

## Ruling on praying behind a mushrik

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

**Question:** "Is the prayer behind the mushrik (one who associates others with Allaah in His Divinity or worship) permissible?"

**Shaykh 'Abdul-'Azeez Aal ash-Shaykh** (May Allaah preserve him): "Whosoever is a disbeliever; worships other than Allaah, supplicates to other than Allaah and seeks deliverance from other than Allaah in what no one is able to do except Allaah, then indeed his Imamate (leading people in prayer) is invalid. Because no one has the right to lead the Muslims in prayer except a Muslim. Thus whosoever worships anyone other than Allaah, makes vows to anyone other than Allaah, sacrifices animals for anyone other than Allaah; then verily this one is a disbeliever mushrik. It is not permissible for him to lead the Muslims in prayer because he is not a Muslim."

السؤال: هل تجوز الصلاة خلف المشرك؟

الجواب: من كان كافرا يعبد غير الله، ويدعو غير الله، ويستغيث بغير الله فيما لا يقدر عليه إلا الله، فإنه لا تصح إمامته؛ لأنه لا يؤم بالمسلمين إلا مسلم، فمن كان عابدا لغير الله، ناذرا لغير الله، ذابحا لغير الله، فإن هذا كافر مشرك لا يجوز أن يؤم المسلمين؛ لأنه ليس مسلما