

## Class 4- Week 6

### **Five daily prayers: Fardh, Sunnah, Wajib & Nafil**

Fardh: Of the fardh category are the five daily prayers, as well as the Friday prayer (Salat al-Jumu'ah), while the Eid prayers and Witr are of the wajib category. Fard prayers (as with all fardh actions) are further classed as either fardh al-ayn (obligation of the self) and fardh al-kifayah (obligation of sufficiency).

Sunnah: A Sunnah prayer is an optional or supererogatory salah (Ritual prayer) that can be performed in addition to the five daily salah. Sunnah prayer (and other sunnah deeds) are Mustahabb (encouraged) -- those who perform them will earn a reward in the afterlife, but there will be no punishment for neglecting them.

Wajib: Witr is an Islamic prayer (salat) that is performed at night after Isha (night-time prayer) or before fajr (dawn prayer). According to the Hanafi Fiqh, witr prayer is wajib. The status of wajib is very close to that of fardh.

Nafil: nafil prayer or supererogatory prayer is a type of optional Muslim *salah* (Formal worship). As with sunnah prayer, they are not considered obligatory but are thought to confer extra benefit on the person performing them. An example is the offering of 4 "nafl" (optional but beneficial) rakats before the compulsory dhuhr prayers. According to the following hadith, *nafl* not only draws one closer to Allah but also helps one attain the better success in the afterworld.

**Task: complete the table below**

	<b>Fardh</b>	<b>Sunnah</b>	<b>Wajib</b>	<b>Nafil</b>
<b>Fajr</b>				
<b>Zuhr</b>				
<b>Asr</b>				
<b>Maghrib</b>				
<b>Isha</b>				