

# 'Eid al-Fitr Observance

1. Parade of the Prophet, salla-llahu 'alayhi wa sallim (optional) The sunnah of the Prophet was to parade to and from the mosque, using one road to go to the mosque and another road when leaving the mosque. Say the Takbīr, which is written below, while you walk:

allahu 'akbar allahu 'akbar allahu 'akbar lāā 'ilāha 'illa-llāh wa-llāhu 'akbar allahu 'akbar wa li-llāhi-l-ḥamd

Allah is greatest; Allah is supreme! There is nothing worthy of worship except Allah And Allah is Greatest And to Allah, all praise

<u>Click here to see an extended version of the Takbīr, which you can use</u> <u>instead if you choose.</u>

# 2. Waiting for 'Eid Prayer to Start in the Mosque

While waiting for the <sup>c</sup>Eid prayers to begin, repeat the takbīr above many times, for 15-30 minutes or more, until the Imam is ready to begin.



# 3. The 'Eid Salah (start at 9:00 am, insha'allah)

Begin at 9:00 am, inshā<sup>3</sup>a-llah. Do not perform any voluntary prayer either before or after the 'Eid prayer. There is neither call to prayer (adhān) nor commencement (iqamah) for the 'Eid prayer. The 'Eid prayer is 2 rak'atyn (like Fajr ṣalāh).

1. Begin by stating your intention to do 2 rak<sup>c</sup>atyn of 'Eid ṣalāh.

### 2. Say "Allah Akbar!" 8 times (7+1).

Each time raise your hands behind your ears and then place your clasped hands on your torso as you usually do for prayer.

#### 3. Recite the Fātiḥah.

All followng recite "Amin" aloud with your "Amin."

- 4. Recite either Ṣūratu-l-A'la or Ṣūratu-l-Kafirun
- 5. Complete your first rak<sup>c</sup>āh in the normal way.
- 6. To begin your second rak<sup>(</sup>āh say "Allahu <sup>)</sup>Akbar" 5 times.
- 7. Recite the Fātiḥah.
- 8. Recite Ṣūratu-l-Gh̪ash̪iyah or Ṣūratu-l-ʾIkhlāṣ
- 9. Complete your second rak  $\bar{a}h$  in the normal way, insha'a-llah.

# 4. The 'Eid Khutbahs

The Imam gives two short sermons. Sit in between them and ask for forgiveness. The time for both khutbahs combined should not exceed 20 minutes. The Imām opens the first sermon by calling "Allahu 'Akbar" 9 times and he opens the second sermon by calling "Allahu Akbar" 7 times.



# 4. 'Eid Dhikr

After the khutbahs, begin the dhikr with everyone standing in a circle.

# a. Set the intention for the dhikr and say "Lāā 'ilāāha 'illa-llāāh" (7x) and "Muḥammadan rasūlu-llāh 'alayhi ṣalātu-llāh" (1x)

### b. Recite the following:

In the name of Allah, we pray at the beginning of 'Eid. We ask You, Allah, please accept our Ramadan prayers and fasting for Your face. Give us Your blessing and keep us on the straight path. Use us to carry Your message and Your religion. The religion of the Unity. The message of Love, Peace, Mercy, and Justice.

### al-Fātiḥah

Please Beloved God, give us Your mercy. Give Your mercy to our parents, our children, our families and our neighbors. And give Peace to everyone in all the world, without separation. Amin.

### c. Make dhikr

# 5. Let the communal feasting begin!

'Eid lasts three days.

On the fourth day, you can begin to make up any missed days from Ramaḍān. There are many rewards for fasting the first 6 days of Shawwal after Eid. This year those 6 days will be April 24th – 29th Eid Mubarak!



# Extended Takbīr

(The Dhikr of His Greatness)

allāāhu 'akbar : allāāhu 'akbar : allāāhu 'akbar lāā 'ilāāha 'illa-llāāh allāāhu 'akbar : allāāhu 'akbar wa lil-llāāhi-l-ḥamd (3x)

Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest There is nothing worthy of worship except Allah Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest and upon Allah is all praise (3x)

allāāhu 'akbaru kabīra wa-l-ḥamdu-li-llāāhi kathīra wa subḥāana-llāāhi bukratan wa 'asīla lāā 'ilāāha 'illa-llāāh (-u-waḥdah)

Allah is Greatest, the Powerful And abundant praises are due to Allah, And Glory be to Allah early in the morning and in the evening There is nothing worthy of worship but Allah (one and only)

ṣadaqa waʿadah : wa naṣara ʿabdah: wa aʿazza jundahu : wa hazama-l-ʾaḥzāba waḥdah : lā ʾilāha ʾilla-llāh



### walā naʿabudu il-la iyyāh mukhlisīna lahu-d-dīna wa-low kariha-l-kāfirūn

He fulfilled His promise and helped His servant, And strengthened His forces, and alone routed out the clans. There is nothing worthy of worship except Him; Him alone we worship Offering Him sincere devotion even if the disbelievers dislike (it)

allāhumma ṣalli ʿalā sayyidinā Muḥammad wa ʿalā āli sayyidinā Muḥammad wa ʿalā asḥābi sayyidanā Muḥammd wa ʿalā ansāri sayyidinā Muḥammad wa ʿalā azwāji sayyidinā Muḥammad wa ʿalā dḥurriyyati sayyidinā Muḥammad (un) wa sallim taslīman katḥīra

O Allah, send Your blessings the the Prophet Muhammad,
And on the family of the Prophet Muhammad
And the companions of the Prophet Muhammad,
And on the helpers of the Prophet Muhammad,
And on the wives of the Prophet Muhammad,
And the descendants of the Prophet Muhammad,
O Allah, do send abundant peace on the Prophet. Amin.