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NAMAZ RAKAT TABLE

نماز کی رکعتیں — حنفی چارٹ

FAJR 4 · ZUHAR 10 · ASR 4 · MAGHRIB 5 · ISHA 9 · JUMMA 12

The Chart — One Day at a Glance

This chart counts what a Hanafi should not casually skip: the fard (obligatory), the sunnah muakkadah (the emphasized sunnah the Prophet ﷺ kept persistently) and witr. Optional rak'ahs are tabled separately underneath, never hidden inside the totals.

Prayer	Sunnah muakkadah before	Fard	Sunnah muakkadah after	Witr	Total
Fajr	2	2	—	—	4
Zuhar	4	4	2	—	10
Asr	—	4	—	—	4
Maghrib	—	3	2	—	5
Isha	—	4	2	3	9
Day total	6	17	6	3	32

THE 17–12–3 LOCK

Seventeen fard are the lock itself. Twelve sunnah muakkadah guard it — the Prophet ﷺ listed them himself: four before Zuhar and two after it, two after Maghrib, two after Isha, two before Fajr — promising a house in Paradise to whoever prays them in a day and night (Sahih Muslim 728a; Jami' at-Tirmidhi 415, Sahih, Darussalam). Three witr close the night. 17 + 12 + 3 = 32.

نوٹ: یہ چارٹ صرف فرض، سنتِ مؤکدہ اور وتر کو گنتا ہے۔ سنتِ غیر مؤکدہ اور نفل الگ جدول میں دکھائے گئے ہیں تاکہ گنتی صاف رہے۔ (یہ نوٹ کرنٹ اسلام کا ادارتی ترجمہ ہے۔)

Optional extras (sunnah ghayr muakkadah and nafl)

Prayer	This chart	With extras	What is added
Fajr	4	4	—
Zuhar	10	12	2 nafl after the sunnah
Asr	4	8	4 sunnah ghayr muakkadah before
Maghrib	5	7	2 nafl after the sunnah
Isha	9	17	4 ghayr muakkadah before; 2 + 2 nafl around witr
Jumma	12	14	2 nafl after the sunnah
Day	32	48	16 optional rak'ahs

Prayer by Prayer

Fajr — 4

Part	Rak'ahs	Type
Before fard	2	Sunnah muakkadah
Main prayer	2	Fard

The two sunnah before Fajr are the pair the Prophet ﷺ called "better than the world and everything in it" (Sahih Muslim 725a).

Zuhar — 10

Part	Rak'ahs	Type
Before fard	4	Sunnah muakkadah
Main prayer	4	Fard
After fard	2	Sunnah muakkadah

Six of the twelve guarded rak'ahs of Tirmidhi 415 belong to Zuhar alone — four before, two after.

Asr — 4

Part	Rak'ahs	Type
Main prayer	4	Fard

Four sunnah rak'ahs before Asr are rewarded — "May Allah have mercy upon a man who prays four before Al-Asr" (Tirmidhi 430, Hasan) — but they are ghayr muakkadah, so the chart counts Asr as 4.

Maghrib — 5

Part	Rak'ahs	Type
Main prayer	3	Fard
After fard	2	Sunnah muakkadah

The only fard prayer with an odd count. Sit for tashahhud after the second rak'ah, then rise for a third of Al-Fatihah alone.

Isha — 9

Part	Rak'ahs	Type
Main prayer	4	Fard
After fard	2	Sunnah muakkadah
Night closing	3	Witr (wajib in the Hanafi school)

Witr: three rak'ahs with a sitting after the second and Dua Qunoot in the third. Afraid you will not wake later? "He should observe witr in the first part of it" (Sahih Muslim 755a).

Jumma — 12

Part	Rak'ahs	Type
Before khutbah	4	Sunnah muakkadah
With the imam	2	Fard
After fard	4	Sunnah muakkadah
After that	2	Sunnah muakkadah

"When any one of you observes the Jumu'a prayer, he should observe four (rak'ahs) afterwards" (Sahih Muslim 881a). Jumma replaces Zuhar on Friday.

The Proof for Fixed Counts

فَإِذَا قَضَيْتُمُ الصَّلَوٰةَ فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ قِيَـٰمًا وَقُعُودًا وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِكُمْ ۚ فَإِذَا اطْمَأْنَنتُمْ فَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَوٰةَ ۚ إِنَّ الصَّلَوٰةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَـٰبًا مَّوْقُوتًا

"When the prayers are over, remember Allah—whether you are standing, sitting, or lying down. But when you are secure, establish regular prayers. Indeed, performing prayers is a duty on the believers at the appointed times."

پھر جب تم نماز تمام کر چکو تو کھڑے اور بیٹھے اور لیٹے (ہر حالت میں) خدا کو یاد کرو پھر جب خوف جاتا رہے تو (اس طرح سے) نماز پڑھو (جس طرح امن کی حالت میں پڑھتے ہو) بے شک نماز کا مومنوں پر اوقات (مقررہ) میں ادا کرنا فرض ہے

Surah An-Nisa 4:103 · English: Khattab, The Clear Quran · Urdu: Jalandhari

And the obligation itself is exactly five: the Prophet ﷺ told a questioner that five prayers in a day and night were his duty, nothing further obligatory unless he volunteered it — and promised him success for holding to that (Sahih al-Bukhari 46).

Friday — Jumma

يَـٰٓأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوٓا إِذَا نُودِىَ لِلصَّلَوٰةِ مِن يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ ۚ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِن كُنتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

"O believers! When the call to prayer is made on Friday, then proceed [diligently] to the remembrance of Allah and leave off [your] business. That is best for you, if only you knew."

مومنو! جب جمعے کے دن نماز کے لئے اذان دی جائے تو خدا کی یاد (یعنی نماز) کے لئے جلدی کرو اور (خرید و) فروخت ترک کر دو۔ اگر سمجھو تو یہ تمہارے حق میں بہتر ہے

Surah Al-Jumu'ah 62:9 · English: Khattab, The Clear Quran · Urdu: Jalandhari

Jumma holds 2 fard rak'ahs with the imam after the khutbah, in place of Zuhar; the chart around it totals 12. The four sunnah before the khutbah are Hanafi emphasized practice; other schools encourage voluntary prayer on arrival without fixing four. Two optional nafl after the sunnahs take the fuller count to 14, as many Hanafi books print. Jumu'ah is obligatory for adult men who are resident and able; women, travellers and anyone who misses the congregation pray Zuhar's four fard instead.

Travelling — Qasr

وَإِذَا ضَرَبْتُمْ فِى الْأَرْضِ فَلَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ أَن تَقْصُرُوا مِنَ الصَّلَوٰةِ إِنْ خِفْتُمْ أَن يَفْتِنَكُمُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۚ إِنَّ الْكَـٰفِرِينَ كَانُوا لَكُمْ عَدُوًّا مُّبِينًا

"When you travel through the land, it is permissible for you to shorten the prayer—[especially] if you fear an attack by the disbelievers. Indeed, the disbelievers are your sworn enemies."

اور جب تم سفر کو جاؤ تو تم پر کچھ گناہ نہیں کہ نماز کو کم کر کے پڑھو بشرطیکہ تم کو خوف ہو کہ کافر لوگ تم کو ایذا دیں گے بے شک کافر تمہارے کھلے دشمن ہیں

Surah An-Nisa 4:101 · English: Khattab, The Clear Quran · Urdu: Jalandhari

On a journey beyond the sharia distance (roughly 77 km / 48 miles, in the Hanafi school) with a stay under fifteen days, the four-rak'ah fard prayers — Zuhar, Asr and Isha — shorten to two. Fajr, Maghrib and witr never change, and combining prayers is not the Hanafi practice except at Arafat and Muzdalifah. The Prophet ﷺ shortened on safe journeys too and called qasr a charity from Allah to be accepted (Sahih Muslim 686a).

Outside the daily table

Special prayer	Rak'ahs	When
Eid (Fitr and Adha)	2, with extra takbirs	Eid morning, in congregation
Janaza (funeral)	0 — four takbirs standing	When a Muslim dies
Taraweeh	20 (Hanafi practice)	Ramadan nights, after Isha
Tahajjud	2 at a time, as many as you wish	Last part of the night, before Fajr

Your First Week on the Chart

Week one: the 17 fard alone — that is a complete, valid day. Week two: add the 12 sunnah muakkadah guards. Week three: add the 3 witr. Tick each prayer as you pray it:

Day	Fajr 4	Zuhar 10	Asr 4	Maghrib 5	Isha 9
Day 1					
Day 2					
Day 3					
Day 4					
Day 5					
Day 6					
Day 7					

THE RAKAT CHART CARD

Fard 2 · 4 · 4 · 3 · 4 = 17 | Guards 12 | Witr 3 | Chart day = 32: Fajr 4 · Zuhar 10 · Asr 4 · Maghrib 5 · Isha 9 · Jumma 12 | Travelling: the three 4s become 2s

Quick Questions

What if I only pray the fard rak'ahs?

Your prayer is valid and your obligation is met (Sahih al-Bukhari 46). Add the sunnah layers gradually, without guilt — a small count prayed daily outweighs a heroic chart abandoned by Friday.

Why do some charts say Isha has 17 rak'ahs?

They count every optional layer as well: 4 ghayr muakkadah before the fard and two nafl pairs around the witr. The fard is 4 on every chart ever printed.

Is witr obligatory?

In the Hanafi school witr is wajib — necessary, just below fard. In the other schools it is an emphasized sunnah. No school treats it as a casual extra.

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