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Q: I have a married sister who always faints when she stands for Salah (Prayer); is she permitted to pray while sitting?

A: Standing is an essential requirement for the validity of the obligatory Salah. However, if your sister is unable to pray standing, she may pray while assuming a sitting position. This is based on the Qur'anic Ayah (verse) in which Allah (may He be Exalted) says, ﴿ [So keep your duty to Allâh and fear Him as much as you can](#) ﴾ The Prophet (peace be upon him) also says, ﴿ [When I command you to do anything, do of it as much as you possibly can.](#) ﴾ There is nothing wrong with her praying while sitting in case she is offering a supererogatory Salah even if she is able to pray while standing. However, a person who offers a supererogatory Salah while sitting despite being able to do so while standing will receive half reward.

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