82658 - How to Pray When Travelling

the question

I am going abroad for one month. Let me know the easiest way of doing the prayers during this period.

Summary of answer

Whoever travels for eighty kilometers or more may wipe over his socks for three days and two nights, join and shorten prayers, and not fast during Ramadan.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

When to shorten prayer while traveling

If you have resolved to stay in the place to which you are travelling for more than four days, then you come under the same ruling as a resident from the moment you arrive there, so you have to do what the residents do, i.e., offer the prayers in full, and it is not permissible for you to shorten them .

You may shorten the prayers during the journey , but when you reach the place you should offer the prayers in full, because you come under the same ruling as a resident.

It says in Fatawa al-Lajnah al-Daimah (8/99):

“The kind of travel for which the concession of travel is prescribed is that which is regarded as travel according to custom, and the distance is approximately eighty kilometers. Whoever travels this distance or more may avail himself of the concessions for travellers, such as wiping over his socks for three days and two nights, joining and shortening prayers, and not fasting during

Ramadan. If this traveller intends to stay in a place for more than four days, then he should not avail himself of the concessions for travellers. If he intends to stay there for four days or less, then he may avail himself of the concessions for travellers. If a traveller stays in a place but does not know when he will finish his business and cannot state a certain length of time for his stay, then he may avail himself of the concessions for travelling even if he stays for a long time. It makes no difference whether he travels by land or by sea."

Can you join prayers while travelling?

With regard to joining prayers , it is permissible for a traveller to join Zhuhr and 'Asr, and Maghrib and 'Isha, at the time of the earlier or later prayer, depending on what is easiest for him. But it is better for him not to do that unless it is difficult for him to offer every prayer on time.

Based on that, you can join two prayers together during the journey, but when you reach the place where you intend to stay for a month, then you should offer every prayer on time.

You should remember that prayer in congregation is obligatory for travellers as well as others. So try to pray in congregation in the mosque .

And Allah knows best.