



Salah of a mute person

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Q 1: There is a mute and illiterate person who has neither memorized Surah Al-Fatiha nor any part of the Qur'an. He is unable to learn Al-Fatiha which is obligatory for performing Salah. What should he do?

A: He should pray according to his capability. If he is able to say Al-Fatiha, he is obliged to recite it even if he does so from a written sheet or from the Mus-haf (Arabic copy of the Qur'an). If he can not recite Al-Fatiha, he may proclaim: Subhan Allah [Glory be to Allah], Alhamd Lillah [Praise be to Allah], La Ilaha Illa Allah" [There is no deity but Allah], and Allahu Akbar [Allah is the Greatest].

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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