

## Ṣalātu I-Witr (Opinion 1)

- Definition: Ṣalatu I-Witr is performed after the ‘ishā’ ṣalāh until the time of the fajr (ṣubḥ) prayer enters. It cannot be performed before the farḍ of ‘ishā’.
- Status: Wājib (mandatory)
- Procedure:
  1. Perform 3 rak‘ahs (with one salām), sitting for tashahhud at end of the second rak‘ah and saying, “Allāhu ‘akbar” while rising for the third.
  2. It is recommended to recite sūratu I-‘alā in the first rak‘ah of witr, sūratu I-kāfirūn in the second, and sūratu I-ikhhlās in the third.
  3. In the third rak‘ah, after reciting sūratu I-fātiḥah and a sūrah, raise the hands to the level of the ears while saying, “Allāhu ‘akbar”. Then fold the hands in the manner that one does when reciting the Qur‘ān during ṣalāh.

4. Say the following du‘ā’ (known as the qunūt):

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْتَعِينُكَ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَنُؤْمِنُ بِكَ  
وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْكَ وَنُثْنِي عَلَيْكَ الْخَيْرَ وَنَشْكُرُكَ  
وَلَا نَكْفُرُكَ وَنَخْلَعُ وَنَتْرُكُ مَنْ يَفْجُرُكَ .  
اللَّهُمَّ إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَلكَ نُصَلِّي وَنَسْجُدُ وَإِلَيْكَ  
نَسْعَى وَنَحْفِدُ وَنَرْجُوا رَحْمَتَكَ وَنَخْشَى  
عَذَابَكَ إِنَّ عَذَابَكَ بِالْكَفَّارِ مُلْحِقٌ

al-Lāhumma ‘innā nasta‘īnuka wa nastaghfiruka wa nu‘minu bika wa natawakkalu  
‘alayka wa nuthnī ‘alayka l-khayra wa nashkuruka wa lā nakfuruka wa nakhla‘u  
wa natruku ma y-yafjruk. al-Lāhumma iyyāka na‘buduwa laka nuṣallī wa nasjudu  
wa ‘ilayka nas‘ā wa naḥfidu wa narjū raḥmataka wa nakhshā ‘adhābaka ‘inna  
‘adhābaka bilkuffāri mulḥiq.

O Allāh, we seek help from You, we seek Your forgiveness, we believe in You, we  
put our trust in You, we praise You in the best manner, we thank You and we are  
not ungrateful to You, and we leave off and cast off one who disobeys You. O

Allāh, we worship You, to You do we pray and prostrate, to You do we flee and we are quick to do so . We hope for Your mercy and we fear Your punishment.

Certainly Your punishment overtakes the disbelievers.

5. Say, “Allāhu ’akbar”, proceed to rukū’, and complete the ṣalāh.