

Core Curriculum

3 Foundations of Islam - Obligatory Acts

3.8 The Hajj Pilgrimage

Word: Muzdalifa

Meaning: A plain where Muslims must lead prayer vigils during the Hajj pilgrimage.

Word: Safa and Marwa

Meaning: Hills Muslims must pace between during Hajj rituals.

Word: Umrah

Meaning: The lesser pilgrimage. Similar to Hajj, but performed outside the Hajj season. It is not obligatory.

Word: Day of Arafah

Meaning: Most important day of the Hajj pilgrimage, 9th day of the Islamic month of Dhū al-Hijjah.

Word: Zamzam

Meaning: Spring of water in Mecca, appeared miraculously when the Prophet Ismā'īl (as) was dying of thirst.

Word: Hajj

Meaning: Pilgrimage to Mecca that all Muslims must perform at least once in their lifetime.

Word: Ka'ba

Meaning: Cube shaped building which is the direction for Muslim prayers. It is also the building around which Muslims circumambulate during the Hajj pilgrimage.

Word: Tawāf

Meaning: Circumambulation around the Ka'ba seven times in counter-clock wise fashion.