUS & UNDERSTANDING

Make room for the heart.

Protect one another's focus

Choose a recitation volume that lets others worship. In practice, silence your phone and move longer conversations away from people praying.

Sunan Abi Dawud 1332 (sahih)

Receive the Friday reminder

During the khutbah, the Friday sermon, listen attentively and keep conversation for afterwards. Take one lesson into the coming week.

Sahih al-Bukhari 934

Learn together

Join a Qur'an class or study circle. The Prophet described gatherings for reciting and studying Allah's Book as occasions of tranquility and mercy.

Sahih Muslim 2699a

Let prayer lead to remembrance

After prayer, say **Astaghfirullah** three times: *I seek Allah's forgiveness.* Continue with the taught remembrance of Allah.

Sahih Muslim 591

KINDNESS & BELONGING

Your presence can help someone else.

Teach with gentleness

Welcome questions. Explain unfamiliar practices with patience. When a newcomer made a serious mistake in the mosque, the Prophet responded with ease and instruction.

Sahih al-Bukhari 220

Make families feel welcome

The Prophet shortened prayer when he heard a child crying, considering the mother's distress. Offer caregivers patience and practical help.

Sahih al-Bukhari 707

Respect different needs

Prayer can be adapted to ability. Respect seated worshippers, keep access routes clear and offer help without demanding an explanation.

Sahih al-Bukhari 1117

One small act of service

Help a newcomer find a class. Keep a shared space tidy. Make it easier for another person to benefit.