



The first question of Fatwa no. 13036 Q: A ninety year old crippled woman experiences great hardship when performing Wudu' (ablution) and Ghusl (full ritual bath), especially in times of severe cold. Since the place of Wudu' is far, is she permitted to perform either Tayammum (dry ablution with clean earth) for every Salah (prayer) or combine Salahs with one Wudu'?

A: All praise be to Allah Alone, and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah, his family and Companions. To proceed:

If the case is as mentioned, this woman should try to perform Wudu' as her ability allows, even by having water brought to her place if possible. However, if she is not able to do this by herself or with the help of others, it is permissible for her to perform Tayammum, for Allah (may He be Exalted and Glorified) says (what means): **(So keep your duty to Allâh and fear Him as much as you can)** As for urination and defecation, it is sufficient for her to perform Istijmar (cleansing the private parts with solid material after urination or defecation) with a substance that can remove the dirt and cleanse the area such as stones, dry clots of clay or clean tissues. The cleansing process should be performed at least thrice for each of the front and back passages. If three times are not enough, the process should be repeated until the private parts become clean. Also, she is permitted to combine both Zhuhr (Noon) and 'Asr (Afternoon) Prayers at the due time of either one. The same can be done in Maghrib (Sunset) and 'Isha' (Evening) Prayers, as she falls under the same ruling as one who is ill.

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