

## 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.