TEMPLATE 6 · THE QIBLA AND PRAYER CARD

FIND THE QIBLA, NO PHONE NEEDED.

There are three ways, and they all point the same way. Fill in step 1 once, in pen. Then use whichever way suits the moment: a compass any time, the sun at midday, or the North Star at night.

STEP 1 · YOUR NUMBERS

My town

_____ (London)

Set my compass to (see the table below)

_____ ° (118° in London)

Midday this month (London's time, plus your town's minutes)

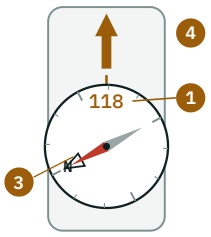
_____ (11:45 am in London in November)

Prayer timetable kept

_____ (on the fridge, and in the grab bag)

A WITH A COMPASS

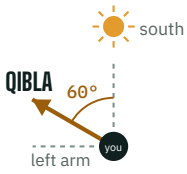
Any time, day or night



1. Turn the round dial until **your number** (118 in London) sits at the line under the big arrow.
2. Hold the compass flat at chest height, away from metal, magnets and phones.
3. Turn your whole body slowly until the **red end of the needle** sits inside the outline arrow on the dial.
4. The big arrow now points to the qibla. Face that way.

B WITH THE SUN AT MIDDAY

A day when you can see the sun

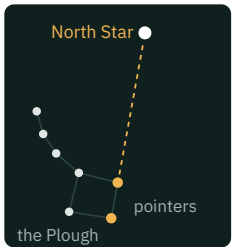


1. At **midday for your town** (step 1), stand with the sun in front of you. Don't look straight at it. You're now facing south.
2. Hold your left arm straight out to your side.
3. Turn **two-thirds of the way** towards your left arm, about 60°. That's the qibla.

Within 10 minutes of midday is close enough.

C WITH THE NORTH STAR

A clear night



1. Find the Plough: seven bright stars shaped like a saucepan.
2. Follow the **two stars at the end of the pan**, away from the handle, about five times the gap between them, to a star on its own. That's the North Star.
3. Stand with the North Star **directly behind you**. You're now facing south.
4. Turn about 60° to your left, as in B.

YOUR TOWN

TOWN	COMPASS	MIDDAY	TOWN	COMPASS	MIDDAY
London	118°	0	Leeds	119°	+6 min
Luton	118°	+1 min	Bradford	119°	+7 min
Leicester	118°	+4 min	Newcastle	120°	+6 min
Birmingham	117°	+7 min	Edinburgh	120°	+12 min
Bristol	116°	+10 min	Glasgow	119°	+16 min
Cardiff	115°	+12 min	Belfast	117°	+23 min
Manchester	118°	+8 min			

Compass: the number to set on the dial. Midday: minutes to add to London's time.

MIDDAY IN LONDON

Jan	12:10 pm	Feb	12:15 pm
Mar	12:10 pm	Apr	1:00 pm
May	12:55 pm	Jun	1:00 pm
Jul	1:05 pm	Aug	1:05 pm
Sep	12:55 pm	Oct	12:45 pm
Nov	11:45 am	Dec	11:50 am

Clock time, middle of each month: GMT in winter, BST from April to October.

Found it? Mark it with a tape arrow in every room you pray in.

Prayer is prescribed at fixed times. (An-Nisa 4:103)

Compass settings and midday times are our own calculations: the shortest route over the globe to the Kaaba (London 119° from true north), corrected for magnetic declination from the British Geological Survey's IGRF-14 model for 1 November 2026 (London 1.2° east, Glasgow 0.7° west, Belfast 1.2° west). Declination changes slowly, so check the table once a year. A degree or two either way makes little difference. Follow your own masjid's timetable for prayer times.