Chapter 7 Ritual practice

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Testifying to Muslim faith


**Islamic prayer**


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**Friday noon prayer**


**Function of prayer**

The mosque


Muslim charity


The Muslim fast

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Fasting at times other than Ramaḍān


The Muslim pilgrimage


**Other ritual activities**


**The interpretation of Muslim ritual**