



## Islamic Position on Friday Midday (*Juma'a*) Prayer for Muslim Inmates at the Correctional Centres

In Islam, all sound Muslim men who have reached the age of puberty, and are not in a state of travel or serious illness, must perform and attend the Friday Midday Prayer in congregation, with an Imam that delivers the sermon and leads the prayer. This obligation also includes Muslims who are imprisoned and/or incarcerated, provided there are facilities that can accommodate, and appropriate security measures put in place to guarantee the safety of all those involved.

If there are valid reasons and concerns over the safety, security or wellbeing of any inmate, or member of staff, due to a particular inmate, it is sufficient for this particular inmate to offer the midday (*Thuhur*) prayer individually, and on his own.

The Corrective Services Department, and other such correctional centres across Australia are required to accommodate for Muslim male inmates, and facilitate the congregation of at least 3 people to hold the Friday Midday Prayer (this prayer consists of a short sermon and two units [*Raka'at*]).

Muslim men who fail in attending the Friday Midday Prayer will be classified in the Islamic faith as someone who has committed a major sin.

Therefore, this ritual is highly regarded by Muslims and treated with extreme seriousness and consciousness.

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) office any time.

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