

Question:

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Jazakumullahu khayra for helping everyone always Mā shā Allah.

This is a question about Ramadan Itikaf-if it is possible for a woman to do itikaf on a selected side wall/ corner of a kitchen, given the kitchen is large enough. She will spend most of the time for ibadah but also will be able to take care of preparing food for family.

For this she can place a hard metal or wood divider to separate herself from the house but has access to fridge in kitchen and stove when time comes to cook in sha Allah.

Jazakumullahu khayra

Answer:

Wa ‘alaykum al-Salām wa Raḥmat Allah wa Barakātuh.

In the name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

Ladies may perform the sunnah *i ‘tikāf* of Ramadan in any dedicated area of the home. If she is unable to make food arrangements for the ten days prior to starting her *i ‘tikāf*, she may exit the *mu ‘takaf* (place of *i ‘tikāf*) to cook. However, she will return to her *mu ‘takaf* to partake of the food. There is no need to specify an area in the kitchen and subsequently place a divider.ⁱ

And Allah knows best.



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ⁱ Abū Bakr al-Kāsānī, *Badā’i ‘al-Ṣanā’i*, 1st ed. (Maṭba‘at Sharikat al-Maṭbū‘āt al-‘Ilmiyyah), 2:114.

أَمَّا الْمَرْأَةُ إِذَا اغْتَسَلَتْ فِي مَسْجِدٍ نَيْتًا لَا تَخْرُجُ مِنْهُ إِلَى مَنْزِلِهَا إِلَّا لِحَاجَةِ الْإِنْسَانِ؛ لِأَنَّ ذَلِكَ فِي حُكْمِ الْمَسْجِدِ لَهَا عَلَى مَا نَيْتًا



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