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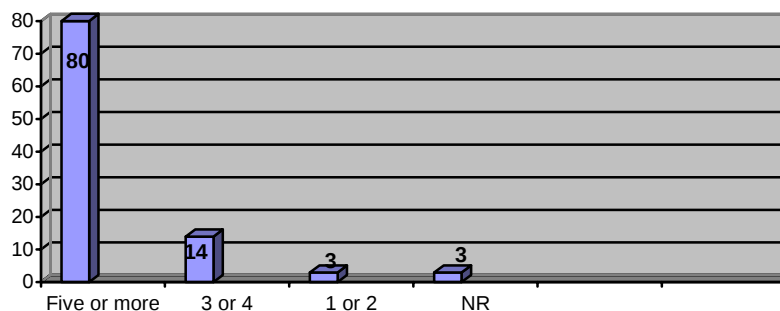
Daily Prayers Rise Significantly During Ramadan; 80 % Claim to Pray 5 Times or More in a Day in This Holy Month: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, more than two thirds of Pakistanis (80%) claimed to offer all five obligatory prayers or more during the month of Ramadan. 14% pray three or four prayers, and 3% pray one or two prayers while the remaining 3% gave no response. Regarding their praying routine during the rest of the year, only 48% claimed to be just as regular by offering five prayers a day. It is noted that a proportionately higher percentage of females pray five times a day during both Ramadan and the rest of the months.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Some people get a chance to pray while some do not. In Ramadan, generally, how many prayers a day do you get a chance to offer?*” Majority (80%) claimed to pray all five obligatory prayers or more in a day, 14% pray three or four prayers, and 3% claimed to pray one or two prayers a day during the holy month of Ramadan. Three percent (3%) gave no response. A proportionately higher percentage of females (82%) as compared to their male counterparts (77%) tend to offer their prayers five times a day during Ramadan.

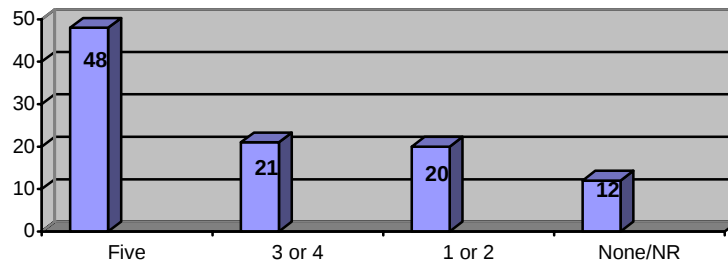
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Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

In a follow up question the respondents were asked “*How many prayers in a day do you offer during the rest of the months?*” Forty eight percent (48%) claimed to continue praying five times a day in other months, 21% offer three or four prayers, and 20% claimed to pray at least one or two of the obligatory prayers in a day. Twelve percent (12%) of the respondents do not pray at all or gave no response. The results show a comparatively higher percentage of females as compared to the men pray all five prayers in day.

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The study was released by Gilani foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The latest survey was carried out among a sample of 2765 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during August 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 2 -3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

Gallup Pakistan proposes that its poll results be attributed as Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. This is to distinguish our polls from polls on Pakistan sometimes released by other organizations not part of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com) and referred to by the same title. Also please see necessary Disclaimer on our website (www.gallup.com.pk). Gallup Pakistan takes responsibility for only its own polls on Pakistan.

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