

## The Adhan (Athān, Azān) and Iqama (Iqamah, Iqamat)

The *adhān* أَذَان is Islam's call to prayer, recited by the muezzin.

Adhan is called out by the muezzin in the mosque, sometimes from a minaret, five times a day summoning Muslims for mandatory (*fard*) prayers (*salah*). There is a second call known as *iqama* (set up) that summons Muslims to line up for the beginning of the prayers. The main purpose behind the loud pronouncement of adhan five times a day in every mosque is to make available to everyone an easily intelligible summary of Islamic belief. It is intended to bring to the mind of every believer and non-believer the substance of Islamic beliefs, or its spiritual ideology. Loudspeakers are sometimes installed on minarets for the purpose.

The adhan sums up the teachings of Islam: there is no God but Allah; Muhammad is God's Messenger; salvation is found through obedience to the Will of God, of which prayer is an important expression.

- 1) The Prophet of Allah has said, "I went to paradise and saw domes of pearl and its dirt is of musk." He said, "Oh Gabriel, who is this for?" He replied, "This is for your ummah's Muazzin (one who says the Adhan) and Imams." [Narrated Abu Ya'la Fee Musnad]
- 2) The one who says Adhan for Sawaab is like that martyred who is drenched in blood and when he will die insects will not come on in his body. [Narrated Tabrani]
- 3) If people knew how much reward there was in Adhan then swords would be used amongst them [to say it]. (Narrated Ahmad)
- 4) The dua between Adhan and Iqamah is not rejected. [Narrated Abu Daood & Tirmizi]

It is permissible for a person praying alone to pray without the Adhan, but if he is in the desert or on a remote farm and the like, it is prescribed for him to recite the Adhan even if he is going to pray alone, and the Iqamah is prescribed at all times, because of the general meaning of the evidence, and because Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri said to 'Abd-Allah al-Ansaari: "I see that you like sheep and the wilderness. When you are with your sheep in your wilderness, and you recite the Adhan for your prayers, raise your voice, for no jinn or man or anything within the voice range of the muezzin hears the call, but will bear witness for him on the Day of Resurrection." Abu Sa'eed said: I heard this from the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). (Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 1/151).

**Adhan for: Salat-ul-Jummah, Salat-ul-Dhuhr, Salat-ul-Asr,  
Salat-ul-Maghrib, Salat-ul-Isha'a**

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أشهد أن محمدا رسول الله	Ash-hadu anna Muḥammadan rasūlullāh	I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of God
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حي على الصلاة	Hayya 'alāṣ-ṣalāh	Make haste towards worship
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حي على الفلاح	Hayya 'alā 'l-falāh	Come to the true success
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لا إله إلا الله	Lā ilāha illallāh	There is no deity except God

## Adhan for: Salat-ul-Fajr

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حي على الفلاح	Hayya 'alā 'l-falāh	Come to the true success
الصلاة خير من النوم	Aṣ-ṣalātu khayru min an-nawm	Prayer is better than sleep
الصلاة خير من النوم	Aṣ-ṣalātu khayru min an-nawm	Prayer is better than sleep
الله أكبر	Allāhu akbar	God is the greatest
الله أكبر	Allāhu akbar	God is the greatest
لا إله إلا الله	Lā ilāha illallāh	There is no deity except God

**Iqama for: Salat-ul-Fajr, Salat-ul-Jummah, Salat-ul-Dhuhr,  
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قد قامت الصلاة	Qad qāma tis-salaat	Stand for prayer
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