



The sixth question of Fatwa no. (4910):

Q 6: If a person undergoes a surgery and becomes bedridden, should they offer Salah (Prayer) or not? If yes, how can they perform Wudu' (ablution), given that

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they cannot leave bed? Do they have to face the Qiblah (direction faced for Prayer towards the Ka`bah) if the bed is in the opposite direction?

A: If a person undergoes surgery, they are not exempted from Salah if they are conscious, even if they are bedridden. They should offer the parts of Salah they can offer, and the rest should be offered by the intention. First, they should pronounce Takbir (saying: "Allahu Akbar [Allah is the Greatest]") with the intention of beginning Salah; read Du`a-ul-Istiftah (opening supplication when starting the Prayer), Isti`adhah (seeking refuge with Allah from Satan) and Basmalah (saying, "Bismillah Al-Rahman, Al-Rahim [In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful]"); recite Surah Al-Fatihah and whatever they can recite of the Qur'an; pronounce Takbir with the intention of performing Ruku` (bowing) and say "Subhan Rabbi Al-`Azhim" (May Glory be to the Great Lord), which is better to repeat three times or more; say "Sami`a Allahu liman Hamidah" (Allah listens to those who praise Him) when standing up after Ruku`; say "O our Lord! To You belongs all abundant, beautiful, and blessed praise, which fills the heavens, the earth, what is in-between them, and everything else you like". However, if a person says "O our Lord! To You belongs all praise" only, it suffices. Then, a person should pronounce Takbir with the intention of Sujud (Prostration), and say "Subhan Rabbi Al-A`la" (May Glory be to the Most High Lord), which is better to repeat three times or more. It is recommended also to supplicate while prostrating with whatever they like to say. Then, they pronounce Takbir with the intention of sitting after Sujud, and say "O, Allah! Forgive me", which is better to repeat three times or more. Then, they pronounce Takbir again to perform the second Sujud, and say "Subhan Rabbi Al-A`la", which is better to repeat three times or more. Then, they offer the rest of

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the Salah as mentioned, as Allah stated, ﴿ So keep your duty to Allāh and fear Him as much as you can. 》He also stated, ﴿ Allāh burdens not a person beyond his scope. 》The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, ﴿ When I command you to do anything, do of it as much as you possibly can. 》He (peace be upon him) also said to `Imran ibn Husayn (may Allah be pleased with him) when he was sick, ﴿ You should offer Salah while standing. If you cannot, offer it while sitting; and if you cannot do even that, offer it while lying on your side. 》

As for Wudu', if there is someone to help in offering Wudu', praise be to Allah. Otherwise, they should perform Tayammum (dry ablution) after Istijmar (cleansing the private parts with a solid material after urination or defecation) using clean stones or wipes three times or more so that the private parts are purified. They should face the Qiblah while in bed. If they cannot, they can ask

somebody else to help them direct the bed towards the Qiblah, as Allah stated, ﴿ Allâh intends for you ease, and He does not want to make things difficult for you. ﴾

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

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