

WUDU

Fard, Sunnah and makrooh acts

Allah says in the quran, ***“oh you who believe! When you prepare for prayer, wash your faces and your forearms up to your elbows; [also] wipe over your heads and wash your feet to the ankles”***

In wudu there are some actions that are very important, others that are good with more reward and then there are those that are disliked. Fard acts are very important and must be performed. Sunnah acts which give you more reward for performing. And makruh acts which are disliked.

Fard acts of wudu

There are 4 fard acts of wudu. If any of these actions are missed out or they are not performed then the wudu will not be valid. These are:

1. Washing the face from the hairline to the bottom of the chin. And from one ear lobe to the other ear lobe.
2. Washing the arms up to the elbows including the elbows.
3. Washing a quarter of the head.
4. Washing both feet up to the ankles including the ankles.

Sunnah acts of wudu

Sunnah actions bring more reward for the person who performs them. Follow these steps to fulfil the Sunnah acts of wudu:

1. Making the niyyah (intention)
2. Saying Bismillah
3. Beginning with the right
4. Washing both hands up to the wrists
5. Using a miswak (tooth stick) before rinsing the mouth
6. Washing the mouth and gargling
7. Rinsing the nose
8. Starting with the fingertips when washing the arms
9. Rubbing in between the fingers (khilaal)
10. Washing each part three times
11. Rubbing each body part as you wash them
12. Beginning with the front of the head (masah)
13. Wiping the whole head (masah)
14. Cleaning the ears
15. Wiping the back of the neck
16. Remembering to follow the order of wudu as it was revealed in the holy Quran.

17. Washing each part one after the other, so that the other limb does not dry up before washing the next one.

Makruh acts of wudu

Makruh refers to an act which is disliked or undesirable. Doing a makruh act will make you lose the full reward of wudu. So imagine performing the whole of wudu and then not getting the reward for any of it because you have done a makruh act. However, the wudu will still be valid and will not have to repeat it.

1. Wasting water in any way – this includes washing any limb more than three time unnecessarily, splashing the water because the tap is running too fast etc.
2. Using too little water so that the water does not flow over the skin.
3. Talking unnecessarily during wudu.
4. Taking help performing wudu from someone else without an excuse.

Whilst performing wudu always be very careful not to miss anything out. it is very important to perform in the way taught to us by the verse in the holy Quran and by our beloved

prophet 