

# The adab of the masjid

How to arrive, what to do before you sit, and how to behave in a place that belongs to Allah alone.



## Whose house it is

وَأَنَّ الْمَسَاجِدَ لِلَّهِ فَلَا تَدْعُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا

“And the masjids are for Allah, so do not invoke anyone along with Allah.” Nothing in it is asked of anyone but Him.

**Qur'an 72:18**

## Come clean, come dressed

“Take your adornment at every masjid.” Make wudu at home, wear something you would not be ashamed of, and come early.

**Qur'an 7:31 · Sahih al-Bukhari 660**

## Walk, do not rush

“When you hear the iqamah, go to the prayer with calm and dignity. Pray what you catch, and complete what you missed.”

**Sahih al-Bukhari 636**

## Right foot, and a du‘a’

Enter with the right foot asking Allah to open the doors of His mercy; leave with the left asking Him of His bounty.

**Sahih Muslim, Kitab al-Masajid · Sunan Abi Dawud, Kitab al-Salah · sahih**

## Two rak‘ah before you sit

“When one of you enters the masjid, let him not sit down until he has prayed two rak‘ah.” Tahiyat al-masjid.

**Sahih al-Bukhari 1167**

## Nothing on your breath

“Whoever eats garlic or onion should keep away from our masjid.” Raw onion, smoke, any strong smell — it harms those beside you.

**Sahih al-Bukhari 855**

## Not a marketplace

No trading, no announcing lost property, no raised voices and no quarrelling. Keep it clean; keep it quiet.

**Sahih Muslim, Kitab al-Masajid · Sunan at-Tirmidhi, Kitab al-Buyu' · hasan**

## Straighten the row

“Straighten your rows — straightening the rows is part of the completeness of the prayer.” Fill the front, close the gaps.

**Sahih al-Bukhari 723**

## Build one, keep one

“Whoever builds a masjid for Allah, Allah builds the like of it for him in Paradise.” Its cleaning and upkeep are part of that.

**Sahih al-Bukhari 450**