

Sunnahs of Wudū'

1) Intention:

- a. think of your spiritual impurity, which is caused by sin; and of your need to cleanse yourself through repentance before entering the presence of God.
- b. know that you are performing wudū' only for God's sake, to seek his pleasure.

2) As you open the faucet, say the following:

In the name of God. Praise is for God who made water pure and did not make it impure.	بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَ الْمَاءَ طَهُورًا وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْهُ نَجِسًا.
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3) Wash hands once or twice till wrist while saying the following:

In the name of God and through God. O God! Make me among the penitent, and make me among those who purify themselves.	بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَبِاللَّهِ ، اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنَ التَّوَّابِينَ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنَ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ.
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4) Rinse mouth thrice while saying the following:

O God! Teach me how to free myself from blame on the day when I meet you, and loosen my tongue with your remembrance.	اللَّهُمَّ لِقْنِي حُجَّتِي يَوْمَ أَلْقَاكَ وَأَطْلِقْ لِسَانِي بِذِكْرِكَ.
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5) Flush nose thrice with water

6) Blow nose thrice while saying the following:

O God! Do not deprive me of the fragrance of paradise. Make me among those who smell its fragrance, its breeze, and its perfume.	اللَّهُمَّ لَا تُحَرِّمْ عَلَيَّ رِيحَ الْجَنَّةِ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ يَشُمُّ رِيحَهَا وَرَوْحَهَا وَطِبَّهَا.
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7) While washing face say the following:

O God! Brighten my face on the day when faces shall darken, and do not darken my face on the day when faces shall brighten.	اللَّهُمَّ بَيِّضْ وَجْهِي يَوْمَ تَسْوَدُّ الْوُجُوهُ ، وَلَا تَسْوَدِّ وَجْهِي يَوْمَ تَبْيَضُّ الْوُجُوهُ .
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8) When washing arms remember the following:

- men should begin from distal side (i.e., outside) of elbow.
- women should begin from proximal side (i.e., inside) of elbow.

9) While washing your right arm say the following:

O God! Give me my book in my right hand, and [permission to live for] eternity in paradise in my left hand, and reckon my deeds with clemency.	اللَّهُمَّ أَعْطِنِي كِتَابِي يَمِينِي وَالْخُلْدَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ بَيْسَارِي وَحَاسِنِي حِسَاباً يَسِيراً .
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10) While washing your left arm say the following:

O God! Do not give me my book in my left hand, nor behind my back. And do not chain it to my neck. I seek refuge with you from the garments of hellfire.	اللَّهُمَّ لَا تُعْطِنِي كِتَابِي بِشِمَالِي ، وَلَا مِنْ وَرَاءِ ظَهْرِي ، وَلَا تَجْعَلْهَا مَغْلُولَةً إِلَى عُنُقِي ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ مُقَطَّعَاتِ النَّيِّرَانِ .
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11) Wipe down each arm after washing it.

12) After washing left arm, touch hands together.

13) Wipe head:

- with the right hand
- with three fingers
- with the palm-side of the fingers
- for the length of one finger
- from top toward forehead
- saying the following:

O God! Envelop me in your mercy, your blessings, and your forgiveness.	اللَّهُمَّ غَشِّنِي رَحْمَتِكَ وَبَرَكَاتِكَ وَ عَفْوِكَ.
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14) Wipe feet:

- right foot before left
- right foot with right hand, left foot with left hand
- with entire palm and fingers over the entire top of the foot
- saying the following:

O God! Keep me firmly on the path on the day when feet shall slip. And let my efforts be for what pleases you, O majestic and noble one!	اللَّهُمَّ ثَبِّتْنِي عَلَى الصِّرَاطِ يَوْمَ تَزُلُّ الْأَقْدَامُ، وَاجْعَلْ سَعْيِي فِيمَا يُرْضِيكَ عَنِّي يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ.
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15) After completing your *wuḍū'* say the following:

O God! I beg you for a perfect wudu', a perfect prayer, your perfect pleasure, and paradise.	اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ تَمَامَ الْوُضُوءِ وَتَمَامَ الصَّلَاةِ وَتَمَامَ رِضْوَانِكَ وَالْجَنَّةِ.
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16) Finally, recite *sūrat al-qadr* three times.