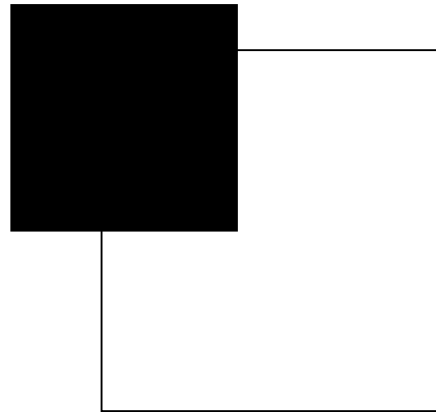


Some Important Guidelines On Dua After Faradh Salaah



1. To make dua with raised hands after the faradh salaah (i.e. the five daily salaah) is a sunnah of Nabi Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). This practice of his has been reported in several ahadeeth by a number of Sahaaba.
2. Rasoolullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) extolled the virtue and merits of making dua after faradh salaah, and he also emphasized that Allah Ta'ala quickly accepts such a dua.
3. To make dua collectively and all together is not established from the hadith. In other words, it cannot be regarded as a sunnah practice. Likewise, a loud dua by the Imam with all muqtadees saying aameen is not proven from any hadith, not even a weak hadith.
4. In spite of this, it does not mean that to make a collective dua is wrong. In fact, the Ulema have said that to make a collective dua, that is, to begin the dua with the Imam is mustahabb (virtuous and meritorious), on

condition that it is not regarded as sunnah. If it is considered as sunnah then it becomes a bid'ah. One meaning of bid'ah is to regard that which is not sunnah as sunnah.

5. In the time of Nabi Muhammed (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) each Sahaabi used to make his own dua after the faradh salaah. Outwardly, it appeared as if they were all making dua together, but actually each person was asking his own needs from Almighty Allah.
6. For the above reasons we advise musallees not to always wait for the Imam to start the dua. Sometimes continue making zikr and start your dua a short while after the Imam has done so. At times start making dua before the Imam. Likewise, one may finish the dua before the Imam has done so, or even a while afterwards. If the Imam makes a short dua, it does not mean that muqtadees should also shorten their dua. As stated above, the time after Faradh salaah is

most efficacious for the acceptance of dua. So what greater occasion than this to put your needs in front of Allah Ta'ala.

7. Once Hazrat Hasan Basri (rahmatullahi alayhi) was about to begin his dua after the faradh salaah, when a neighbour of his who happened to be sitting alongside him, stood up to leave the Musjid. This neighbour earned a living through selling firewood from the forest. So as he was getting up Imam Hasan Basri pulled him down and said: "Stay and make dua to Allah. If you have no need of the Akhirat to ask from Allah, then at least ask Him for a donkey to carry your wood!" The moral we gain from this incident is that one should always ask one's needs from Allah Ta'ala after the faradh salaah.

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