When To Pause or Join Minyan: General Prayer Services

Here is when to pause or join the *minyan* during general prayer services:

- *Ashrei*

You do not need to interrupt your prayers to join the *minyan* for *ashrei*.

- *Torah* Reading

If you are saying the *amida*, pause only during the actual *Torah* reading, not during the blessings.

- *Kaddish*

During *kaddish*, you must pause in your *amida* until the prayer leader finishes the line of *da'amiran b'alma*....

- *Alenu*

If the *minyan* says *alenu* and you are at a part of the prayer service at which you are permitted to interrupt, you may join them.

NOTE It is a proper practice to say *alenu* with the congregation, even if you have already finished that prayer service.

REASON If you don't, it seems as if you are not accepting *ol malchut shamayim*.

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