

# THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFF IN SALAAH

The Qur'aan and Ahaadith are replete with advices of maintaining unity amongst Muslims. One way of enhancing unity and avoiding disunity is straightening our Saffs in Salaah. Consider the following Ahaadith:

Nu'maan ibn Bashir رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ would straighten our Saffs with such care until he saw that we understood (the importance of straightening the Saffs). Once He came out and just before making Takbeer He noticed a person's chest sticking out of the Saff. He said, '**O Servants of Allah! Straighten your Saffs or Allah will cause division amongst your hearts.**' (Muslim)

Together with straightening the Saffs, there should be no gap between the Saffs. Ibn Umar رضي الله عنه reports that Rasulullah ﷺ said, 'Establish your Saffs, ensure that your shoulders are in line and close the gaps. Be considerate to your brothers (i.e. if someone moves you in order to straighten the Saff, then comply with him) and do not leave gaps for Shaytaan. **Whoever joins a Saff, Allah joins ties with him and whoever breaks a Saff, Allah breaks off ties with him.**' (Abu Dawud)

It is desirable for the Imaam to advise the people before Salaah to straighten their Saffs. Let us also assist by straightening the Saffs and filling in the gaps. May Allah make us from those who bring about unity in the Ummah.



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