

*Bismillaahir Rahmaanir Rahiim*

In the Name of Allaah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

# ARKAAN AL-ISLAM

The Five Pillars, or Fundamental Principles, of Islam

The five pillars, or fundamental principles, of Islam are as follows:

## SHAHADAH

1. The declaration of faith: this is the belief that there is none worthy of worship but Allaah and that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him) is the last Messenger and Prophet.

## SALAAT

2. The performance of the compulsory prayers at the five prescribed times a day

## ZAKAAT

3. The payment of the poor-rate by those who are in a certain financial position.

## SAUM

4. Fasting during the month of Ramadaan by all Muslims except the infants, the insane and invalids.

## HAJJ

5. Performance of the pilgrimage to Makkah at least once in one's lifetime, if one is in a certain financial position.

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