



## 8378 - Can You Pray in the Dark?

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### the question

What is the ruling on making prayer in the dark, where you can't even see your own hands?

### Summary of answer

Light is not an essential condition or an obligatory part of the prayer. But if the darkness is a cause of fear which disturbs you, then it is disliked for you to pray in the dark.

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If the [conditions of prayer](#) are fulfilled and the [essential parts or pillars of the prayer](#) are completed, then the prayer is valid.

Light is not an essential condition of prayer or an obligatory part of the prayer. But if the darkness is a cause of fear which disturbs a person to the point that he cannot have the necessary presence of mind and [humility in prayer](#) , then it is disliked for him to pray in the dark.

And Allah knows best.