

Prayer Room/Space Etiquette

Prayer spaces are places of worship, reflection, and reverence. Observing proper etiquette is essential to maintain the sanctity of the space and respect those engaged in prayer. Here are some guidelines to follow:

- **Remove footwear:** Shoes are left outside/away from the prayer area or in designated racks to maintain cleanliness.
- **Be in a state of cleanliness:** Avoid entering with body odors or while physically unclean.
- **Be silent or speak softly:** Conversations should be minimal and conducted in hushed tones to avoid disturbing others.
- **Turn off or silence phones:** Avoid distractions caused by ringing or notifications.
- **Avoid taking photos or videos:** This can disrupt the sanctity of the space unless explicitly allowed.
- **Refrain from crossing in front of people praying:** This is considered disrespectful and distracts the person in prayer.
- **Place belongings appropriately:** Avoid cluttering the prayer area with bags or items.
- **Refrain from eating or drinking in the space:** The space is considered a space of reflection, and it is not appropriate to eat and or drink in the prayer room.
- **Respect gender separation:** In many Muslim prayer spaces, men and women pray in separate areas. Follow the guidelines of the specific space.
- **Respect non-Muslim visitors:** The prayer space welcomes non-Muslims; they should also observe similar rules, even if they are not praying.
- **Leave the space clean:** Dispose of any trash and return any used items, like Qur'ans or prayer mats, to their proper place.
- **Join prayer quietly:** If a congregational prayer is ongoing, join the back rows silently without disturbing others.

By observing these practices, you contribute to the tranquility and sanctity of the prayer space.