

BASIS OF TIJANIYYA FIQH

IMPORTANT INTRODUCTION

There are three obligatory litanies (awrad): the Lazim (the Wird), the Wadhifa and the Hadra of the Friday.

The Tijaniyya litanies are all based on expressions which come from the Quran and the Sunnah. Reciting them is an inexhaustible source of blessings and neglecting or abandoning them is an opened door to misfortunes. The three expressions are:

- Asking ALLAH for forgiveness with repentance (Istighfar):
- Sending Prayers (Salat 'ala Nabi) upon The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him):
- The Kalima "LA ILAHA ILLALLAH": "There is no God but ALLAH"

The litanies must be recited only with an authorization of a muqaddam whose transmittal channel is authentic. The other conditions of the validity of the mandatory litanies of the Tidjaniya are:

- The follower must formulate the intention
- The follower must have ablution with water or Tayyamoun, according to the Sharia rules.
- The purification of the body, the clothes and the area, according to the prayer rules is required.

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-The follower is required to cover his body (awrah) as for salat (prayers)

-The disciple must not speak during the mandatory litanies of the Tariqa Tidjaniya, from the beginning to the end, except by necessity in which case he can communicate by gestures, and if he is not understood, then he can say one or two words. There are three exceptions to this rule: the follower can speak freely to his parents, the wife (disciple) to her husband, and the follower to his Sheikh (his Muqaddam). The follower must refrain from eating and drinking during the mandatory litanies. Even a little (a sip or what remains between the teeth) invalidates the Lazim, as for the Wadhifa, it is a little more that invalidates it.

Anyone who does not respect one of these conditions above-cited, his evocations are invalidated and he has to do them again.

Besides, it is very important to perform the Wadhifa and the 'Asrou (Hadra of the Friday) in congregation whenever it is possible, pronouncing them aloud and harmoniously with the other brothers.

In order not to reduce the effectiveness (less of divine lights), the Lazim, and also if done alone the Wadhifa and the Hadra of the Friday, should be pronounced in such a way that the follower can hear himself reciting them, facing the Qibla (except for the one who is travelling and so cannot facing it) and being in the sitting position of the prayer.

Furthermore, understanding the meaning of what is recited, uttering distinctly, visualizing Seyidina Ahmed Tijani (may Allah be satisfied with him) and better our Noble Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), all that helps to take the maximum advantage of the litanies.

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I. THE LAZIM (WIRD)

The Lazim is composed of these three mandatory pillars (in this order):

1. **100 times "Astaghfirullah"** (I seek forgiveness from ALLAH)

2. **100 times Salat 'ala Nabi, the best one is Salatul Fatihi: "Allahumma salli 'ala Sayyidina Muhammadin el fatihi lima ughliqa, wal khatimi lima sabaqa, nasiri-l-haqqi bil haqqi wal hadi ila siratiqa-l-mustaqim, wa 'ala alihi haqqa qadrihi wa miqdarihi-l-'adhim. »** You can listen to its recitation [HERE](#).

Salatul Fatihi is a particular prayer that the Prophet (prayers and peace be upon him) ordered Seyyidina Ahmed Tijani (may Allah sanctify his precious secret) to recite and to transmit and that in wakefulness in broad daylight. The Pole (Qutb) Sidi Muhammad El Bakri (may Allah be pleased with him) had already got it. He went on spiritual retreat several years in Mecca with the intention that ALLAH (The Glorified and The Exalted) would taught him the formula of prayer on the Prophet (prayers and peace be upon him) that gathers all the other prayers and their secrets. And indeed, it was revealed to him. An angel came to him with an enlightened placard on which Salatul Fatihi was written. But he kept it as a secret because this prayer was exclusively reserved for the coming time of the Hidden Pole (i.e. Seyyidina Sheikh Ahmed Tijani) and his disciples. Salatul Fatihi's merits are very numerous, Seyyidina Ahmed Tijani (may Allah be satisfied with him said): "If there were 100000 communities, and each of these communities was constituted of 100000 tribes, and each of these tribes was formed of 100000 men, and each these men lived 100000 years, and each of these men recites everyday 100000 salat 'ala Nabi other than Salatul Fatihi, then all these rewards would not reach the reward of only one Salatul Fatihi.

3. **100 times "La Ilaha illAllah"** (There is no God but Allah). After the hundredth "La Ilaha illAllah", we have to say: **"Muhammadun Rasulullah. 'alayhi Salamullah »**

Then, there are different meritorious expressions (not mandatory) that we can say in the Lazim. Here is a simple example of a Lazim:

- (intention of making the morning or evening Lazim)

- « A'udhu billahi mina chaytani rajim »

- Surah El Fatiha + « Ameen »: 1 time

- 100 times "Astaghfirullah"

- « Subhana rabbika rabbil 'izzati 'amma yasifuna wa salamun 'ala-l-mursalina wa-l-hamdu lillahi rabbi-l-'alameen » (Surah Saffat 37, verses 180-181-182).

- 100 times Salatul Fatihi

- « Subhana rabbika rabbil 'izzati 'amma yasifuna wa salamun 'ala-l-mursalina wa-l-hamdu lillahi rabbi-l-'alameen » (Surah Saffat 37, verses 180-181-182).

**- 100 times "La Ilaha illAllah" and after the hundredth "La Ilaha illAllah":
"Muhammadun Rasulullah. 'alayhi Salamullah »**

- « Innallaha wa mala-i-katahu yusalluna 'ala nabiyi, ya ayyuha ladhina amanu sallu 'alayhi wa sallimu taslima » (Sourate 33 El Ahzab, verset 56)

- "Sallallahu ta'ala 'alayhi wa 'ala alihi wa sahbihi wa sallama taslima"

- « Subhana rabbika rabbil 'izzati 'amma yasifuna wa salamun 'ala-l-mursalina wa-l-hamdu lillahi rabbi-l-'alameen » (Surah Saffat 37, verses 180-181-182).

- Make du'a.

TIME OF THE WIRD

The Lazim is an obligatory wird performed alone, in a low voice, twice a day: morning and evening. Missed obligatory wird has to be make up.

The time to perform the morning wird begins from Subh Prayer till Duha al A'la (about midday), it is the preferred time. The time of necessity, in case of valid excuse, extends from Duha al 'Ala to the Maghreb Prayer (the sunset).

The morning Lazim can't be accomplished between the Fajr and Subh Prayers.

The morning wird can be advanced in the night after the 'Isha Prayer and a lapse of time enough to recite five sub-parts (hizb) of Quran (i.e. about 1:30 hours after 'Isha Prayer time), but in this case it must be finished before the Azan of the Fajr, otherwise we must redo it. During the night, before Fajr, the reward is greater. Seyyidina Ahmed Tijani (may ALLAH be pleased with him) said: "The evocation of the wird during the night is equivalent to five hundred times his evocation during the day, and this is true for all good deeds."

The time to perform the evening wird begins from 'Asr Prayer till 'Icha Prayer, it is the preferred time. The time of necessity, in case of valid excuse, extends from 'Icha Prayer to the Fajr Prayer (the dawn).

It is possible to perform in advance the evening Lazim with three conditions:

1. Like the morning Lazim, the evening Lazim can only be advanced before the Fajr Prayer (i.e. during the night which precedes the day but never before the 'Asr or Dhor Prayers).
2. It can be anticipated because of an impediment whose we think it will cover the entire period of preferable time of the evening Lazim (so from the Asr to the Isha). And then, even if the hitch ends during this period, the evening Lazim done in advance remains valid.
3. In the case of performing the evening Lazim in advance (during the night before the Fajr prayer), we must perform it before the morning Lazim. So the order is: morning Lazim in advance and then evening Lazim in advance. The suitable intention must be formulated before the wird each time.

It is reported by Sidi Taieb Sefiani in Ifadat-l-Ahmediya that Seyyidina Ahmed Tijani (may ALLAH sanctify his precious secret) said: "Whoever wants to make in advance the wird of the Asr (i.e. the evening Lazim), he can do it only if there is a hitch at this time, in this case he has to do it in advance during the night."

II. THE WADHIFA

The Wadhifa must be performed in congregation whenever it is possible, arranging the ranks properly, reciting aloud.

The Wadhifa is composed of these four mandatory pillars (in this order):

1- **30 times** the following well-known expression of Istighfar: « **Astaghfirullah Al 'Adhim aladhi la ilaha illa Houwa-l-Hayyou-l-Qayyoom** » (I ask forgiveness from ALLAH, The Great One, no God exists but Him, The Ever Living One, The Self Existing One)

2- **50 times Salatul Fatihi** (during the Wadhifa, we can NOT recite another prayer upon the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, otherwise it is invalidated as Sidi 'Arbi ibn Sa-ih said, may ALLAH be satisfied with him)

3- **100 times "La Ilaha illAllah"** (There is no God but Allah). After the hundredth "La Ilaha illAllah", we have to say: **"Muhammadun Rasulullah. 'alayhi Salamullah** »

4- **12 times Djawharatul Kamal** (a special prayer upon the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him). You can listen to its recitation **HERE**.

Mandatory conditions to recite the Djawharatul-l-Kamal:

- Ablution with water
- A clean place enough wide for six persons
- Reciting it in a sitting position, and not on a mount or on a boat
- Clean clothes

If the follower doesn't meet one of these conditions, he must not recite Djawharatul-l-Kamel. During the Wadhifa, instead of reciting 12 times Djawharatul Kamal, he recites 20 times Salatul Fatihi

Besides, there are different meritorious expressions (not mandatory) that we can say in the Wadhifa. Here is how it is recited in 'AIN MADHI:

- (intention)

- « A'udhu billahi mina chaytani rajim »

- Surah El Fatiha + « Ameen »: 1 time

- Salatul Fatihi: 1 time

- « Subhana rabbika rabbil 'izzati 'amma yasifuna wa salamun 'ala-l-mursalina wa-l-hamdu lillahi rabbi-l-'alameen » (Surah Saffat 37, verses 180-181-182).

- **30 times « Astaghfirullah Al 'Adhim aladhi la ilaha illa Houwa-l-Hayyou-l-Qayyoum »**

- « Subhana rabbika rabbil 'izzati 'amma yasifuna wa salamun 'ala-l-mursalina wa-l-hamdu lillahi rabbi-l-'alameen » (Surah Saffat 37, verses 180-181-182).

- **50 times Salatul Fatihi**

- « Subhana rabbika rabbil 'izzati 'amma yasifuna wa salamun 'ala-l-mursalina wa-l-hamdu lillahi rabbi-l-'alameen » (Surah Saffat 37, verses 180-181-182).

- **100 times "La Ilaha illAllah" and after the hundredth "La Ilaha illAllah":
"Seyyiduna Muhammadun Rasulullah. 'alayhi Salamullah »**

- « Subhana rabbika rabbil 'izzati 'amma yasifuna wa salamun 'ala-l-mursalina wa-l-hamdu lillahi rabbi-l-'alameen » (Surah Saffat 37, verses 180-181-182).

- **12 times Djawharatul Kamal**

- « Innallaha wa mala-i-katahu yusalluna 'ala nabiyi, ya ayyuha ladhina amanu sallu 'alayhi wa sallimu taslima » (Sourate 33 El Ahzab, verset 56)

- "Sallallahu 'alayhi wa 'ala alihi wa sahabihi wa sallama taslima"

- « Subhana rabbika rabbil 'izzati 'amma yasifuna wa salamun 'ala-l-mursalina wa-l-hamdu lillahi rabbi-l-'alameen » (Surah Saffat 37, verses 180-181-182).

- Du'a

TIME OF THE WADHIFA

The Wadhifa must to be performed at least once a day, twice a day is better.

If the Wadhifa is accomplished twice a day, the time to perform it is the same than the Lazim.

If the Wadhifa is performed only once a day, its time begins from the 'Asr Prayer to the 'Asr Prayer of the next day and the period of necessity, in case of valid excuse, extends to the Maghreb Prayer of this next day.

NOTE: women can attend the Wadhifa if two conditions are meeting:

- Being in separate places where men and women can't see each other
- Women must not recite aloud (as for the five daily Prayers)

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III THE HAYLALA (THE HADRA OF FRIDAY, THE 'ASRU)

The Haylala (other names: Hadra, 'Asru) is the Friday's dhikr to perform between 'Asr and Maghreb Prayers.

Like the Wadhifa, the Friday's Hadra must be performed in congregation whenever it is possible, arranging the ranks properly, reciting aloud.

It is performed only the Friday, and only between 'Asr and Maghreb Prayers, the best time is just before the Azan of the Maghreb Prayer. If not accomplished during this lapse of time, we can't make up for it.

Seyyidina Ahmed Tijani (may ALLAH be satisfied with him) said that if it is not performed during this period (i.e. between the 'Asr and Maghreb Prayers of the Friday) without a valid excuse, the follower has to know that he has missed a huge blessing that he will not be able to make up.

The Haylala is composed of one single pillar:

Recitation of 1000 or 1200 or 1600 times "La Ilaha illAllah", and just after the last "La Ilaha illAllah" we have to say "Seyyiduna Muhammadun Rasulullah. 'alayhi Salamullah"

Here is an example of a recitation of the Haylala:

- (intention)
- « A'udhu billahi mina chaytani rajim »
- Surah El Fatiha + « Ameen »: 1 time
- 3 times « Astaghfirullah Al 'Adhim aladhi la ilaha illa Houwa-l-Hayyou-l-Qayyoum »

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- 1 or 3 times Salatul Fatihi
- « Innallaha wa mala-i-katahu yusalluna ‘ala nabiyi, ya ayyuha ladhina amanu sallu ‘alayhi wa sallimu taslima » (Sourate 33 El Ahzab, verset 56)
- “Sallallahu ta’ala ‘alayhi wa ‘ala alihi wa sahbihi wa sallama taslima”
- « Subhana rabbika rabbil ‘izzati ‘amma yasifuna wa salamun ‘ala-l-mursalina wa-l-hamdu lillahi rabbi-l-‘alameen » (Surah Saffat 37, verses 180-181-182).
- **1200 times “La Ilaha illAllah”**
- **“Seyyiduna Muhammadun Rasulullah. 'alayhi Salamullah”**
- « A’udhu billahi mina chaytani rajim »
- Surah El Fatiha + « Ameen »: 1 time
- 1 or 3 times Salatul Fatihi
- « Innallaha wa mala-i-katahu yusalluna ‘ala nabiyi, ya ayyuha ladhina amanu sallu ‘alayhi wa sallimu taslima » (Sourate 33 El Ahzab, verset 56)
- “Sallallahu ta’ala ‘alayhi wa ‘ala alihi wa sahbihi wa sallama taslima”
- « Subhana rabbika rabbil ‘izzati ‘amma yasifuna wa salamun ‘ala-l-mursalina wa-l-hamdu lillahi rabbi-l-‘alameen » (Surah Saffat 37, verses 180-181-182).
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IV NOTES

Some subjects like menstruation, illness, wurd's reparations, stopping the wurd for a Prayer in congregation, late arrival for the wadhifa in congregation or the Haylala, beginning of the wadhifa in congregation while performing the Lazim, ways of making up missed wurd, the fact of repeating "ALLAH" or reciting more than 1600 times the Kalima during the Haylala...etc...etc... are not treated here. Tijaniya Fiqh is a wide domain so if you have a specific question you can email us at conception.web@tidjaniya.com



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