

Salaat-ul-Ayaat (Salaat of the Signs)

This prayer becomes obligatory (*Wajib*) when natural phenomena (acts of Allah) take place such as earthquakes, Solar and Lunar eclipses, major hurricanes, tornados and cyclones.

Obligatory components of this Salaat are:

1. Intention. It is obligatory (*Wajib*)
2. Two Rakaat
3. Each Rakaat has five (5) *Qiyaam* (standing up and reciting Surah Al-Fatihah and another short Surah) and five (5) Ruku.
4. After the fifth Ruku stand up and go to Sajdah
5. Repeat the same sequence in the second Rakaat
6. Rests of the components are like the regular Salaat (*Tashahhud*, *salaam*, etc.)

Optional: Qunoot is optional. There are total of five Qunoot in the Salaat. Two Qunoot in first Rakaat

(In 2nd and 4th *Qiyaam*), and three Qunoot in the second Rakaat (In 1st, 3rd, & 5th *Qiyaam*).

Details: Make intention as follows: (After Iqaamah-[optional]). I recite ***Salaatul Ayaat Wajib Qurbatan Ilal-Laah***
Takbiratul Ihraam.

First Rakaat

1. Surah Al-Fatihah and another short Surah (*Ikhlaas*, etc.)
2. Go in Ruku (First Ruku), then stand erect fore second *Qiyaam*
3. Repeat the same procedure (*Qiyaam* & Ruku), until Five *Qiyaam* and five Ruku completed.
4. After standing up from last Ruku and go in Sajdah x2 (like usual Salaat)

Second Rakaat

5. Repeat the above steps (3, 4, 5 & 6)
6. Complete the Salaat with *Tashahhud* and *Salaam*.

Other considerations:

1. Since it is an obligatory prayer, it should be offered as *Qaza* afterwards if missed, if it was not offered during the event.
 2. It may be offered in Congregation. The rules are same as any obligatory congregational prayer.
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Please consult a religious scholar or a recommended source for more details or options. Suggested link:

<http://al-islam.org/laws/ayaat.html>

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