

# What to do on Eid?

## General Advice for Eid

Eid is a great blessing of Allah Almighty. It is therefore important to adopt the Sunnah practices of Eid even if one does not perform Eid Ṣalāh, expressing his gratitude to Allah Almighty and marking the occasion of happiness and joy. Some of the etiquettes of Eid that should be adopted during the lock down include:

1. Performing Fajr Ṣalāh in congregation at home.
2. Undertaking Ghusl (bath) before Eid Ṣalāh (or the Nafl Ṣalāh) and using the Miswak.
3. Applying itr (perfume).
4. Wearing the best clothes available, it is not necessary to go shopping to purchase new clothes.
5. Eating dates or something sweet before Eid Ṣalāh (or the Nafl Ṣalāh).
6. Reciting Takbīr in abundance.
7. Congratulating others in person and over the phone by saying **نَقَبَلَّ اللهُ مِنَّا وَمِنْكَ** (may Allaah accept [the worship] from us and you) (al-Tārīkh al-Kabīr, 1:116; al-Thiqāt, 9:90; al-Du‘ā’, p.288; al-Sunan al-Kubrā, 3:446).
8. Donating charity and keeping the poor and vulnerable in mind.

## Can you read Eid Ṣalāh at Home?

Yes, according to Sheikul Hadeeth Mufti Umar Faruq Sahib, if the conditions are met then eid salaah can be read at home. However, there are other scholars who say one should not read eid salaah at home, if you follow those scholars, then please follow their advice. This is not a time to debate.

## What conditions need to be met for Eid Ṣalāh to be read at home?

- Four MATURE MALES need to be lawfully present to perform the Eid Ṣalāh including the Imaam. If four MATURE MALES are not present, Eid Salaah may not be performed. (Female members of the household will not be counted in the minimum number of *Muqtadees* – followers).
- In the house, ladies and children can also join in with the Eid Ṣalāh Jamaat.
- The Imam must make Intention of two Rak’aat Eid Salaah with six extra Takbeers including women and children as *Muqtadees* - followers.

## What to do if I do not meet the conditions and cannot pray Eid Ṣalāh at my house?

- Under normal circumstances Eid Ṣalāh is Wājib (Necessary), however if you cannot perform Eid Ṣalāh at home, then perform two or four Rak’aat Ṣalāh.
- The two or four Rak’aat are Nafl (optional), hence it will be performed individually without any extra Takbeers, as it is not Eid Ṣalāh nor is its Qadhā.
- There will also be no Khutbah after the Nafl Ṣalāh.

- The Nafil Ṣalāh should be offered 15 minutes after sunrise, so offer the Ṣalāh after 5:12AM

### **Method of performing the Eid Ṣalāh:**

Eid Ṣalāh can be performed from shortly after sunrise until midday.

Please note:

- There is no Adhān or Iqāmah for Eid Ṣalāh.
- Two Rak'at will be performed with loud recitation similar to Fajr Ṣalāh. The Khuṭbah (sermon) will be after Ṣalāh.
- The Ṣalāh contains six extra Takbīrs, three before the recitation (after Thanā) in the first Rak'at and three after the recitation in the second Rak'at (before going in to Rukoo').
- Khuṭbah is not a prerequisite (requirement) for the validity of Eid Ṣalāh. However, it is Masnūn (Sunnah) and therefore, every attempt should be made to deliver the Khūṭbah even if it is brief. If for some reason, the Khūṭbah is not delivered, this will be Makrūh (disliked), however, the Eid Ṣalāh will be valid.

### **The method for Eid Ṣalāh is as follows:**

#### **First Rak'at (includes THREE extra Takbeers after reciting Thanā but before Surah Faatihah):**

1. Say Takbīr Taḥrīmah (Allāhu Akbar), fold the hands and then read Thanā in the usual manner.
2. Thereafter, say Takbīr (Allāhu Akbar) and drop the hands down to the side, as they are in Qawmah after Rukoo'.
3. Say Takbīr (Allāhu Akbar) and drop the hands down to the side for the second time.
4. Say Takbīr (Allāhu Akbar) for a third time and fold the hands.
5. Recite Sūrah Fātiḥah and a Sūrah (preferably Sūrah al-A'la - if one is unable to then any other Surah is fine) (Only for the Imam, those behind will listen)
6. Perform Rukoo', Qawmah, Sajdah as usual and stand up for the second Rak'at.

#### **Second Rak'at (includes THREE extra Takbeers before going in to Rukoo'):**

1. Recite Sūrah Fātiḥah and an additional Sūrah (preferably Sūrah al-Gāshiyah - if one is unable to then any other Surah is fine) (Only for the Imam, those behind will listen)
2. Say Takbīr (Allāhu Akbar) and drop the hands down to the side.
3. Say Takbīr (Allāhu Akbar) and drop the hands down to the side.
4. Say Takbīr (Allāhu Akbar) and drop the hands down to the side.
5. Say Takbīr (Allāhu Akbar) and go into Rukoo'.
6. Complete the remainder of the Ṣalāh in the usual manner.

**After Ṣalāh, deliver both parts of the Khuṭbah in Arabic in a standing position. (Khutbah in complete at the end of the guidelines)**

**First Khutbah:** The Imam can recite the following:

Begin with saying Takbeer (الله أكبر) nine times as shown below:

الله أكبر، الله أكبر، الله أكبر، الله أكبر، الله أكبر، الله أكبر، الله أكبر، الله أكبر، الله أكبر،  
الله أكبر، الله أكبر، لا إله إلا الله والله أكبر، الله أكبر والله أكبر، الله أكبر والله أكبر،  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ. الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١﴾ الرَّحْمَنِ  
الرَّحِيمِ ﴿٢﴾ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ.

Thereafter any surah can be recited. For example Surah Ikhlaas;

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قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ﴿١﴾ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ﴿٢﴾ لَمْ يَلِدْ ﴿٣﴾ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ  
﴿٤﴾

Finally, finish with the following Du'aa;

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.  
الله أكبر، الله أكبر، لا إله إلا الله والله أكبر، الله أكبر والله أكبر، الله أكبر والله أكبر.

This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Khutbah completed. (The Imamaam will now sit down momentarily).

The **Second Khutbah** may be carried out as follows:

Begin with saying Takbeer (الله أكبر) seven times as shown below:

الله أكبر، الله أكبر، الله أكبر، الله أكبر، الله أكبر، الله أكبر، الله أكبر،  
لا إله إلا الله والله أكبر، الله أكبر والله أكبر، الله أكبر والله أكبر،  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ. الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١﴾ الرَّحْمَنِ  
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اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ،  
اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ،  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَ لِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ.

**These guidelines have been verified by Sheikhu Hadith Mufti Umar Faruq Sahib.**