

Making Up the Missed Salah for a Person who was Unconscious and the Sick who Abandoned Salah

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Q: My father who is 92 years old was exposed to a car accident thereupon he went to hospital and was unconscious for seventeen days without performing Salah. When he came to his senses, he asked about making up for the missed prayers. Please, tell us the answer!

A: If he was conscious during the period when he abandoned Salah, he should make up for the missed prayers according to his ability; standing, sitting, or lying on his side or back. He should observe them in the same order from the first day missed starting with the first salah missed then the next, etc. When he finishes the first day, he should start the second day keeping to the order of prayer and so on until he makes up for all the prayers missed. But if he was not conscious during that period, he is exempted from making up for the missed prayers.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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