

A BELIEVER'S HOME

The identity of a believer is his faith, Islam. Likewise, his home, too, is a mirror and a practical sample for Islamic principles and faith-related conditions. It always reflects beauty of Islam and its blessings. The blessed biography of the Prophet (ﷺ) is our ideal and model. Like Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) we, too, should make our homes mosques, where we regularly offer sunnah and nafl (optional) prayers. The Prophet (ﷺ) said, Translation : “O people! Offer your optional prayers at your homes for the best prayer of a person is what is performed at his home except the compulsory congregational prayers.” [Bukhari & Muslim]

When prayers are offered at homes, the homes become filled with worship of Allah and abiding by His commandments. The Prophet (ﷺ) said Translation : “Offer some of your prayers (nafl) at home, and do not take your houses as graves.” [Bukhari & Muslim]

At another place, the Messenger of Allah said, Translation: “When some of you offer prayers in the mosque, reserve a part of your prayer for home because through it Allah will bless your houses.” [Muslim]

A woman's prayer in her house is better than her prayer in the mosque. It is narrated from Umm Humaid, the wife of Abu Humaid as-Saa'idi (may Allah be pleased with them), that she came to the Prophet (ﷺ) and said: O Messenger of Allah, I love to pray with you. He said: Translation : “I know that you love to pray with me, but praying in your house is better for you than praying in your courtyard, and praying in your courtyard is better for you than praying in the mosque of your people, and praying in the mosque of your people is better for you than praying in my mosque.” [Ahmad, Tabrani]

If a part of the house is designated for worship, it will be very effective in making the atmosphere of the house Islamic. And instead of confining it to offering prayer, let all the members of the house do dhikr (remembrance) of Allah there. The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, Translation: “The house in which remembrance of Allah is made and the

house in which Allah is not remembered are like the living and the dead.”
[Muslim]

What a beautiful atmosphere it would be if all members of the house recited the holy Qur'an together and made it a habit to complete reciting the Qur'an once in a month! More than this, all the family members decide that once in a week or a month they will sit together to understand the Qur'an and the hadith and to discuss Shari'ah norms and the biography of the Prophet (ﷺ). As a matter of fact, the houses of the companions of the Prophet (ﷺ) were such: filled with remembrance of Allah, echoing with recitation of the Qur'an. Whenever anyone went past their houses, they could hear recitation of the Qur'an. In nights, people prostrated before Allah; prayed to Him pleadingly such that their voices could be heard outside. Today, too, we can create such an atmosphere in our houses. And it is desired, too. There are certain days in the year when these acts can be done in a more arranged manner. To take an example, in the month of Ramadan everyone from children to the aged ones take care of doing worship. Likewise, is the first ten days of the month of Zul Hijjah or during al-ayyam al-beedh (literally meaning 'the white days' these are the 13th, 14th and 15th days of every lunar month). If houses are adorned with worship of Allah during these days the whole house will be filled with goodness and blessings. It leaves a deep, positive and desired impression upon the new generation, especially, and so their intellectual and practical teaching (training) can be done easily. If only it were that our houses become a part of the mosques!

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