

Prayer Timings

The five times of the prescribed ṣalāh:

<u>Prescribed Salāh</u>	<u>Timing</u>
1. Fajr (ṣubḥ)	<p>The time of fajr (ṣubḥ) is from the entrance of true dawn until right before sunrise.</p> <p>("True dawn" refers to the horizontal white light that spreads across the horizon, as opposed to "false dawn," which is the vertical light that appears earlier and is followed by darkness).</p>
2. Ḥuḥr	<p>The time of Ḥuḥr begins after the sun descends from its highest point—zenith (<i>zawāl</i>)—and it ends when an object's shadow equals twice its length (in addition to the length of its shadow at the time of <i>zawāl</i>).</p>
3. 'Aṣr	<p>The time of 'aṣr begins when zuhr ends—when an object's shadow equals twice its length in addition to the length of its shadow at the time of <i>zawāl</i>—and ends when the sun sets.</p> <p>("Sunset" is when the disc of the sun is completely below the horizon.)</p>
4. Maghrib	<p>The time of maghrib is from sunset until the disappearance of the redness in the horizon.</p>
5. 'Ishā'	<p>The time of 'ishā' and witr is from the disappearance of the redness in the horizon until true dawn (when fajr begins). One may not pray witr before 'ishā'.</p>

Fajr (şubh)



Zuhr



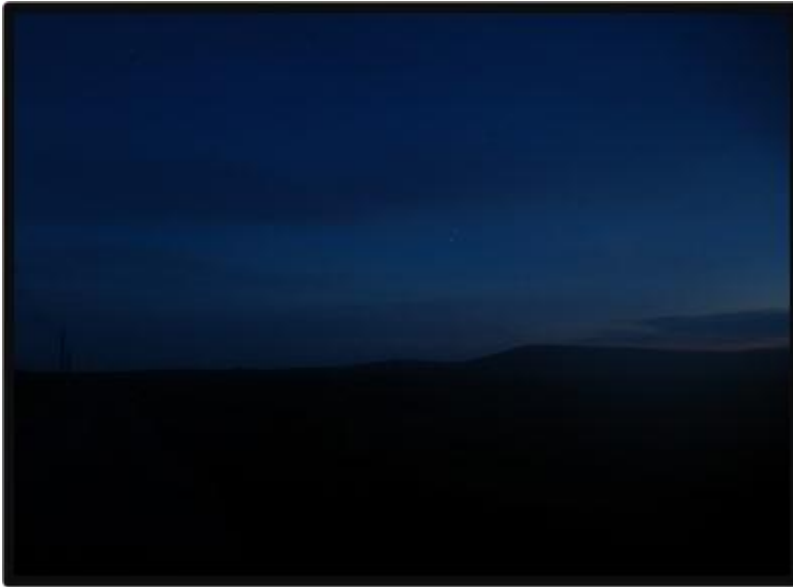
'Aşr



Maghrib

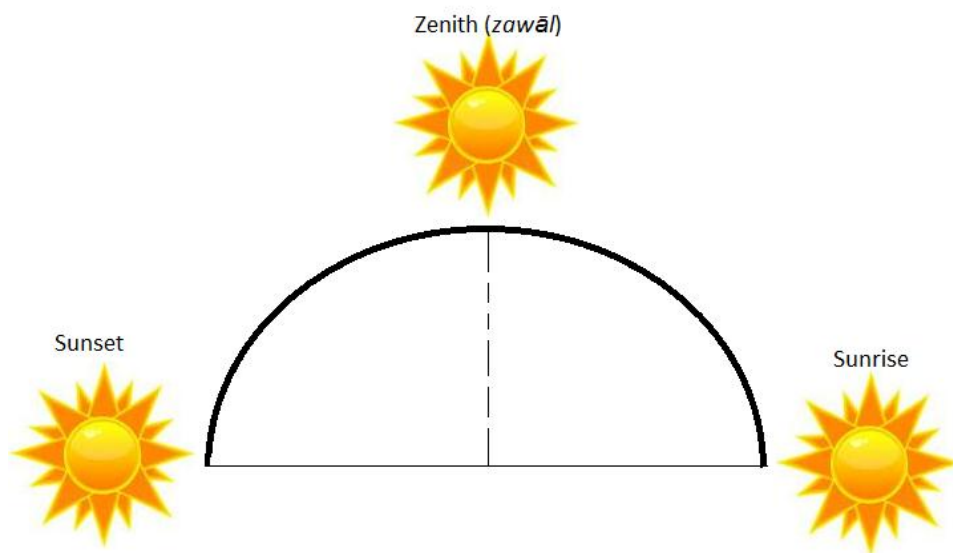


'Ishā'



The three times of the day in which ṣalāh is not valid:

<u>Invalid Prayer Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. At sunrise	From sunrise until the sun is approximately one or two spears length above the horizon. This is roughly 15-20 minutes after sunrise.
2. Zenith	When the sun is at its highest point—zenith (<i>zawāʿil</i>). This is when the shadow stops shortening, yet before it starts lengthening. This is roughly 7-10 minutes before <i>ḡuhr</i> .
3. At sunset	When the sun becomes dim during the last portion of the day before sunset, such that one can look at it without any harm to the eye. This is roughly 15-20 minutes before sunset. (It is sinful to delay 'aṣr till this time, but it is still valid to pray at this time if one has not yet prayed).



Sunrise



Zenith



Sunset



The two times when one should not offer optional (nafI) ṣalāh:

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| 1. The time after praying the fajr ṣalāh, until about 15-20 minutes after sunrise. |
| 2. The time after praying the ‘aṣr ṣalāh until sunset (maghrib). |

*One is permitted, however, in these times to offer any number of make-up prayers (for missed ṣalāh) that one wishes.