

# Jumu'ah — the Friday prayer

Trade stops, the town comes together, and two rak'ah stand in place of Zuhr. The day rewards whoever comes early and listens.



## ★ Leave the trade and come

إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ

“When the adhan is called for the prayer on the day of Jumu'ah, then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade.”

**Qur'an 62:9**

## ★ Who must attend

“A necessary duty for every Muslim,” with four exceptions named in the hadith: a slave, a woman, a boy, and a sick person.

- The four schools also excuse the traveller

**Sunan Abi Dawud 1067 · sahih**

## ★ Two rak'ah, not four

Jumu'ah takes the place of Zuhr for whoever prays it. Whoever misses it does not repeat Jumu'ah — he prays Zuhr in full.

**Qur'an 62:9 · the agreed position of the four schools**

## ★ Wash before you go

“The taking of a bath on Friday is compulsory for every Muslim who has attained the age of puberty.” Clean clothes, siwak, no bad smell.

- Most jurists read this as strongly urged rather than obligatory

**Sahih al-Bukhari 895**

## ★ Come early

On Friday the angels stand at the mosque gate and write down the people in the order they arrive. Your share follows your place in that list.

**Sahih al-Bukhari 929**

## ★ 'Umar's question

A man came in late; 'Umar stopped his khutbah to ask what had detained him. Being busy at the adhan was not accepted as an answer.

**Sahih al-Bukhari 882**

## ★ The khutbah is the worship

“When the imam is delivering the khutbah and you tell your companion to keep quiet, you have done an evil act.” Even that much speech is too much.

**Sahih al-Bukhari 934**

## ★ Leaving it three times

“He who leaves the Friday prayer three Fridays on account of slackness, Allah will print a stamp on his heart.” Slackness, not hardship.

**Sunan Abi Dawud 1052 · hasan sahih**

## ★ Then back to the world

فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ الصَّلَاةُ فَانْتَشِرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَابْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ

“And when the prayer has been concluded, disperse within the land and seek from the bounty of Allah.” Friday is not a holiday; the hour is.

**Qur'an 62:10**