

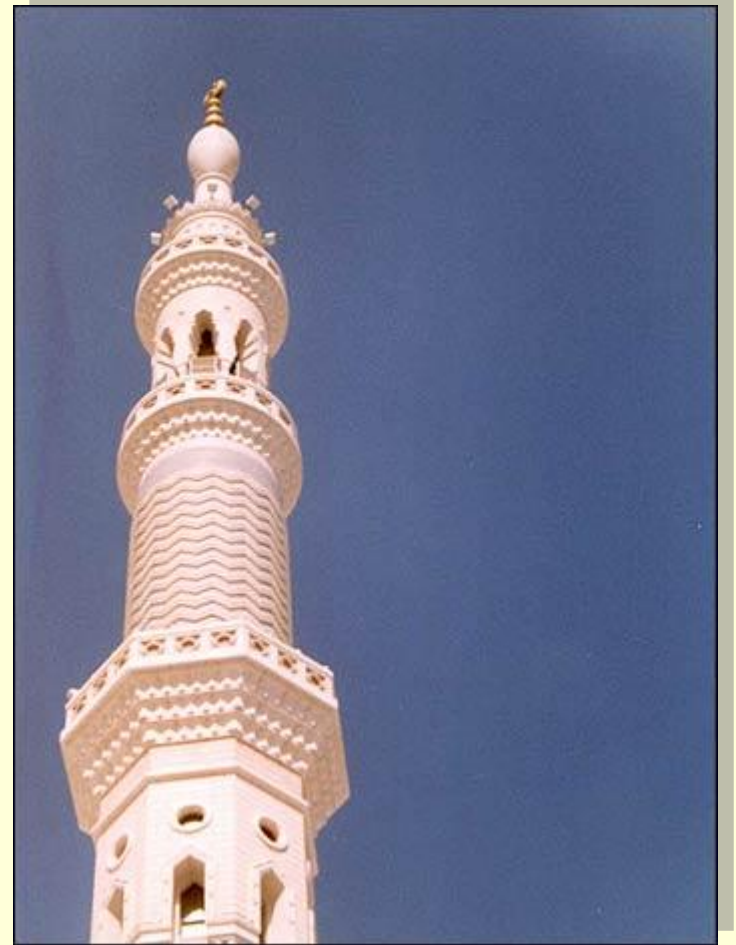
MOSQUE



Muslim place of worship

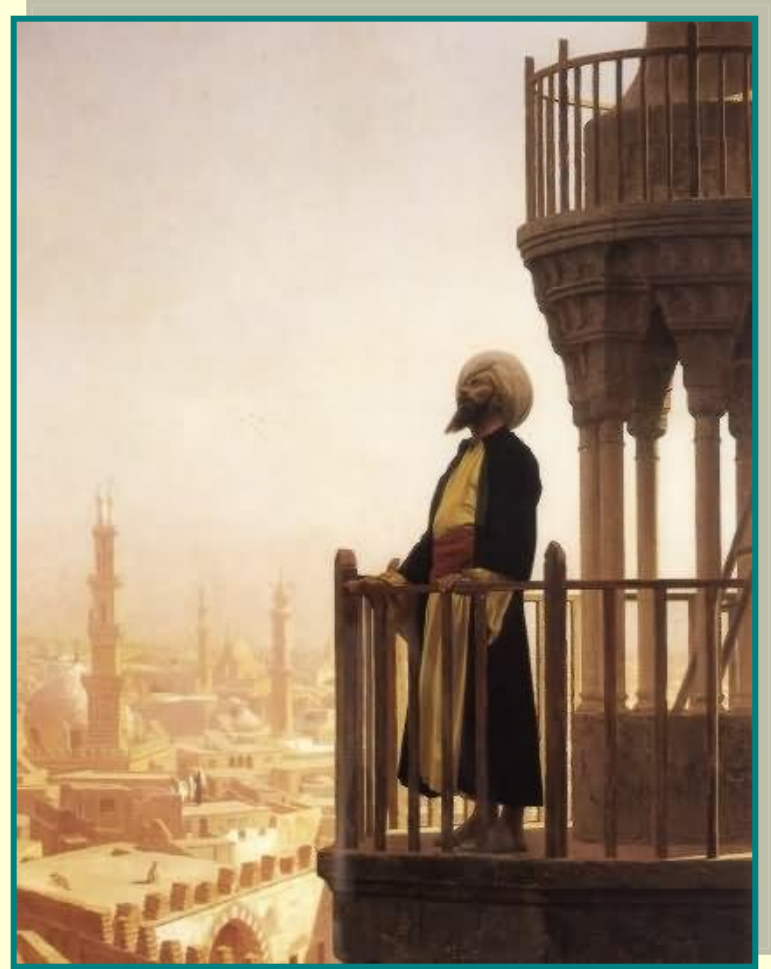
Minaret

- Arabic for “Lighthouse”
- Traditionally used as a watchtower or a visual cue for the Muslim community.
- More recently to provide a vantage point for the Muezzin to call out Adhan, calling faithful to prayer.
- In the most modern Mosques, Adhan is called out in the prayer hall by way of a speaker system.



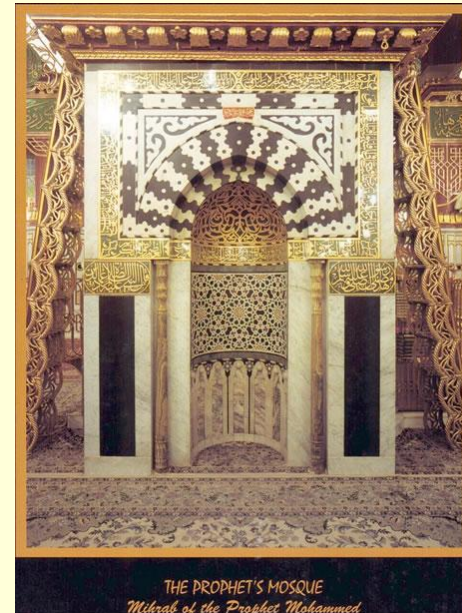
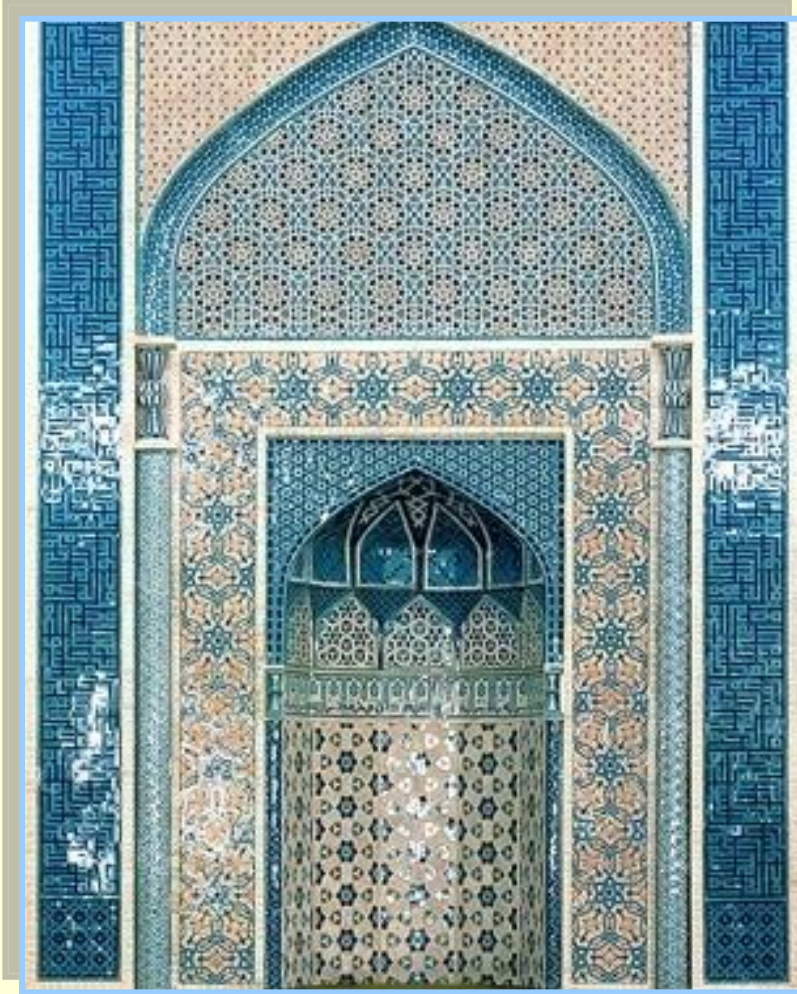
Muezzin

- A chosen person at the Mosque who leads the call (Adhan) to Friday service, and the five daily prayers (Salat)
- Faces the direction of the Ka'bah when calling to prayer.



Mihrab

- Is a niche in the wall of a Mosque that indicates the direction of Mecca.



Imam

- The word **imam** means ‘someone who stands in front’
- Leads the prayers and preaches the Friday sermon
- Explains passages from the Qur’an or stories about the prophet Muhammad
- Not a priest
- An educated person
- He knows a lot about Islam
- Each mosque has an imam



Arriving at the Mosque

- Right foot first, while pronouncing blessings upon Muhammad and his family
- Once inside the mosque, speak softly so as not to disturb the people praying

Wudu

- Is the Islamic act of washing parts of the body using water.
- Muslims are required to perform Wudu in preparation for ritual prayers and for handling and reading the Qu'ran.



Wudu

- Wash hands
- Rinse mouth and nostrils
- Wash arms up to elbows
- Wipe forehead, ears and neck
- Wash legs up to ankles



RITUAL WASHING

HOW TO MAKE WUDU PICTORIAL GUIDE



1. Wash hands



2. Rinse mouth x3



3. Rinse nose x3



4. Wash the face x3



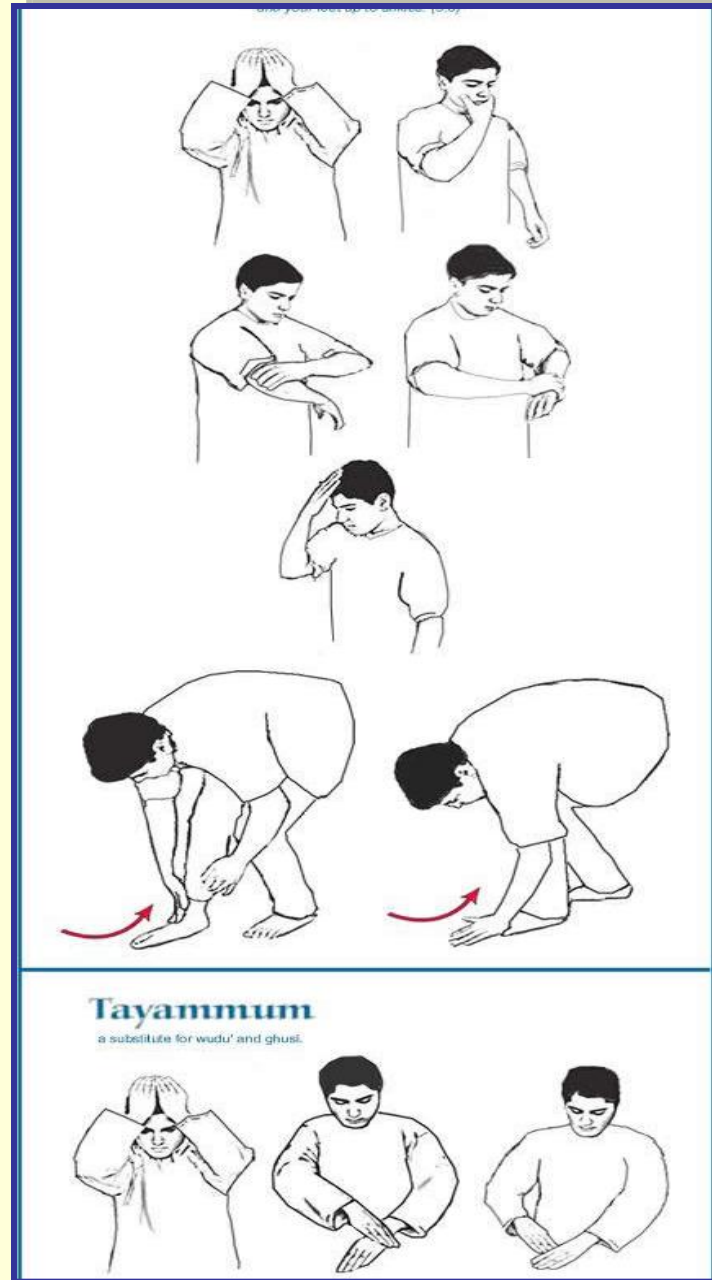
5. Wash the arms up to the elbows x3



6. Run wet hands through hair and in ears x1



7. Wash both feet up to the ankles x3



Tayammum

a substitute for wudu' and ghusl.

The Prayer Room

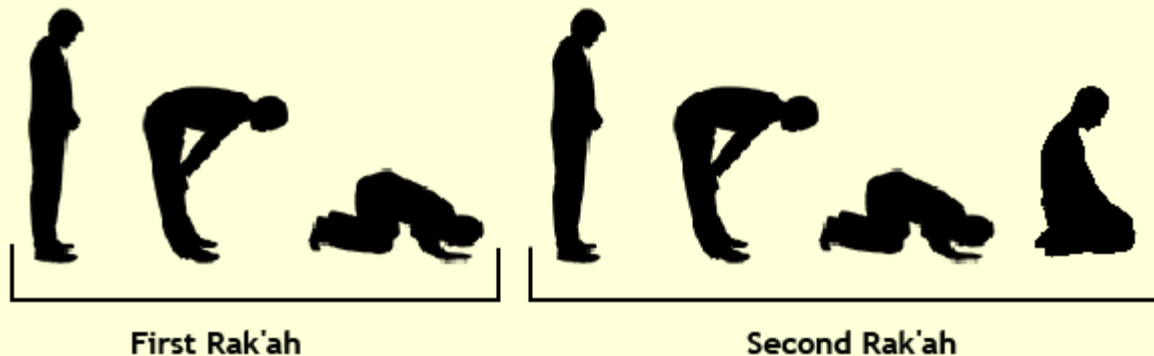
- Prayer in rows
- Males and females separate in order to concentrate
- Images are forbidden in worship, mosque is simply decorated to avoid distraction
- Some mosques are decorated with Arabic script from the Qur'an.
- Pray facing the direction of Mecca



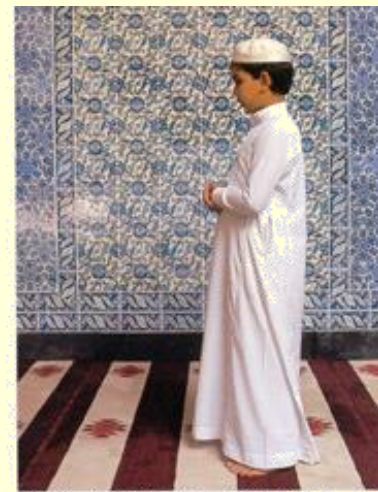
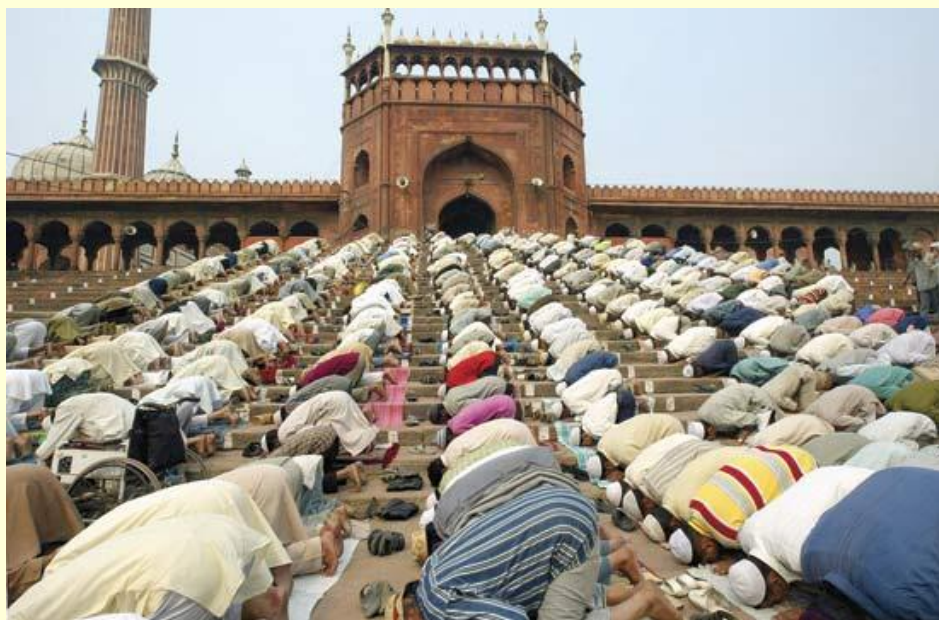
Mosque Interior

Prayer

- A rak'ah is a special sequence of movements and verses from the Qur'an, and involves standing, bowing and kneeling with your forehead touching the floor, while reciting the appropriate verse for each position.



PRAYER POSTURES



Prayer Mats

To ensure cleanliness during prayer



Symbolism

- The use of symbols as an expression of faith – “idolatry” – is not present in Islam.
- Muhammad made it clear that people should not worship pictures or sculptures of animals or humans or God.
- He said it was God’s work to create living things and it was wrong for humans to imitate this aspect of God.

Star and Crescent Moon

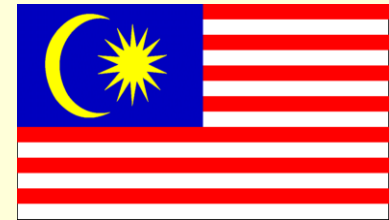
- On flags of many countries, including Turkey, Malaysia, Pakistan



Turkey



Pakistan



Malaysia

- Originated from Roman mythology and Christianity

Colour Green

- Used in the decoration of mosques, the bindings of Qur'ans, and in the flags of various Muslim countries.
- The Saudi Arabian flag has the Shahadah written in white against a solid green background.
- Green was Muhammad's favourite colour, he wore a green cloak and turban
- Colour of clothing in paradise



The National
Flag of Saudi
Arabia