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1. **Arrival of prayer time:** Being certain that the time of prayer has begun. Prayer before its due time is invalid.
2. **Purity:** Cleanliness of body, clothes, and place intended for prayer.
3. **Ablution (for minor ritual impurity):** Washing specific body parts with pure water in a certain manner with the **intention** of purification for prayer.
4. **Clothing requirement:** Men wearing clothing that, at the minimum, covers their body from the naval to the knees. Women wearing clothing that covers their entire body, except the face and hands.
5. **Facing towards the *Qiblah*:** Turning the whole body, before starting to pray, towards the *Qiblah*, which is the direction of the Sacred **Ka`bah** in Mecca.
6. **Intention:** Making the intention to offer prayer for the sake of drawing close to Almighty Allah. The place of intention is the heart; there is no need to verbally state it.