

Basics of Islam

- 1. Recite 'Kalimah-Tayyibah' لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ
La ilaha illa lahu Muhammadur Rasool ullah
Translation: There is no one worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad (Sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam) is the Messenger of Allah.
- 2. Recite 'Kalima-Shahadah' أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ
Ash hadu a(n) lla ilaha illal lahu wa ash hadu an-na Muhammadan ab duhoo wa rasooluh
Translation: I testify that none is worthy of worship except Allah, and I testify that Muhammad (Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) is His servant and His Messenger.
- 3. Recite 'Iman-e-Mujamal' (Faith in belief) آمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ بِأَسْمَائِهِ وَصِفَاتِهِ وَقَبِلْتُ بِجَمِيعِ أَحْكَامِهِ
Aamantu billahi kama huwa bi asmaa' ihee wa sifatihee wa qabiltu Jameea – ahkamihee
Translation: I believe in Allah as He is with all His Names and Attributes and I accept all His Commands.
- 4. Recite 'Iman-e-Muffassal' (Faith in detail) آمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْقَدْرَ بِخَيْرِهِ وَبِشَيْءٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى وَالْبَعْثَ بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ
Aamantu billahi wa malaa i-ka tihee wa kutubihee wa Rusulihee wal yaumil aakhir wal qadri khairihee wa sharrihe minal-lahi ta'ala wal ba'thi ba'dal maut.
Translation: I believe in Allah, His angels, His Books, His Prophets, the Day of Judgment, and in the fact that fate - good or bad is from Allah, and in the resurrection after death.

➤Basic duties and obligations (5 pillars of Islam)

1. **Iman** (To firmly believe in the heart and declare as described above)
2. **Salat** (To pray 5 times a day)
3. **Zakat** (Paying charity if financially capable)
4. **Saum** (Fasting in the month of Ramadan)
5. **Hajj** (Pilgrimage to Makkah once in a lifetime if one is physically able and can afford it)

A person who accepts Islam is called a **Muslim**. It means 'one who surrenders'. A Muslim is required to do all that Allah *Subhanahu wa Ta'ala* and His Messenger (Sallallahu 'Alaihi-wa Sallam) have asked to do, and to keep from doing things which Allah and His Messenger (Sallallahu 'Alaihi-wa Sallam) told not to do.

➤Encourage the new Muslim brother to:

1. Be circumcised
2. Grow beard
3. Don't cover ankles with trousers, etc.

➤Encourage the new Muslim sister to:

4. Observe Hijab (veil)
5. Congratulate him/her on becoming a Muslim
6. Give him/her an Islamic name (If his/her name is not Islamic)
7. Urge him/her to learn necessary rules and guidelines of Islam
8. Pray for firmness and persistence on Islamic Faith.