



EID AL-FITR WITH COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

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Assalamu Alaikum,

In the situation where one is unable to attend the *Eid Salah* at the *Masjid* or prayer ground for genuine reasons such as the covid-19 prevention restrictions, then majority of *Muslim* scholars agree that it is allowed and even encouraged to perform *Eid Salah* at home or any other place in congregation of four male adults, one of them being their *Imam*.

It was reported that whenever Anas bin Malik (ra) missed the Eid Salah with the Imam, he would gather his household and lead them in Eid Salah in the same manner that the Imam would perform it. (al-Baihaqi)

Therefore, it is recommended that for those unable to perform *Eid Salah* at the *Masjid* or prayer ground this year, each household should observe their *Eid Salah* in congregation at home or wherever they are.

Timing of Eid Salah

Eid Salah is to be performed in congregation of four male adults, one of them being their *Imam* any time between sunrise and noon. The best time for *Eid Salah* is after the sun has reached the height of a spear (approximately 20 minutes from sunrise). *Currently in Metro Atlanta Area, that ranges from about 6:40 am to 1:00 pm.*

No Adhan, Iqamah and Nafl Salah before & after Eid Salah

Eid Salah is not preceded by the *Adhan* or *Iqamah*. There are also no *Nafl* (voluntary) *Salah* offered before or after the *Eid Salah*. As reported by *Ibn 'Abbas (ra)*: 'The Prophet (s) went out to the place of *Salah* on the Day of *Fitr* and prayed two *Raka'ah* of *Eid Salah*, not praying before or after them.' (Bukhari)

How to Perform Eid Salah (Hanafi)

At the start of the *Salah*, *Niyyah* (intention) should be made. This intention must be present in the heart. However, if you wish to verbalize it too, you can do so by saying '*I am performing two Raka'ah wajib Eid ul-Fitr Salah with 6 additional takbirs.*'

1st Raka'ah

Having made the intention, raise the hands up to the ears, say **Allahu-Akbar** and then fold hands below the navel and recite the *Thana* (Subhanakallahumma.....) Then say 3 additional *takbirs*. (1) Raise your hands to your ears, say **Allahu-Akbar** and leave them at your sides; (2) then raise your hands to your ears again, say **Allahu-Akbar** and leave them at your sides; (3) then raise your hands to your ears once again, say **Allahu-Akbar** and fold them. Then the Imam is to recite *Surah Fatiha* and another *Surah* loudly. Thereafter, following the *Imam*, perform the *Ruku'* and *Sujud* as usual.

2nd Raka'ah

In the second *Raka'ah*, the *Imam* is to first recite *Surah Fatiha* and another *Surah* aloud. After the recitation, the *Imam* as well as all the followers will say 3 additional *Takbirs* (the *Imam* loudly and the followers quietly) raising their hands to the ears each time and leaving them at sides; then *Ruku'* will be performed with the 4th *Takbir* without raising hands and the rest of the *Salah* will be completed as per usual method.

Two Khutbahs after Eid Salah

Two *Khutbahs* after *Eid Salah* are highly recommended and therefore must be listened.

What to do if someone misses the Eid Salah?

If someone missed the Eid Salah with congregation, whether he couldn't join the congregation at all or his salah became invalid due to any reason after joining, then if possible, he should offer it at another place. If this is no possible any more, it is rerecommended for him to offer 4 Raka'ah of Salah Ad-Duha (Chasht). (Ad-Dur-rul-Mukhtaar)

Recommendations on Eid Day

- It is highly recommended to engage in doing the following customary *Dhikr* after the sunset of the last day of *Ramadan* and remains until the Imam says the opening *takbir* of *Eid Salah*. This includes saying *takbir* in one's home, the market places, *Masajid*, and the streets.

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Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, La ilaha illal-Lahu. Wallahu Akbar, Allahu Akbaru Wa lillahil Hamd.

- Take a bath before going to the *Salah*.
- Apply perfume.
- Clip one's fingernails.
- Wear the best of one's clothes.
- Take different routes to and from the place of *Salah*.
- Leave early to the *Masjid*.
- Have a light snack such as dates or the like before going to the *Salah*.
- Walk to the prayer place.
- Congratulating one another on the day *Eid* as it is a rewardable act.

Please see the 1st and 2nd Eid Khutbahs on the next page.

1ST EID KHUṬBAH (SERMON) – SHORT VERSION

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الْحَمْدُ. الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ،
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ، بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ
الرَّحِيمِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ. وَقَالَ
تَعَالَى: فَادْكُرُونِي أذْكُرْكُمْ وَأَشْكُرُوا لِي وَلَا تَكْفُرُونَ. وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: يَا أَبَا بَكْرٍ، إِنَّ لِكُلِّ قَوْمٍ عَيْدًا وَهَذَا عَيْدُنَا. اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ
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تَسْلِيمًا. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَعَلَى آلِ
إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ، اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى
إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ. رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا
بِالْإِيمَانِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلًّا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا، رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا
نَسْأَلُكَ الْعَافِيَةَ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ جَهْدِ الْبَلَاءِ، وَدَرْكِ الشَّقَاءِ،
وَسُوءِ الْقَضَاءِ، وَشَمَاتَةِ الْأَعْدَاءِ. اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
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