

Glossary

Allah	The proper name of God, the only one Who created the whole universe.	Hajj	Pilgrimage to Makkah and its vicinities at least once in life. It is the fifth pillar of Islam. It is to be performed in the first ten days of the last lunar month of Zul Hijjah.
Da'wah	Inviting people to Allah.	Halal	Lawful.
Du'a'	Supplication; Muslims should make Du'a' directly to Allah without any intercession. Du'a' is the climax of worship asking Allah's forgiveness, guidance, mercy and blessings.	Haram	Unlawful.
Eid	Festivity	Ihram	Sacred; to start prayer one has to say Allahu Akbar as a Takbeer of Ihram. Also, to perform Umra or Hajj, one has to put a special dress called Ihram.
Eidul-Fitr	Feast of fast-breaking; festivity after fasting the month of Ramadan. It is for three consecutive days.	Isha	Night, second twilight
Eidul-Adha	Feast of sacrifice; the feast of pilgrimage. It is for four consecutive days.	Isstissqaa'	Special prayer of drought requesting Allah to bring rain.
Fajr	Dawn, first twilight	Istikhara	Special prayer before going to sleep requesting Allah to guide the person to make the right choice and right decision.
Fard	Obligatory	Jama'ah	Group, congregation especially for prayers
Hadith	Sayings of Prophet Muhammad, the plural of which is Ahadith.	Janazah	Funeral
		Jannah	Paradise
		Jihad	Striving for the best

Jumu'ah	Friday
Ka'bah	The first house of worship to God on earth. It is in Makkah City in Arabian Peninsula. It was built by Adam, Eve and Angel Jibriel. It was reconstructed by Ibrahim and Ismail.
Kalimah	It is the pledge of allegiance and loyalty of a Muslim to the Creator, Allah. It goes as follows: There is no one worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger and servant of Allah.
Khalifah	A successor. It refers to the successor(s) of Prophet Muhammad in leading the Muslims. Also, it refers to mankind whom Allah had chosen to be His Khalifah (vicegerent).
Madinah	The city of the Prophet in Arabian Peninsula. It is a holy city. It has the mosque and the tomb of the Prophet.
Maghrib	Sunset
Makkah	A holy city in Arabian Peninsula for pilgrimage. It has the Sacred Ka'bah.

Masjid	A place for prayer and to worship God by prostrating to Him.
Muhsinoon	Those who achieve highest degree of obedience to Allah; excellent ones.
Mujahidoon	Those who strive hard in the way of Allah and specially in the battle-fields.
Mukhlisoon	Those who are honest, sincere, and pure in their hearts and in their intention.
Mu'min	Believer(s)
Musaafir	Traveller
Mustaghfiroon	Those who ask forgiveness from Allah.
Muttaqoon	God-consciencious people.
Qiblah	Direction. The Ka'abah in Makkah is the Qiblah for the Muslims all over the world. They pray to God five times a day and they direct their faces towards the Qiblah, i.e., Ka'abah.
Qur'an	The Holy Book of Islam to all creatures that Allah has created. It is a guide to Muslims, Christians, Jews, Pagans, and Atheists.

Sabiroon	Those who are patient.
Sadaqah	Charity. It is to be given with good intention and without bragging about it. Sadaqah could be money, a favor, a help or to refrain from doing harm to others.
Salat	Payer; it is a union between the creature and God. Muslims do pray five times a day, and they congregate once a week on Friday which is a holy day. It is a special performance of prayers. It entails mental concentration, physical movement, verbal communication and vocal recitation.
Sawm	Fasting; Muslims are to fast the whole month of Ramadan which is the 9th lunar month every year. They are to fast from dawn to sunset with a total abstinence from food, liquids, matrimonial relationship, as well as from all types of backbiting.
Shura	Consultation
Sirah	The writings of the companions of the Prophet about the Prophet Himself, his personality, his life history, and his ways of handling different situations.

Sunnah	Tradition; here it is the teachings of the Prophet: sayings, hadith, life style, customs, habits, etc.
Tafseer	Explanation of the Qur'an. Such explanation should be directly from the Qur'an itself or directly from the Prophet Himself. Personal opinions about the Qur'an to be considered Tafseer is rejected by Islam.
Takbeer	Takaabeer; saying God is the greatest (Allahu Akbar). <i>Takbeer</i> is singular; <i>takaabeer</i> is plural.
Tawaf	Turning counterclockwise around the Ka'bah in Makkah.
'Umrah	A small Hajj. A religious visit to Makkah any time during the year.
Zakat	It is one of the five pillars of Islam. It is an obligatory payment of money to many avenues of life: poor, needy, etc. It is 2.5%, 5%, 10%, or 20% depends upon commodity.
Zuhr	Noon, meridian