

Azaan

(announcement of the beginning of the time for prayer)

Repeat	Recite	Meaning
2	Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar	Allah is the greatest
2	Ash-hadu Alla ilaha illallah	I bear witness that there is no one worthy of worship except Allah
2	Ash-hadu anna Muhamadan rasuulullah	I bear witness that Muhammad is Allah's Messenger
2	Hayya 'alas Salaah (turn face right)	come to the prayer
2	Hayya 'alal Falah (turn face left)	Come to prosperity or success
*2	*Assalatu khayru min an-naum *Fajr only	Prayer is better than sleep
1	Allaahu Akbar, Allaahu Akbar	Allah is the greatest
1	Laa ilaaha illallah	there is no god worthy of worship but Allah

1. With Wadu facing the Qibla make the intention (or niyyah) to call the adhan.

2. Plug or cover your ears. Muffle your ears with your index fingers, or clasp your hands over the opening from the outside. This step is optional, but traditional.

3. Recite the words. Say them slowly, in a loud and clear voice. Consider singing the words, if you feel comfortable doing so.

- After you recite each sentence, the rest who are praying together (jama'ah) will answer (recite softly) every phrase that the muezzin recites – with one exception. After "hayya 'alasalah" and "hayya 'alal falah," the others should answer with La hawla wala kuwata ila billah, meaning "There is no Power or Authority except Allah."

4. Say the dua after the adhan. You do not need to fill this space with a dua but it is mustahabb (preferred) to do so. Say:

Allaahumma Rabba haathid - da'watit - taammati wassalaatil-qaa'imati, 'aati Muhammadanil-waseelata walfadheelata, wab 'ath-hu maqaamam-mahmoodanil-lathee wa'adtahu, 'innaka laa tukhliful-mee'aad

O Allah , Lord of this perfect call and established prayer. Grant Muhammad the intercession and favor, and raise him to the honored station You have promised him, [verily You do not neglect promises]. Al-Bukhari 1:152

Iqama

(announcement of the commencement of prayer) [Hanafi]

Repeat	Recite	Meaning
2	Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar	Allah is the greatest
2	Ash-hadu Alla ilaha illallah	I bear witness that there is no one worthy of worship except Allah
2	Ash-hadu anna Muhamadan rasuulullah	I bear witness that Muhammad is Allah's Messenger
2	Hayya 'alas Salaah (turn face right)	come to the prayer
2	Hayya 'alal Falah (turn face left)	Come to prosperity or success
2	Qad qaamatis Salaah	prayer is to begin
1	Allaahu Akbar, Allaahu Akbar	Allah is the greatest
1	Laa ilaaha illallah	there is no god worthy of worship but Allah

1. Recite the Iqama every time you're praying in a congregation. Typically, the muezzin (Mu'adhdhin) will lead the Iqama aloud. Say the call to prayer along with them to honour Allah and prepare yourself for prayer.

- Don't repeat the line "Qad qaamati Salaah, Qad qaamati Salaah" unless it's traditional in your mosque. Typically, only the person leading the Iqama says this line, which means "Prayer is to begin."
- Your congregation may only repeat the Athan. If so, don't recite the Iqama along with the caller.

2. Say the call to prayer as a reminder if you're praying alone. The Iqama is used to remind the congregation as a whole that it's time for prayer, but it also reminds you of the teachings of Islam. While it's not required that you recite the Iqama to yourself, it's helpful for deepening your faith and building good religious habits.

- If someone else is praying with you, it's best to recite the Iqama, even if it's just 1 other person. In that case, the most knowledgeable follower should lead the prayer. Traditionally, a male will lead the Iqama if both men and women are present.

3. Let your arms hang at your sides during the Iqama. During the Athan, you typically raise your hands to cover your ears. This isn't necessary during the Iqama. Instead, straighten your arms to your sides and prepare yourself for prayer.

4. Recite it quickly and in a low, monotone voice. While the Athan is called loudly, the Iqama is a quiet call to prayer. Lower your voice into a rhythmic, chanting tone. Then, say the prayer quickly to lead into your prayer.