# Importance of Salah in the words of Prophet Mohammed’s

1. Prophet Mohammed’s ﷺ *said ‘Salah (five daily prayers) as you saw me perform Salah.’ On a different occasion talking about Salah (five daily prayers* Prophet Mohammed’s ﷺ *said ‘If a person had a stream outside his door and he bathed in it five times a day, do you think he would have any dirt left on him?’ The people said, ‘No dust would remain on him whatsoever’.* Prophet Mohammed’s ﷺ *said ‘That is like the Salah (five daily prayers): Allah wipes away the mistakes made by the person who performs Salah.’ (Bukhari and Muslim).*
2. *Once a person came to* Prophet Mohammed’s ﷺ *and said that I am trying really hard to fulfil the second pillar of Islam and say the five daily prayers prescribed by Allah in the mosque. Imam Ma’adh recites long chapters of the Qur’an in his prayers, and this makes me very tired. I am getting to a point where I am beginning to prefer not to say my prayers in the mosque. When* Prophet Mohammed’s ﷺ *heard this, he became very concerned. He addressed the people at the next opportunity and said that whoever leads the prayer should recite short passages from the Qur’an because old, weak or busy people might be praying behind you, show them special concern and compassion. (Bukhari and Muslim).*