

Tayammum

Narrated 'Aisha: The necklace of Asma' was lost, so the Prophet sent some men to look for it. The time for the prayer became due and they had not performed ablution and could not find water, so they offered the prayer without ablution. Then Allah revealed (the Verse of Tayammum). (Sahih Al-Bukhari, Volume 6, Book 60, Number 107)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَقْرَبُوا الصَّلَاةَ
وَأَنْتُمْ سُكَرَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَعْلَمُوا مَا تَقُولُونَ
وَلَا جُنْبًا إِلَّا عَابِرِي سَبِيلٍ حَتَّىٰ
تَغْتَسِلُوا ۗ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ مَرْضَىٰ أَوْ عَلَىٰ
سَفَرٍ أَوْ جَاءَ أَحَدٌ مِنْكُمْ مِنَ الْغَائِطِ أَوْ
لَمَسْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَلَمْ تَجِدُوا مَاءً فَتَيَمَّمُوا
صَعِيدًا طَيِّبًا فَامْسَحُوا بِوُجُوهِكُمْ
وَأَيْدِيكُمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَفُورًا غَفُورًا ﴿٤٤﴾

O you who believe! Approach not As-Salât (the prayer) when you are in a drunken state until you know (the meaning) of what you utter, nor when you are in a state of Janâba, (i.e. in a state of sexual impurity and have not yet taken a bath) except when travelling on the road (without enough water, or just passing through a mosque), till you wash your whole body. And if you are ill, or on a journey, or one of you comes after answering the call of nature, or you have been in contact with women (by sexual relations) and you find no water, perform **Tayammum** with clean earth and rub therewith your faces and hands (**Tayammum**). Truly, Allâh is Ever Oft-Pardoning, Oft-Forgiving.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا قُمْتُمْ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ
فَاغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ وَأَيْدِيَكُمْ إِلَى
الْمَرَافِقِ وَامْسَحُوا بِرُءُوسِكُمْ
وَأَرْجُلَكُمْ إِلَى الْكَعْبَيْنِ ^ط وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ
جُنُبًا فَاطَّهَّرُوا ^ط وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ مَرْضَى أَوْ
عَلَى سَفَرٍ أَوْ جَاءَ أَحَدٌ مِنْكُمْ مِنَ الْغَائِطِ
أَوْ لَمَسْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَلَمْ تَجِدُوا مَاءً
فَتَيَمَّمُوا صَعِيدًا طَيِّبًا فَامْسَحُوا
بِوُجُوهِكُمْ وَأَيْدِيكُمْ مِنْهُ ^ط مَا يُرِيدُ
اللَّهُ لِيَجْعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ حَرَجٍ وَلَكِنْ
يُرِيدُ لِيُطَهِّرَكُمْ وَلِيُتِمَّ نِعْمَتَهُ
عَلَيْكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ^٧

O you who believe! When you intend to offer As-Salât (the prayer), wash your faces and your hands (forearms) up to the elbows, rub (by passing wet hands over) your heads, and (wash) your feet up to ankles. If you are in a state of Janâba (i.e. after a sexual discharge), purify yourself (bathe your whole body). But if you are ill or on a journey or any of you comes after answering the call of nature, or you have been in contact with women (i.e. sexual intercourse) and you find no water, then perform **Tayammum** with clean earth and rub therewith your faces and hands. Allâh does not want to place you in difficulty, but He wants to purify you, and to complete His Favour to you that you may be thankful.

From the above two verses, Allah has prescribed Tayammum only for when there is no water to use for wudu or ghusl. Below are details considering the rulings of Tayammum.

Tayammum can be used for a person who wants to get rid of a minor impurity (perform wudu) and someone who wants to purify themselves from a major impurity (state of janaabah and purifying oneself from menstruation).

When can we use Tayammum?

1. If there is no water for one mile from whatever the distance he is from and the time of prayer will run out.
2. If he has an illness where if he is in contact with water, it will cause his illness to worsen.
3. If it is too cold
4. Fear from an enemy
5. Thirst

What do we use to perform Tayammum?

To perform tayammum, we use parts of the earth, for example:

1. Dust
2. Sand
3. Baked brick
4. The powder of kohl (natural one)

Method of Tayammum:

1. Strike both hands on clean earth.
2. Shake the hands
3. Then wipe your whole face

4. Then strike the earth again
5. Then pass your hands over the back of your arms up to the elbow and then bring the hand to the inside of the arm, finishing off at the finger tips. Do the right arm first and then the left arm.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ If one prays having performed tayammum, then later finds water, they do not need to repeat the salah they prayed. If they see water whilst praying then they need to break the salah and perform wudu and repeat the salah.
- ❖ It is mustahab (preferred) to delay the salah if one is in hope that he will get or find water soon.
- ❖ If someone goes to pray the Janaazah prayer and they fear that they will miss the prayer due to performing wudu, then they can perform tayammum instead of wudu and pray the janaazah salah. This applies to Eid salah as well, but not Jumu'ah prayer.
- ❖ If a traveller forgets to bring water with him, then he can perform tayammum and he does not need to repeat the prayer. Also, if he asks his friend or anyone for water and they refuse to give it to him, then he may perform tayammum and pray.