



Number of prayers						
Name	Time Period	Sunnah before fard		Fard	Sunnah after fard	
		Sunni	Shi'a		Sunni	Shi'a
Fajr (فجر)	Dawn to before Sunrise	2 Raka'ah ¹	2 Raka'ah	2 Raka'ah	-	-
Dhuhr (ظهر)	After midday until early afternoon	4 Raka'ah ¹	8 Raka'ah	4 Raka'ah ²	4 Raka'ah ¹	-
Asr (عصر)	From late afternoon till just before sunset. See footnote 3	4 Raka'ah	8 Raka'ah	4 Raka'ah	-	-
Maghrib (مغرب)	After sunset until daylight twilight ends	-	-	3 Raka'ah	4 Raka'ah ¹	4 Raka'ah
Isha'a (عشاء)	Dusk until Fajr	4 Raka'ah	-	4 Raka'ah	4 Raka'ah, 3 Witr	2 Raka'ah

1 - Prayed daily by the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

2 - Replaced by Jumu'ah on Fridays.

3 - According to Imam Abu Hanifa, 'Asr starts when the shadow of an object becomes twice its height (plus the length of its shadow at the time of Dhuhr).

For the rest of Imams, 'Asr starts when the shadow of an object becomes equal to its length (plus the length of its shadow at the time of Dhuhr). 'Asr ends as the sun begins to set.