

## 10 obligatory acts of Shi'a Islam

1. **Salah** - prayer
2. **Sawm** – fasting
3. **Zakah** – charitable giving
4. **Khums** – 20% tax on income
5. **Hajj** – pilgrimage
6. **Jihad**
7. **Amr-bil-Maruf** – encouraging people to do what is good
8. **Nah Anil Munkar** – Discouraging people from doing what is wrong
9. **Tawallah** – to be loving towards friends of God
10. **Tabarra** – disassociating from enemies of God.



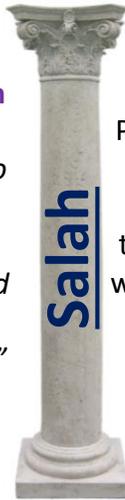
## Practices: Islam



### 5 pillars of Sunni Islam



**Declaration of faith**  
*"There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger"*



**Prayer**  
 Performing ritual prayers in the proper way 5 times a day



**Fasting**  
 Abstaining from food, drink, sex and other pleasures during daylight hours, in the month of **Ramadan**



**Declaration of faith**  
 Compulsory giving of 2.5% of one's income to charitable causes



**Pilgrimage**  
 It is the duty of every Muslim to perform the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their lifetime

## Ashura

The day of Ashura (Day of remembrance) is a major Shi'a festival that takes place on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Muharram.

Shi'a Muslims remember the **death of Hussein** (Muhammad's grandson) in Karbala, Iraq.

In many Muslim countries a **public holiday** takes place. Some Muslims will beat themselves with chains, **beat their chest** or (a minority) cut themselves. For Sunni Muslims, Ashura is a day when many **fast voluntarily**.



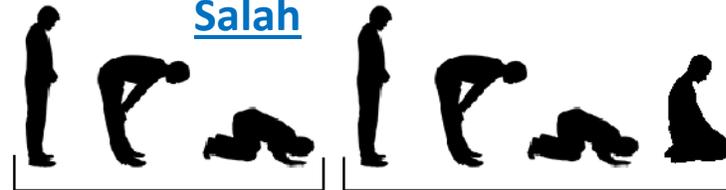
## Festivals

It is said that when Muhammad arrived in Medina, he noticed people were celebrating 2 days with entertainment and activities. Muhammad explained that God had appointed 2 other days that are better to celebrate...

	Why?	How?
<b>Eid-il-Adha</b>	Remembers & honours Ibrahim, who was willing to sacrifice his son on Allah's command	Forms a part of Hajj; Animals are sacrificed; Give money to the poor; cards & presents
<b>Eid-ul-Fitr</b>	Marks the end of the month of Ramadan	Prayers; decorations; best clothes; feasts; cards & presents

## Salah

**Rak'ah:** One unit of prayer



First Rak'ah

Second Rak'ah



**Wudu:** Ritual washing before prayer



**Qibla:** Direction of Mecca



**Jummah prayer:** Friday, midday prayer

## Jihad

Jihad is an important concept for Muslims. It refers to struggling against evil, either as an individual or as the collective fellowship of Islam.

**Lesser:** Greater jihad is a personal, inward struggle of all Muslims to live in line with the teachings of their faith.

**Greater:** Lesser jihad is seen as the outward struggle to defend Islam from threat. In the early days of the faith, this was important when Muslims were being persecuted and they needed to protect their freedom to practise their faith.