

Silent Amidah

If you complete your reading before the prayer leader begins the repetition, remaining standing and quiet so as not to distract those who have not finished. If the congregation is doing a Hechi Kedusha (no repetition), you should remain standing and quiet until the Reader's Kaddish is begun. This tradition originates from a concern over those still praying feeling rushed as they sense those around them sitting. The halachah thus asks us to remain standing in politeness and support of our immediate neighbors as they finish their prayers.

If the prayer leader begins the repetition of the Amidah before you have concluded your reading, it is proper for you to continue until finished. Then you can join in with the leader and congregation at the point they have reached in the repetition.