RITES OF THE HOLY MOSQUE AND HOLY MAKKAH

Because the holy city of Makkah is blessed and honored by Almighty Allah, and because it has many sacred places, it is recommended to enter this city after being ceremonially pure and spiritually and materially clean. Hence, it is recommended to bathe oneself and perform the ritual ablution (wudū') before entering this holy city.

The Holy Mosque (al-Masjid al-Ḥarām)

It is recommended to enter the Holy Mosque from the door called Bāb Banī-Shaybah. At the first sight at the Holy Ka 'bah, it is recommended to say the following:

All praise be to Allah Who has granted You a great status and honor and reverence, and has made you a pilgrimage for men and a place of security, blessed and guidance for all people.

Each of the corners and sides of the Holy Ka 'bah has some recommended acts to be done therein. These acts are as follows:
The Corner of the Black Stone

It is recommended to say the following supplication near the Black Stone:

O Allah; I have fulfilled my trust, and I have performed my covenant so that You may witness for me that I have fulfilled.

O Allah; (I have done so on account of) believing in Your Book and following the tradition of Your Prophet, Your blessings be upon him and his Household.

I bear witness that there is no god save Allah, One and Only and having no partner, and that Muhammad is His servant and

allāhumma amānātī addaytuhā

wa mīthāqī ta 'āhadthūhū

litashhada lī bilmwāfātī

allāhumma taṣḍīqan bikitābika

wa 'alā sunnati nabiyyīka

šalawātuka 'alayhi wa ālihī

ashhadu an lā ilāha illā allāhu

waḥdahū lā sharīka lahū wa anna muḥammadan 'abduhū wa

وَعَلَى سَنَةِ نَبِيّكَ صَلَواتٌ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهُ

أشهد أن لا إله إلا الله

وَحَدَةٌ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ

وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَاهُ وَرَسُولَهُ

اللَّهُ أَمَانِيَ أَدْيِتِهَا وَمِيثاقِي تَعاَهِدَتْهُ لَتَشْهَدُنَّ لِي بِالْمُوَافَاتِ
Messenger.

I believe in Allah and I reject all idols and false deities and al-Lāt and al-ʿUzza and worshipping Satan, and worshipping any rival that is besought in place of Almighty Allah. O Allah; towards You have I stretched my hand, and for what You have I had an ascending desire; So, (please) accept my words of glorification of You and forgive me and have mercy upon me. O Allah; I do seek Your protection against disbelief and poverty
and against situations of disgrace in this world and in the Hereafter.

It is then recommended to direct towards the Black Stone, touch it, and say the following:

All praise be to Allah Who has guided us to this.

We would not have been guided if Allah had not guided us.

All glory be to Allah.

All praise be to Allah.

There is no god save Allah.

Allah is the Greatest.

Allah is Greater than His creatures and Greater than whatever I fear and watch out.

There is no god save Allah, One and Only and having no partner.

wa mawâqifi alkhizyi fi aldunyâ wal-âkhirati

وا مواقف الخزي في الدنيا والاخرة

alhamdu lillahi

الحمد لله

alladhi hadanä lihadhâ

الذي حداه لي

wa mä kunnâ linahtadiya lawlân an hadânâ allâhu

وما كان نحنداه لا لودا أحنداه الله

subhâna allâhi

سبحان الله

walhamdu llahi

والحمد لله

wa lâ ilâha illâ allâhu

ولا إله إلا الله

wallâhu akbaru

واللهم أكبر

allâhu akbaru min khalqihî

الله أكبر من خلقه

wa akbaru mimman akhshâ wa ahdharu

وأكبر من من أخشى وخوف

wa lâ ilâha illâ allâhu

ولا إله إلا الله

wahdahû lâ sharîka lahû

وحده لا شريك له
(in Godhead).
His is the kingdom and His is all praise.
He grants life and causes to die
and causes to die and grant life.
All goodness is in His Hand,
and He has power over all things.
O Allah; (please) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,
and send benedictions upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,
and send mercy upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,
the best blessings, benedictions, and mercy,
that You have ever
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sent upon ʿāli ibrahīma
Abraham and the Household of Abraham.

Verily, You are full of praise, full of glory.

Peace be upon all of the Prophets and the Messengers.

All praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

O Allah; I do believe in Your promise and I have faith in Your Messengers and I follow Your Book.

When approaching the Black Stone, it is recommended to raise the hands, praise Almighty Allah, thank Him, and ask Him to send blessings to the Holy Prophet and his Household and to accept one's repentance. It is then recommended to embrace the Black Stone and kiss it. If this is impossible, it is recommended to touch it with the hand. If this is impossible either, it is then recommended to point to it.\(^{(21)}\)

\(^{(21)}\) These instructions are reported from Imam al-Ṣādiq (‘a). See Shaykh al-Kulaynī, al-Ḳāfī 4:403. Moreover, the Holy Prophet is...
It is also recommended to put one's cheek on the Black Stone and pray Almighty Allah to settle one's needs.

The Corner Facing Iraq (al-Rukn al- 'Irāqī)
Opposite to Iraq, this is another blessed corner of the Holy Ka 'bah.

The Corner Facing the Shām (al-Rukn al-Shāmī)
Opposite to the Shām (currently Syrian, Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestine), this is another blessed corner of the Holy Ka 'bah.

The Corner Facing the Yemen (al-Rukn al-Yamānī)
Situated before the corner of the Black Stone, many traditions have conveyed the merits of this blessed corner of the Holy Ka 'bah.\(^{(22)}\)

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reported to have said, “Embrace the corner in which there is the Black Stone, because it is (like) the right hand of Almighty Allah with which He shakes hands with His creatures. This corner will testify fulfillment to those who touch it.” See Shaykh al-Ṣadūq, *Man-lā-Yahdūrul-Faqīh* 2:135.

\(^{(22)}\) The Holy Prophet is reported to have said, “Every time I went to the al-Rukn al-Yamānī, I would find Archangel Gabriel preceding me to that place and embracing it.” (*al-Kāfī* 4:408)

Imam al-Ṣādiq is reported to have said, “The al-Rukn al-Yamānī is our door from which we shall enter Paradise.” (*al-Kāfī* 4:409)

He, peace be upon him, is also reported to have said, “From the time when Almighty Allah created the heavens and the layers of the earth, there was an angel in charge of the al-Rukn al-Yamānī whose mission is nothing other than intermediating with Almighty Allah for responding your prayers. Hence, you must pay much attention to what you say in your prayers therein.” (*al-Kāfī* 4:408)
It is recommended to say the following supplication in this place:

O Allah; O Granter of good health,
Creator of good health,
Provider with good health,
Bestower of good health,
Benefactor with good health,
and Favorer with good health
upon me as well as all Your creatures:

(please do) send blessings upon Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad
and provide us with good health,

(23) This supplication is reported from Imam al-Riḍā, peace be upon him.
with constant good health, wa dawāma
with complete good health, wa tamāma
and with (the grace of) thanking You for the good health (that we enjoy) wa shukra
in this world and the Next World. fi alddunyā wāl-ākhirati
In the name of Your mercy, O most Merciful of all those who show mercy.
birahmatika yā arḥama alrrāḥimīna

Al-Ḥaṭīm
The area between the gate of the Holy Ka 'bah and the Black Stone, al-Ḥaṭīm is one of the blessed places at which it is required to repent, seek Almighty Allah's forgiveness, and pray. It has been given this name, which literally means destroyer, because at this place, great sins are destroyed. Some traditions have declared that Almighty Allah accepted the repentance of Prophet Adam at this place.

Al-Shāḏharwān
Shāḏharwān is the remaining amount of the foundation of the Holy Ka 'bah's basic wall. In circumambulation, it is required to be out of this place.

Drain of Mercy (Mīzāb al-Raḥmah)
This drain is situated above Hijr Ismā 'īl. It is recommended to face this drain and say the following
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O Allah; set me free from Hellfire.

And (please) give me expansively from Your sustenance, the legitimate, and ward off the evils of the sinful Jinn and humankind.

and allow me to be in Paradise;

(and let all that be) in the name of Your mercy.

Al-Mustajār

Also called al-Multazam and al-Muta ‘awwadh, this place is situated before the al-Rukn al-Yamānī and directly behind the gate of the Holy Ka ’bah. It is the place wherefrom Lady Fāṭimah bint Asad entered the Holy Ka ’bah and gave birth of Imam ‘Alī.

Many traditions have conveyed the merits of this place. Imam ‘Alī, peace be upon him, is reported to have said, “At al-Multazam, you should confess to Almighty Allah of your sins that you can recollect. As for sin that you may

(24) Imam al-Kāzīm (a) is reported to have said, “Every time my father faced this drain, he used to say... (the supplication)" (al-Kāfī 4:407)
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have forgotten, you should express them by saying, 'forgive all our sins, including these, which Your keeper-angels recorded, but we have now forgotten.' Verily, whoever confesses of his sins at that place and mentions them and prays Almighty Allah to forgive them, then it will be incumbent upon Almighty Allah to forgive them.”

Another tradition has recounted that when Prophet Adam circumambulated the Holy House and reached at al-Multazam, Archangel Gabriel taught him to confess of his sins at that place. Therefore, Prophet Adam asked Almighty Allah whether his descendants would enjoy this merit (of having their sins forgiven if they confess of them at this place). Almighty Allah answered, “I will forgive the sins of any of your descendants who comes to this place, repents to Me in the same way as you did, and prays Me to forgive him.”

After accomplishment of Circumambulation, a pilgrim is recommended to stretch his two hands on the Holy House, stick his body and cheek, and say the following supplication:

O Allah: verily the House is Yours and I, the servant, am Yours, and this is the situation of him who seeks Your protection against Hellfire.

O Allah: You are the only source of tranquility, relief, and good health.
O Allah: verily my (righteous) deed is little; so, (please do) multiply it and forgive me my sins that You alone have known from me while Your creatures have not. I seek Allah's protection against Hellfire.

The Curtain of the Holy Ka 'bah
It is recommended to hang to the curtains of the Holy Ka 'bah, because this deed contribute to forgiveness of sins. It is also recommended to say the aforementioned supplication at that situation.

Prophet Abraham's Standing-place (Maqām Ibrāhīm)
It is recommended to say the following supplication at this holy place, which has been mentioned in the Holy Qur'ān:

O Allah; (please) have mercy upon me through making me obey You and obey Your Messenger, May Allah send blessings upon him and his
O Allah; (please) save me from violating Your extremes and make me of those who love You, and love Your Messenger and Your angels and Your virtuous servants.

It is also recommended to prostrate oneself at that place and say the following supplication:

Prostrating to You is my face, worshipping You and showing servitude to You. There is no god save Allah; truly, truly. (He is) the First before all things, and the Last after all things. Here I am, (prostrating) before You, and my forelock is

**Arabic:**

اللهُمَّ جَنِّبي أنَّ أَتَعْدَى حُدُودَكَ
واَجْعَلْنِي مَمَّا يَحْبُكَ
وَيَحْبُ رَسُولَكَ
وَمَلَائِكَتَكَ وَعَبْدَادَكَ الصَّالِحِينَ
سَجَدُ لَكَ وَجِبَيْ
تَعْبِداً وَرَقَاً
لَا إِلَهَ إِلاَّ أَنتَ حَقًّا حَقَّاً
الأَوْلُ قَبَلَ كُلّ شَيْءٍ
والآخُرُ بَعْدَ كُلّ شَيْءٍ
وُهَا أَنَا ذَا بَيْنِ يَدِيكَ
نَاصِبِي بِيَدِيكَ
in Your Hand;
so, (please) forgive me,
for none can forgive great sins save You.
I am now confessing of my sins,
and none can repel great sins save You.

**Hijr Ismā’īl**

In Circumambulation, this Hijr Ismā’īl is added to the Holy Ka’bah. It is recommended to enter into the state of Ḥijrām for Ḥajj al-Tamattu’ in this Hijr Ismā’īl next to the Drain of Mercy (Mīzāb al-rahmān), which is a place of offering prayers, supplicating, and begging Almighty Allah’s mercy.

In this blessed place, it is recommended to visit Prophet Ismā’il (Ishmael), his mother (Hagar), and the other Prophets that were buried herein:

Peace be upon our master, Ishmael, the slain for Allah, and son of Abraham, the Friend of Allah.