

The Five Pillars of Islam

Arkan al-Islam

1

الشهادة

Shahada

**Declaration
of faith**

Saying with sincere belief that there is no god but God, and that Muhammad is the messenger of God.

2

الصلاة

Salat

Prayer

Praying five times a day, facing the Kaaba in Mecca.

3

الزكاة

Zakat

**Giving to
those in need**

Giving a set share of wealth each year to people in need. The usual share is 2.5 percent of savings above a minimum amount.

4

الصوم

Sawm

Fasting

Fasting from dawn to sunset every day during the month of Ramadan.

5

الحج

Hajj

Pilgrimage

Making the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in a lifetime, for those who are able.

The Five Pillars are the same for Sunni and Shia Muslims in their basic form; details of practice differ between communities.

