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Q 2: 'Isha' prayer time in Europe starts nearly in the middle of the night during summertime. Workers and young children can not stay awake waiting until this time when they can offer it. Is it permissible for them to pray 'Isha' at the time of Maghrib (Sunset) Prayer?

A: It is not permissible to pray 'Isha' in advance with Maghrib for the reason mentioned above. 'Isha' prayer time starts upon the disappearance of the twilight. Muslims who live in these countries have to be patient and expect Allah's reward for enduring this long period. Each Prayer has an appointed time based on the Qur'anic Ayah (verse) which reads: (Verily, As-Salât (the prayer) is enjoined on the believers at fixed hours.) General Hadiths reported from the Prophet (peace be upon him) also specify certain times for offering Prayer.

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

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