

EID IN THESE UNPRECEDENTED CIRCUMSTANCES



LAYLATUL JA'EZAH – THE FINAL NIGHT OF RAMADAN

The Messenger of Allah *salaAllahu alaihi wa sallam* said:

“There is a night in the last ten days of Ramadan wherein Allah The Exalted, forgives as many sins in one night as he has in the entire month of Ramadan”

the companions asked;

O Messenger of Allah is it the glorious night of Power (laylatul-Qadr)

He replied *salaAllahu alaihi wa sallam*

“no, it is the last night of Ramadan, don't you see among yourselves that if a worker was to complete his work on time, will he not receive his wages upon completion of his work?”

They said:

yes, indeed O Messanger of Allah

The Messenger of Allah *salaAllahu alaihi wa sallam* then said:

“similarly, on the last night, Allah compensates His righteous servants for the devotion they have shown during the month of Ramadan.”

Reported by Imam Ahmad



The righteous Muslim community has traditionally revived this night in prayer, charity, Quran recital and supplication, asking Allah Subhanahu wa taala for His divine Mercy, seeking refuge with Him from His wrath, praying for guidance, solace, and refuge.

Our time is best spent following their example, placing our flaws, insecurities and needs before Allah Subhanahu wa taala, the Majestic, Gracious, Omnipotent Lord of the world.

We might not be able to celebrate Eid in the manner that we are accustomed to, but there is still A LOT we can do to revive the spirit of Eid and to express our gratitude to Allah Subhanahu wa taala and to cherish our family bonds.

1. Prepare for the Eid day by reviving the night of Eid in supplication and worship. The Messenger of Allah salaAllahu alaihi wa sallam related;

“Whoever stands up (in worship) in the nights preceding the two Eids expecting rewards from his Lord, his heart will not die when the other hearts will die.”

2. Decorate the house for Eid with the children and prepare treats. Encourage them to make their own decorations (no matter how imperfect) and display them around the house, a great way for the children to feel involved and appreciated.
3. Get them to help you prepare gifts and treats which will be given to others, family members, needy children, neighbours. If safe send them to the neighbours (Muslim & non-Muslim) up and down the street with treats.
4. Ensure that Zakat-ul fitr has been paid before the day of Eid, discuss this with your children and explain the importance of empathy and concern for others.
5. Take Ghusl (shower) before Fajr - Sunnah
6. When you first wake up in the morning eat dates together, this is the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad salaAllahu alaihi wa sallam on Eid morning. He would not leave his house for Salatul Eid unless he ate some dates first, odd numbers.
7. Have the family dress in their Eid clothing, perfume, and congregate in the house to pray Two Rak’aat together as a family.
8. Recite Takbirat al Eid together before starting Salaat. You can play it from You Tube and recite with them. Salaatul Eid is prayed starts after Ishraq so sit and recite Takbir until then.
9. Do visit family members as per government requirement. When leaving the house remind each other about the importance of visiting family and friends and the manners when doing so, recite “Bismillah tawakaltu ‘ala Allah” upon leaving your home, leave with your left foot first.

SALATUL EID AT HOME

Shafei, Maleki, Hanbali

consider it valid to perform it at home if missed it in congregation. Based on the practice of Anas b. Malek when he missed the congregational Salaat al Eid in Basra; he performed it at home with his family.

Hanafi: Salatul Eid in communal congregation at the Masjid or open space.

TIME FOR ITS PERFORMANCE

After Ishraq – Zawaal (20 mnts before Zuhr)

- You can perform it in jamaah with your family 2 Rakaahs with the intention of Salatul Eid (see instructions below) follow it with a Khutbah.
- You can perform it in Jamaah with your family 2 Rakaahs with the intention of Salatul Eid including the Takbeeraat (see instructions below) but no khutbah.
- You can perform it in Jamaah as simply 2 Rakaahs per normal no Takbeeraat and no khutbah, it will still be valid.
- You can perform it alone with intention of Salatul Eid 2 Rakaahs (see instructions below) with or without Takbeerat but no Khutbah.



HOW TO PERFORM SALATUL EID

1. Be on Wudu, make intention for 2 Rakaahs of Salatul Eid.
2. Recite Takbeerat al Tahreem to begin the Salaat.
3. Follow it by 7 x Allahu Akbar, pausing between each Takbirah and recite quietly subhanAllah, wal Hamdulilallah, wa la ilaha illa Allah, wa Allahu akbar once, between each Takbir.
4. Recite Surat al Fateha (Imam recites Jahran, loud)
5. Follow Fateha with Surat al ‘A’la OR Surat Qaf; or any other Surah from the Quran.(loud)
6. Complete the 1st Rakaah per normal, Ruku, Sujud, Rise for 2nd Rakaah.
7. Recite 5 x Takbiraat, pausing between each Takbir to recite Zikr as per 1st Rakaah.
8. Recite al Fateha followed by Surat al Ghashiyah OR Surat al Qamar, or any other surah from the Quran. Jahran, audibly.
9. Complete the 2nd Rakaah per normal, Ruku, Sujud, Taheyat, Ibrahimiyah, Tasleem.
10. Recite Takbeerat of Eid together.
11. Make dua together, may ask each member of the family to make a special dua if you wish to involve the family including the children.



In-sha- ‘Allah by observing these practices we hope to revive the celebrations that Allah Subhanahu wa taala has enjoined upon us and to attain joy in this world and the next.

We ask Allah Subhanahu wa taala to bestow His Mercy upon us and that He alleviates the suffering that has befallen humanity. We ask Allah by His Divine Names to look upon the hungry, homeless and destitute of this Ummah and to relieve their many hardships, may He grant us compassion and empathy towards the vulnerable and motivation to strive to change our conditions for the better. May you and loved ones share a wonderful and blessed Eid. Ameen.