




Fatwa No. 12095 

Q: I am bedridden and can not move at all. How can I perform Taharah (ritual purification) for Salah (Prayer) and how can I perform Salah?

A: First, to perform Taharah, Muslims should purify themselves with water and if they can not use water due to sickness or any other reason; they should perform Tayammum (dry ablution) using Tahir (ritually pure) dust. However, if they can not even perform Tayammum; Taharah is no longer a condition for their Salah and they can perform Salah as they are. Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ [So keep your duty to Allâh and fear Him as much as you can](#) ﴾ and He (may He be Glorified) says: ﴿ [and has not laid upon you in religion any hardship.](#) ﴾ If any urine

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or feces is discharged, it is enough to do Istijmar (cleansing the private parts with a hard material after urination or defecation) or clean oneself by use of clods of mud or pure material. **Second,** sick people have to perform Salah while standing; and if they can not; it should be performed while sitting otherwise while lying on their sides. This is proved by an authentic narration on the authority of `Imran ibn Husayn that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: ﴿ [Pray while standing and if you cannot, pray while sitting and if you cannot do even that, then pray lying on your side.](#) ﴾ Also, Allah (may He be Glorified and Exalted) says: ﴿ [So keep your duty to Allâh and fear Him as much as you can.](#) ﴾

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

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