

Core Curriculum

3 Foundations of Islam - Obligatory Acts

3.3 **Salāt: Obligatory Ritual Prayers in Islam**

Question: What is the difference between du‘ā and the five daily salāt?

Answer: Du‘ā is a supplication and not obligatory on its own, salāt is a ritual prayer and is obligatory.

Question: How many daily obligatory prayers/salāt do we have?

Answer: Five

Question: Is salāt performed at the same time every day?

Answer: Not exactly, the daily prayers follow the movement of the sun.

Question: Can I be a Muslim and not pray?

Answer: If you dismiss it entirely, no you cannot.

Question: Is it ok that I perform salāt on my own time if I’m too busy?

Answer: No, you must pray on God’s time. The various times can be found in Muslim prayer calendars.