

Khutbah booklet

Five sample Friday khutbahs in the shape used at Kowloon, Ammar, Jamia, Stanley, Chai Wan and Ibrahim. Arabic opening, a reminder of taqwa, one topic with Quran and hadith, a sitting, then a short second khutbah. Not a fatwa. Not a firqa pamphlet. In the hall, listen to the imam in front of you.

Every khutbah opens like this

Opening — used in every Hong Kong hall

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ مُحَمَّدٌ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا

All praise is for Allah. We praise Him, seek His help, and ask His forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil of our own souls.

Shahāda

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone without partner, and that Muhammad is His servant and messenger.

Then the imam names taqwa, recites a verse, and sits between the two khutbahs. The second is shorter: al-Nahl 16:90, salawat, a dua, then iqamah.

Second khutbah — justice and ṣalawāt

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ

Allah commands justice, excellence, and giving to relatives, and forbids indecency, wrong and transgression. (al-Nahl 16:90)

Ṣalawāt

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ

O Allah, send blessings upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, as You sent blessings upon Ibrahim.

The Friday gathering

Why we leave work and sit for two khuṭbahs.

First khutbah

Taqwā

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O you who believe, be mindful of Allah as He should be minded, and do not die except as Muslims. (Āl ‘Imrān 3:102)

The call on Friday

إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ

When the call is made for prayer on Friday, go to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. (al-Jumu‘ah 62:9). In Hong Kong that call is around 13:10 at Kowloon, Ammar, Jamia, Ibrahim, Chai Wan and Stanley. Come in ghusl, in clean clothes, and sit. Once the imam is on the minbar, do not speak — even to say ‘be quiet’ is speech (Bukhārī 934).

What Friday wipes

The Prophet ﷺ said: whoever takes a bath, comes to Jumu‘ah, prays what is written for him, then stays silent until the imam finishes the khuṭbah, then prays with him — what is between that Friday and the next is forgiven (Muslim 857). The two rak‘ahs after the khuṭbahs replace Dhuhr. If you miss the jamā‘ah entirely, pray four rak‘ahs of Dhuhr.

The imam sits briefly, then stands for the second khutbah.

Second khutbah

Sit, then stand

The imam sits briefly between the two khuṭbahs. When he stands, the second is short: a verse, ṣalawāt, a du‘ā’ for the ummah, then iqāmah. Listen as you listened to the first.

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QURAN · AL-JUMU‘AH 62:9

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

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QURAN · ĀL ‘IMRĀN 3:102

إِذَا قُلْتَ لِصَاحِبِكَ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ أَنْصِتْ وَالْإِمَامُ يَخُطِّبُ فَقَدْ لَغَوْتَ

If you say to your companion on Friday ‘be quiet’ while the imam is delivering the khuṭbah, you have spoken (and lost the reward of silence).

HADITH · ṢAḤĪḤ AL-BUKHĀRĪ 934

مَنْ اغْتَسَلَ ثُمَّ أَتَى الْجُمُعَةَ فَصَلَّى مَا قَدَرَهُ ثُمَّ أَنْصَتَ حَتَّى يَفْرُغَ مِنْ خُطْبَتِهِ ثُمَّ يَصِلِي
مَعَهُ غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ الْجُمُعَةِ الْأُخْرَى

Whoever bathes, comes to Jumu‘ah, prays what is written for him, stays silent through the khuṭbah, then prays with the imam — what is between that Friday and the next is forgiven.

HADITH · ṢAḤĪḤ MUSLIM 857

Salah — the first thing asked

Guard the five prayers the way Hong Kong's halls guard them.

First khutbah

Taqwā

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

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A timed obligation

إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَوْقُوتًا

Prayer is a timed obligation upon the believers. (al-Nisā’ 4:103). The Prophet ﷺ said: pray as you have seen me pray (Bukhārī 631). In this city that seeing is the row at Kowloon, Ammar and Jamia — wuḍū’, qibla, two sujūd in every rak‘ah, witr after ‘Ishā’.

Do not rush the bones

He ﷺ forbade pecking in sujūd like a crow. Pause until the spine is still in rukū’, in the sit between the two sujūd, and in the stand. A phone on silent in the pocket is part of that stillness. If you missed a prayer, make it up when you remember — that is its time.

The imam sits briefly, then stands for the second khutbah.

Second khutbah

After salām

Sit a moment. Subḥānallāh 33, al-ḥamdulillāh 33, Allāhu akbar 33, as in Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 595. Then stand for the sunnah of that salah. The next adhān in Hong Kong is not far.

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QURAN · AL-NISĀ’ 4:103

صَلُّوا كَمَا رَأَيْتُمُنِي أُصَلِّي

Pray as you have seen me pray.

HADITH · ṢAḤĪḤ AL-BUKHĀRĪ 631

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QURAN · ĀL ‘IMRĀN 3:102

مَنْ سَبَّحَ اللَّهَ فِي دُبُرِ كُلِّ صَلَاةٍ ثَلَاثًا وَثَلَاثِينَ

Whoever glorifies Allah thirty-three times after each prayer, praises Him thirty-three, and magnifies Him thirty-three — his sins are forgiven even if they are like the foam of the sea.

HADITH · ṢAḤĪḤ MUṢLIM 595

Parents

After tawhīd, iḥsān to the two who raised you.

First khutbah

Taqwā

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After worship, the parents

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا

Your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him, and that you be excellent to parents. (al-Isrā’ 17:23). If one of them, or both, reach old age with you, do not say uff to them, and do not snap — say a noble word, and lower the wing of humility.

In this city

Many of us work long hours far from the house we grew up in. A call after Maghrib, a remittance that arrives on time, a mother walked to the women’s hall at Kowloon — that is iḥsān. The Prophet ﷺ put the mother three times before the father. If they have died, du‘ā’ for them is still open; ṣadaqah on their behalf is still open.

The imam sits briefly, then stands for the second khutbah.

Second khutbah

A du‘ā’ he taught

رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا

My Lord, have mercy on them as they raised me when I was small. (al-Isrā’ 17:24)

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا

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QURAN · AL-ISRĀ’ 17:23

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QURAN · ĀL ‘IMRĀN 3:102

Honesty in work and trade

The scale, the contract, the kitchen — Hong Kong work as ‘ibādah.

First khutbah

Taqwā

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Woe to those who short the scale

وَيْلٌ لِّلْمُطَفِّفِينَ

Woe to those who give short measure — who, when they take from people, demand it in full, and when they measure or weigh for them, give less. (al-Muṭaffifīn 83:1–3). A wage slip, a delivery, a halal kitchen that is honest about what is in the pot: that is the scale in this city.

Justice is a command

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ

Allah commands justice and excellence (al-Naḥl 16:90). The Prophet ﷺ said the honest merchant is with the prophets, the truthful and the martyrs. A Muslim name on a shop does not make the food ḥalāl — the ingredient and the certificate do. Do not sell a lie, and do not buy one.

The imam sits briefly, then stands for the second khutbah.

Second khutbah

Leave trade when the call comes

The same sūrah that commands Friday also says: leave trade. The stall can wait forty minutes. The Lord of the stall does not wait.

وَيْلٌ لِّلْمُطَفِّفِينَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا اكْتَالُوا عَلَى النَّاسِ يَسْتَوْفُونَ

Woe to those who give short measure — who take in full from people and give less when they measure for them.

QURAN · AL-MUṬAFFIFĪN 83:1–3

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ

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QURAN · AL-NAHL 16:90

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QURAN · AL-JUMU'AH 62:9

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QURAN · ĀL 'IMRĀN 3:102

Hold together — do not split

One qibla, one row, no party in the hall.

First khutbah

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Hold the rope

وَاَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

Hold fast to the rope of Allah, all of you, and do not split. (Āl ‘Imrān 3:103). The believers are brothers (al-Ḥujurāt 49:10). In Hong Kong the row already mixes Pakistani, Indonesian, Chinese, African and new Muslims. The imam of the hall is the imam of the hall. Do not make a second jamā‘ah in the courtyard, and do not turn a madrasah into a party.

The rope is the Book

The rope is the Qur’an and what is ṣaḥīḥ from the Prophet ﷺ. That is enough. Follow the six public masjids for the method of salah. For a hard ruling, ask the imam in front of you — not a clip, not a group chat.

The imam sits briefly, then stands for the second khutbah.

Second khutbah

Du‘ā’ for this city

O Allah, gather the hearts of the Muslims of Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Guangzhou. Make our halls places of salah, not of argument. Forgive us, and let us die as Muslims.

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QURAN · ĀL ‘IMRĀN 3:103

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ

The believers are nothing but brothers.

QURAN · AL-ḤUJURĀT 49:10

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

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Practice follows the six public masjids of Hong Kong. Verses are from the Quran; hadith are from Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim.