



SOLAT SUNNAT SYAWAL

An 8 Raka'at Sunnah prayer performed in the month of Syawal.

Taught by Shaykh Abdul Qadir Al-Jilani, the ritual prayer of those who are emancipated [from the Fire of Hell] in Syawal. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) once said that whoever performs this prayer (as described below) : "No servant [of the Lord] will perform this ritual prayer [*salat*], without Allah causing the fountains of wisdom [*yanabi' al-hikma*] to well up in his heart, and causing his tongue to speak with wisdom, and showing him both the sickness of this world and the cure for that sickness.

By Him who sent me as a Prophet bearing the Truth [*bi'l-Haqqi Nabiyyan*], if someone performs this ritual prayer [*salat*], exactly as I have just described it, that person will not raise his head from his final prostration [*sujud*] until Allah has granted him forgiveness, and if he dies, he will die as a martyr [*shahid*] to whom forgiveness has been granted."

1 IN EACH RAKA'AT

8 Raka'at = (4 sets x 2 raka'at)

Recite,

- 1 x Surah Al-Fatihah
- 15 x Surah Al-Ikhlās (Qulhuw Allahu Ahad)

2 AFTER COMPLETING 8 RAKA'AT

Recite the following, **70 times**

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ

SubhanAllah

Glory be to Allah!

and Salawat Sharif **70 times**,

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَسَلَّمَ

Allahumma salli `ala Muhammadin wa `ala aali Muhammadin wa sallim.

○ Allah! Send blessings and peace upon Muhammad and the Family of Muhammad.



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Immense Benefits

Taught by Shaykh Abdul Qadir Al-Jilani, the ritual prayer of those who are emancipated [from the Fire of Hell] in [the month of] Syawal, we learn from a traditional report, transmitted [by a chain of reliable authorities] from Anas [ibn Malik] (may Allah be well pleased with him), that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) once said:

"If someone performs eight cycles/raka'ats of ritual prayer in the month of Syawal, either during the night or during the day—reciting in each cycle the Opening Sura of the Book [Fatihat al-Kitab] [one time] and "Qul Huwa'llahu Ahad [Say: 'He is Allah, One!']" fifteen times,

and if, when he has finished performing his ritual prayer [salat], he glorifies Allah [sabbaha] seventy times by reciting Subhanallah, and invokes Allah's blessing upon the Prophet (ﷺ) seventy times (selawat), by Him who sent me (ﷺ) as a Prophet bearing the Truth [bi'l-Haqqi Nabiyyan], no servant [of the Lord] will perform this ritual prayer [salat], without Allah causing the fountains of wisdom [yanabi' al-hikma] to well up in his heart, and causing his tongue to speak with wisdom, and showing him both the sickness of this world and the cure for that sickness.

By Him who sent me as a Prophet bearing the Truth [bi'l-Haqqi Nabiyyan], if someone performs this ritual prayer [salat], exactly as I have just described it, that person will not raise his head from his final prostration [sujud] until Allah has granted him forgiveness, and if he dies, he will die as a martyr [shahid] to whom forgiveness has been granted.

Nor will any servant [of the Lord] perform this ritual prayer [salat], in the course of a journey, without Allah making it smooth and easy for him to travel and arrive at his intended destination. If he is burdened with debt, Allah will settle his debt. If he is needy, Allah will satisfy his needs.

By Him who sent me as a Prophet bearing the Truth [bi'l-Haqqi Nabiyyan], no servant [of the Lord] will perform this ritual prayer [salat], without Allah (Exalted is He) granting him—for every letter [harf] and every verse [aya] [of his Qur'anic recitation]—a makhrifa in the Garden of Paradise."

Someone asked: "And what is this makhrifa, O Messenger of Allah?" So he (ﷺ) went on to explain,

[The term makhrifa is applied to] orchards in the Garden of Paradise, through which the rider may travel for a hundred years without passing beyond the shade of just one of the trees that grow there."

So do try to perform this 8 raka'at Prayer.