



THE RULING OF THE WOMAN'S CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER WITH OTHER WOMEN¹

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Q: Is it permissible for the woman to pray in the congregational prayer with the women? Benefit us and may Allāh reward you with good.

A: Yes, there is nothing wrong with the women congregating together to pray in a congregation as it has been relayed by Umm Waraqah that she sought the permission of the Prophet ﷺ to lead the people of her home. Even if she prays alone there is no objection. That is because the congregational prayer is not obligatory on the women. Rather the congregational prayer is obligatory upon the men. So if a man prays alone without a valid excuse then he is sinning. As for the woman if she prays alone without an excuse then there is nothing wrong with that. If she prays in the congregational prayer with her sisters then there is no harm and she will get the reward of praying the congregational prayer Allāh willing and Allāh knows best.

¹ Arabic source: <http://fatawa.al-islam.com/fatawa/Display.asp?FatwaID=1150&ParentID=2&Page=1>