

The 5 Pillars of Islam

There are five pillars of practice in Islam. These practices must be undertaken with the best of effort in order to be considered a true Muslim:

- 1) Declaration of faith: A statement proclaiming the belief in One God and that Muhammad is a prophet of God. To become Muslim a person simply recites this statement publicly, and in Arabic.
- 2) Formal prayer five times a day.
- 3) Poor-due tax: 2.5% of one's excess wealth given to the needy once a year.
- 4) Fasting during the daylight hours in the month of Ramadan.
- 5) Pilgrimage to Mecca at least once, if physically and financially able.

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