

# SALAAATUL ISTISQAA

At times when there is a severe shortage of water and people do not have enough water to sustain their basic needs of life, there is a special Salaah to be performed which is called Salaatul Istisqaa.

The method of performing this Salaah is for the Imaam to lead the people to the outskirts of the town for this Salaah. In places where this is not possible, the Masjid will suffice. They should be dressed in a most humble manner and preferably in the state of fasting, walk towards the place of Salaah, showing their need for Allah's help.

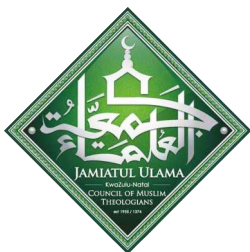
The Imaam will lead the congregation in two Rakaats of Salaatul Istisqaa with audible Qiraat . The Imaam will then deliver two Khutbahs facing the congregation standing on the floor and not on the mimbar. After the Khutbahs, the Imaam will turn around and face the Qiblah. He will invert his upper garment and commence Dua standing while the congregation makes Dua sitting.

It is Mustahab that this Salaah be performed consecutively for 3 days and Sadaqah be given before leaving for the Salaah.

**Imaams in afflicted areas should facilitate the performance of Salaatul Istisqaa.**

May Allah Ta'ala remove our hardships and bless us with abundant and beneficial rain.

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