

# Things That Nullify Salat



Things that nullify salat [1] are called mufsids. Some mufsids of salat:

1. To talk. Even one word nullifies salat.
2. Without a good excuse, coughing through the throat nullifies salat.
3. To say prayers in salat that do not exist in ayats [2] or hadiths [3] nullifies salat.
4. To moan or to say "**Ouch!**" etc. nullifies salat.
5. To say, "**Ugh!**" in order to express annoyance nullifies salat.
6. Crying for reasons such as a pain or sorrow nullifies salat.
7. It nullifies salat to say "**Yarhamukallah**" to a person who sneezes and says, "**Al-hamdulillah.**"
8. To say, "**Inna lillah wa. . .**," upon hearing bad news nullifies salat.
9. To say "**Jalla Jalaluh**" and "**Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam**," upon hearing the names of Allahu ta'ala and the Prophet 'sallallahu alaihi wa sallam' nullifies salat.
10. To say "**Amin**" for a prayer said by anyone but the imam [4] nullifies salat.
11. To change your place or to make room for a newcomer with someone else's warning nullifies salat. But your moving of your own will a little some time later does not nullify it.
12. Even if a little, or by forgetting, eating or drinking by placing something in the mouth nullifies salat.
13. To say the prayers by reading and learning them from the Qur'an al-karim or from some other paper nullifies salat.
14. Extra movements that are not parts of salat nullify salat.
15. To stand and to make the sajda (prostration) at a najs [5] place nullifies salat.
16. If your awrat parts remain open long enough for you to say "**Subhan-Allah**" three times in one rukn [6], if the amount of najasat [7] prescribed to nullify salat exist on your skin and clothes, if you make salat ahead of the imam, and if you are in the same line with a woman [who has been following the same imam], your salat becomes nullified.
17. To perform salat on something which you have spread over a najs place but which lets colour, odor and moisture through nullifies salat.
18. Turning your chest away from the qibla [8] without a good excuse breaks salat immediately.
19. When a woman is kissed or held lustfully, her salat becomes nullified.
20. If a person omits one rukn and does not perform it during the salat, his salat becomes nullified.
21. If a person does not perform again the rukn that he performed while sleeping, his salat becomes nullified.
22. If during the takbirs [9] in salat a person prolongs the first hamza (A) when saying "**Allahu**," his salat becomes nullified.
23. If saying the ayats melodiously changes the meaning, it nullifies salat, too.
24. An incorrect recitation nullifies salat.

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[1] **salat:** i) prayer; (with salam)= salawat; ii) ritual prayer of at least two rak'as; "**namaz**", in Persian; salat janaza: funeral prayer.

[2] **ayat:** A verse of al-Qur'an al-karim; al-ayat al-karima.

[3] **hadith (sharif):** i) a saying of the Prophet ('alaihi 's-salam).; al-Hadith ash-sharif: all the hadiths as a whole; ii)ilm al-hadith; iii) Books of the hadith ash-sharif. iv) Al-hadith al-qudsi, as-sahih, al-hasan: kinds of hadiths (for which, see Endless Bliss, II).

[4] **imam:** i) profound 'alim; founder of a madhhab; ii) leader in congregational salat; iii) caliph.

[5] **najs:** religiously impure thing.

[6] **ruk'n** The fards in namaz are called rukn. Recitation of an ayat, the ruku', the two sajdas and sitting in the last

rak'at are each a rukn.

[7] **najasat**: i) any kind of dirt, filth, that prevents one from performing namaz. ii) religiously impure thing.

[8] **qibla**: direction towards the Ka'ba. The direction turned towards during worshipping (in Islam, toward the Ka'ba).

[9] **takbir**: the word **Allahu akbar**, means: Allahu ta'ala is the greatest.