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The Sukon Jumuʻah Guide

Friday, the best day of the week — its virtues, Sunnahs and the Friday prayer

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1. Why Friday is special

> *"The best day on which the sun has risen is Friday. On it Adam was created, on it he was admitted to Paradise, and on it he was expelled from it."* — Sahih Muslim 854

> *"O you who believe, when the call is made for prayer on Friday, hasten to the remembrance of Allah and leave off trade."* — Quran, Surah Al-Jumuʻah 62:9

Friday is a weekly gathering for the whole community — a day of worship, cleanliness, charity and family. It is called a weekly Eid for the believers (Sunan Ibn Majah 1098).

2. The Sunnahs of Friday

- Take a bath (ghusl) before the prayer — "When one of you comes to Jumuʻah, let him take a bath" (Sahih al-Bukhari 877).
- Wear clean, good clothes; men may use perfume.
- Go early to the masjid and sit near the front.
- Recite Surah Al-Kahf (Surah 18) during the day.
- Send abundant salawat on the Prophet ﷺ: "Allahumma salli ʻala Muhammad".
- Make much dua, especially in the last hour before Maghrib.
- Give some charity, visit family and the sick.

> *"On Friday there is an hour in which no Muslim asks Allah for something good except that He gives it to him."* — Sahih al-Bukhari 935

3. The Friday prayer

Jumuʻah prayer replaces Dhuhr on Friday. It is obligatory for adult, healthy, resident Muslim men; women, travellers and the sick may attend, and if they do not, they pray Dhuhr at home.

1. The adhan is given and the imam delivers the khutbah (sermon) in two parts, sitting briefly between them.
2. Listen in silence — do not talk, use the phone or play with things during the khutbah.
3. The imam leads two rakʻahs aloud.
4. Many people pray Sunnah prayers before and after; follow the practice of your masjid and school.

If you arrive during the khutbah, pray two short rakʻahs (tahiyyat al-masjid) and then sit and listen, as many scholars teach.

4. A Friday checklist

Time	Do this
Thursday night	Cut nails, prepare clean clothes, plan your Friday dua list
Morning	Ghusl, Surah Al-Kahf, salawat
Before Dhuhr	Go early, sit close, read Quran or make dhikr
Khutbah	Listen silently, phone away
Afternoon	Family time, charity, visit someone
Last hour before Maghrib	Dua, dua, dua

Let each Friday be a weekly reset: leave last week's mistakes behind with istighfar and begin the new week with a plan for good.

A note on this book

This guide is general guidance written to be accepted by the major schools, with differences noted where they matter. For a question about your own situation, ask a verified scholar on Sukon — always free.

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