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[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari & Muslim]

The Shariah enjoins caution and firmness in all matters. Prayer is the most important among all worldly and religious affairs. Therefore, the wise Lawgiver urges people to take care of it and orders the praying person to use something as a barrier between himself and the people so that they would not render his prayer deficient by passing in front of him as he worships his Lord and communicates privately with Him. If someone tries to pass before him, he should repel him in the easiest way possible. If he does not stop, however, he is no longer deemed inviolable, for he is now a transgressor. In such a situation, the only way to avert his aggression is to fight him by pushing him away forcefully. This is because his action is typical of the devils who seek to spoil people's acts of worship and cause them confusion during prayer.

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