

Salāt al-āyāt is 2 rak'ats; every rak'at has 5 ruku' (total 10 ruku').



After **niyyah** and Takbiratulihram, you should recite Surah al-Hamd, then any other Surah



Then go to **ruku'**. Your one ruku' is complete.



After rising from ruku', recite again Surah al-Hamd and one Surah and go to ruku'. Your second ruku' is complete. Likewise, you should do 5 ruku'.



After rising from 5th ruku', say 'Sami' Allahu liman hamidah' and go to sajdah. Complete **2 sajdahs as usual** and rise for the 2nd rak'at.



Likewise, do 5 ruku' in the 2nd rak'at.



Perform 2 sajdahs, recite tashahhud and salaam as usual. Your prayer is complete.



Note: It is mustahab to recite qunut before every second ruku'. For this purpose count all ten ruku' together, Thus you will recite qunut before the 2nd and 4th (in the first rak'at), and before the 6th, the 8th and the 10th ruku' (in the 2nd rak'at).



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Alternative method for şalāt al-āyāt

A shorter method of performing salāt al-āyāt is as follows:] after one has made the intention [of performing the prayer], he says takbīr and recites Sūrat al-Ḥamd; then, he divides the verses of the other surah into five parts and recites one verse or more, or even less, provided that — based on obligatory precaution — it is a complete sentence.

He must start from the beginning of the surah and must not suffice with reciting bismillah [on its own and count that as one verse]. Then, he goes into rukū', raises his head, and without reciting Sūrat al-Ḥamd he recites the second part of the other surah. He then goes into rukū' again, and so on until he completes the other surah before he goes into the fifth rukū'.

For example, if the other surah is Sūrat al-Falaq, he first says:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ۞ قُلْ أَعُوْذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ bismil lāhir raḥmānir raḥīm. qul aʿūdhu birabbil falaq

...and goes into ruk $\bar{u}^{\, \circ}$ [for the first time]; he then stands up and says:

مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ min sharri mā khalaq

...and goes into rukūʻ again [for the second time]; he then stands up and says:

وَمِنْ شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ wa min sharri ghāsiqin idhā waqab ...and goes into rukūʻ again [for the third time]; he then stands up and says:

ُ وَمِنْ شَرِّ النَّفَّاثَاتِ فِي الْعُقَدِ wa min sharrin naffāthāti fil 'uqad

...and goes into rukū' again [for the fourth time]; he then stands up and says:

وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ wa min sharri ḥāsidin idhā ḥasad

...and goes into rukū' for the fifth time.

He then stands up, performs two sajdahs, and proceeds to perform the second rak ah in the same way as the first. After the second sajdah [of the second rak ah], he says tashahhud and the salām of the prayer. It is permitted for one to divide the surah into less than five parts, but whenever he completes the surah, it is necessary that he recite Sūrat al-Ḥamd before performing the next rukū .



