

Those who abandon the prayer harm all the Muslims

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Shaykh Muhammad: al-Qaffal¹ said in his Fatawa: “Abandoning the prayer harms all the Muslims because the one who prays says “O Allah forgive me and the believing men and believing women”. And it is compulsory that he says in the Tashahud “Peace be upon us and upon the righteous slaves of Allah”. Thus when he abandons the prayer (and consequently does not say the Tashahud) he is negligent in his service to Allah, negligent concerning the rights of Allah’s messenger, negligent concerning his own rights and negligent concerning the rights of all the Muslims. This is why the sin of abandoning the prayer is magnified”.

As Subki said concerning the Tashahud: The prayer not only contains the right of Allah it contains the right of the slaves as well. Whoever abandons the prayer has violated the right of all the believers – those from the past and all those who will come until the Day of Judgment because it is obligatory for him to say in his prayer “Peace be upon us and upon the righteous slaves of Allah”.

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¹ Explanation of Sahih al Bukhari Chapter concerning the final Tashahud