

Imam and Prayers



He used to perform wudu facing Qibla

Whenever Imam used to perform *wudu*, he would carry out all the actions of *wudu* facing the *Qibla*. Even if the bathroom was not facing the *Qibla*, every time after taking a palmful of water, he would close the tap and put the water on his face or hand while facing the *Qibla*.¹

Dr. Burujurdi

You are going towards the mercy of Allah

Imam greatly stressed the secrets of prayers. I particularly remember that he paid great attention to Martyr Thani's book '*Aadab-e-Prayers*' (Manners of Prayers) and used to say: "It is better if we say (call it) secrets of prayers."

Imam paid attention to the (inner) meaning of praying from the beginning of performing *wudu*, i.e. from the time when a person goes towards water to perform *wudu*, until the end of prayers.

He used to say this tradition many times, which I think is from Misbah Al-Sharee'e, that one of Imams has said: "When you go towards water to perform *wudu*, you are really going towards the mercy of Allah." Imam used to emphasise this statement a lot.²

Ayatullah Eezadi Najaf Abaadi

Prayers first

Imam gave a lot of importance to prayers and emphasised it very much; he always used to say: "Don't be negligent in your prayers." He used to say to us: "When you say, first I will do this and then I will pray, this is wrong, don't say this. Give your prayers importance. Prayers come first." In short, he used to emphasise (the importance of) prayers very much.³

Farida Mustafavi (Imam's daughter)

He prayed Salaat-ul-Layl despite breathing tubes

During the days when Imam was in hospital, he was under treatment and surgeries and breathing tubes were placed in his windpipe. When these pipes are in the breathing passage, a person cannot speak.

However, despite the fact that tubes had been inserted into his windpipe, Imam prayed that day's *Dhuhr* and *Asr* in this very state, and did not even leave his *Salaat-ul-Layl*.⁴

Dr. Eeraj Fadhil

1. Bardashthayi az Seereye Imam Khomeini, Vol 3, Pg. 90

2. Paa be Paaye Aaftaab, Vol 2, Pg. 290

3. Paa be Paaye Aaftaab, Vol 1, Pg. 118

4. Ruznameye Ithila'at, 28/3/68

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