

## Making up missed Prayers

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Making up prayers missed intentionally or unintentionally is called qada' in Arabic. We will only discuss making up the Salaah if you missed it unintentionally. A person who misses a Salaah is responsible for performing it no matter how late he remembers it. The Prophet, *(May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)*, said:

**“If anyone misses a Salaah, he must pray it when he remembers it. There is no expiation except the Salaah itself.”<sup>1</sup>**

For example, if you remember at the time of 'Asr that you have missed Dhuhr, you should make up Dhuhr and then pray 'Asr.

### Method

If you sleep through a Salaah, meaning the time for that prayer has passed and you have slept through it, you must make wudoo upon waking up and offer it. One night, during a journey with the Prophet *(May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)*, some people said, 'If only the Prophet would take rest with us during the last hours of the night.' He replied, **'I am afraid you will sleep and miss the Fajr Salaah.'** Bilaal said, 'I will wake you up.' They all went to sleep, but Bilaal also fell asleep! The Prophet *(May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)*, woke up when the sun began to rise and said, **'O Bilaal, what happened to your statement?'** He replied, 'I have never slept so much!' The Prophet, *(May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)*, said, **'Allaah took our souls when He wished and released them when He wished. O Bilaal, get up and call the Adhaan for prayer.'** The Prophet *(May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)*, then made wudoo and when the sun came up completely, he stood up and prayed.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Saheeh al-Bukhaaree

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