

# **A brief guide to holding Jumu'ah (Friday) prayers at home in cases of necessity**

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Praise be to Allah.

Assalam'alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatuh beloved brothers and sisters in Islam.

Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

**“O you who believe (Muslims)! When the call is proclaimed for the Salaah (prayer) on Friday (Jumu'ah prayer), come to the remembrance of Allah [Jumu'ah religious talk (Khutbah) and Salaah (prayer)] and leave off business (and every other thing). That is better for you if you did but know!”** [al-Jumu'ah 62:9].

Narrated from Ibn 'Umar and Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with them both) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: **“People should stop neglecting Jumu'ah prayers or else Allah will place a seal over their hearts, then they will be among the negligent.”** Narrated by Muslim, 865.

This guide is a humble and honest attempt at inshaAllah helping the Muslim brothers fulfill the religious obligation of attending Jumu'ah (Friday) prayers where possible to do so. This guide uses the provisions and concessions that are in accordance with the Qur'an and the saheeh ahadeeth to provide guidance on holding the Jumu'ah prayer at home whilst the masaajid are closed and there is no foreseeable end to the restrictions currently in place. The matter of holding the Jumu'ah prayers away from the masaajid is broad in scope but this guide will focus on the [minimum requirements](#) to inshaAllah make it simple for brothers to hold the Jumu'ah prayers at home and obtain its full reward until the masaajid open again.

**For those who are unable to attend or hold Jumu'ah prayers, there is no blame on them to pray four raka'at of Dhuhur prayer instead, according to the consensus of the scholars.**

And Allah is the Source of strength.

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# STEPS FOR GIVING A BASIC KHUTBAH FOR JUMU'AH PRAYER

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## STEP 1 - KHATEEB GREETES THE PEOPLE

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Just before beginning the khutbah (sermon), you as the khateeb (the person giving khutbah) stands up and greets people with **Assalam'alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatuh**. He then sits down.

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## STEP 2- MU'ADDHIN MAKES CALL TO PRAYER

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The appointed mu'addhin (caller of prayer) stands up and calls the adhan (call). Once done, he sits down.

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## STEP 3 - KHATEEB COMMENCES FIRST KHUTBAH

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The khateeb stands up and praises Allah, and invokes blessings on the Messenger of Allah (sall Allahu 'alayhi wa sallam). After that, he may recite an ayah from the Qur'an with translation, **or** read a short hadeeth with a brief explanation in your language. Example below:

### ***Innal-Hamdalillah was-Salaatu was-Salaam `alaa Rasoolillah***

Allah says in the Qur'an, Soorat-al-Jumu'ah verse 9

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

meaning: ***“O you who believe (Muslims)! When the call is proclaimed for the Salaah (prayer) on Friday (Jumu'ah prayer), come to the remembrance of Allah [Jumu'ah religious talk (Khutbah) and Salaah (prayer)] and leave off business (and every other thing). That is better for you if you did but know!”***

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## STEP 4 - KHATEEB SITS DOWN FOR A SHORT WHILE

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The khateeb sits down for a few seconds.

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## STEP 5 - KHATEEB COMMENCES THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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The khateeb stands up and repeats Step 3 with different/additional advice. Example below:

### ***Innal-Hamdalillah was-Salaatu was-Salaam `alaa Rasoolillah***

*Narrated from Ibn 'Umar and Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with them both) that the Prophet (sall Allahu 'alayhi wa sallam). said: **“People should stop neglecting Jumu'ah prayers or else Allah will place a seal over their hearts, then they will be among the negligent.”***  
*Narrated by Muslim, 865.*

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## STEP 6 - KHATEEB LEADS PEOPLE IN TWO RAKA'AT OF PRAYER

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The khateeb asks the mu'addhin to call the iqamah for Jumu'ah prayer, which is the usual two raka'at with recitation done loudly (like at Fajr).

## FAQS

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### WHAT ARE THE OTHER SCHOLARLY OPINIONS ON THE MINIMUM PEOPLE FOR JUMU'AH?

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This guide is based on the scholarly opinion that Jumu'ah requires a [minimum of three attendees](#) of the age of maturity (buloogh). The imam is one of them, along with a group (minimum of two) whom he addresses the khutbah to.

There are various other scholarly opinions, some of which are:

- Shafa'ee and Hanbalee madhabs – minimum 40 attendees other than the imam
- Hanafee madhab – minimum 3 attendees other than the imam
- Malikee madhab – minimum 12 attendees other than the imam

### WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE THE MINIMUM NUMBER FOR JUMU'AH OR CAN'T HOLD JUMU'AH?

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In absence of other options to pray in a congregation, you may pray [four raka'at Dhuhur](#) like on other days.

### IS PRAYING JUMU'AH AT HOME VALID?

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There is [no stipulation](#) that Jumu'ah prayer must be offered in a masjid or jaami'. This opinion is supported by the majority of scholars of the Shaafa'ee, Hanafee, and Hanbalee madhhabs.

### IS THE KHUTBAH MANDATORY FOR JUMU'AH PRAYER TO BE VALID?

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The [khutbah is a condition of Jumu'ah](#), and Jumu'ah prayer is not valid without it.

### CAN THE KHUTBAH BE IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ARABIC?

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The correct view with regard to this matter is that it is permissible for the khateeb to deliver the Jumu'ah [khutbah in a language that the people present understand](#). If he recites verses of Qur'an though, they must be in Arabic in which the Qur'an was revealed, then after that he may explain them to people in their language.

### I TRY MY BEST BUT I'M WORRIED I MIGHT MAKE MISTAKES

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Do not worry as Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

*“So keep your duty to Allah and fear Him as much as you can”* [al-Taghabun 64:16]

### MEANING OF INNAL-HAMDALILLAH WAS-SALAATU WAS-SALAAM `ALAA RASOOLILLAH

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Verily all praise is for Allah, and may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon the Messenger of Allah (sallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam).