

Method of Eid Salah

- 1) Make the intention for Eid Salah before starting: "I am performing Eid Salah for Allah Ta'ala with six additional Takbeers." The intention does not need to be uttered verbally; although it can be made verbally to synchronise one's thoughts with one's actions.
- 2) The prayer begins with the first Takbeer (Allahu Akbar) followed by Thana.
- 3) The Imam will then pronounce three additional Takbeers. For the first and second takbeer, the hands should be raised and then dropped to the side. For the third Takbeer, the hands should be raised and then folded. After this, the Imam will recite Surah Fatiha, an additional Surah, and then complete the Rakat as usual.
- 4) In the second Rakat, the Imam will recite Surah Fatiha, an additional Surah, and then pronounce three additional Takbeers. After each Takbeer, the hands will be raised and dropped to the sides. Thereafter, the Imam will pronounce a fourth Takbeer in which everyone will go into Ruku' without raising the hands. The Salah will then be completed as usual.
- 5) After the Salah, it is Sunnah for the Imam to deliver a Khutbah which consists of two parts with a short sitting in between. The Khutbah should be delivered while standing. A chair can be used for the sitting in between the two Khutbas. It is Wajib (compulsory) for everyone to listen to the Khutbah. A short Khutbah is provided at the end of this document.

Additional Rulings Pertaining to Eid and the Eid Prayer

- The time for the Eid prayer is 20 minutes after sunrise till Zawal (beginning of Zuhr time).
- There is no Azaan or Iqaamah in the Eid prayer.
- There should be a short gap between the extra Takbeers for the duration it would take to say Subhan Allah three times.
- If any of the extra Takbeers are forgetfully omitted or more than six Takbeers are said, Sajdah Sahw should be performed at the end. The ruling is different for very large congregations.
- Dua can be made after the Eid prayer prior to the Khutbah; however, it is not necessary.
- It is Sunnah to eat something sweet prior to Eid prayer on Eidul Fitr.
- One should wear one's best clothes and apply perfume even if one is performing Eid Salah at home.
- The Sahabah would greet each other by saying, "Taqabbala Allahu Minna Wa Minkum" (May Allah accept from us and you) on the day of Eid. It is also permitted to say Eid Mubarak. Hugging each other is not proven from the Sunnah. However, it is permissible to hug each other out of happiness provided it is done without considering it to be a Sunnah.