

## The Eid Prayer

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### **Time of Eid prayer:**

The time of the Eid prayers is any time after sunrise and before noon. The prayer should be performed as early as possible.

Abdullah bin Busr said: We used to finish the Eid prayer (in the lifetime of the Prophet) at the time of Tasbih (Duha or Ishraq prayer) that is, after sunrise. (Bukhari, volume 2, page 44).

### **No Adhan or Iqamah required:**

Narrated Ibn Juraij: Ata told me that Ibn Abbas and Jabir bin Abdullah, had said, "There was no Adhan or the prayer of Eidul-Fitr and Eidul-Adha." (Bukhari, volume 2, Hadith number 78).

### **Who should go to the prayer ground & offer Eid Prayer:**

"Umm Atiyah (ra) reported: "The Messenger of Allah (saw) commanded us to bring out on Eid-al-Fitr and Eid-al-Adha, young women, hijab-observing adult women and the menstruating women. The menstruating women stayed out of actual Salaat but participated in good deeds and Duaa (supplication). I (Umm Atiyah) said to the Holy Prophet (saw): Oh! Messenger of Allah, one does not have an outer garment. He replied: Let her sister cover her with her garment." (Muslim).<sup>1</sup>"

On the Eid day, every believing man, woman and child must go to the prayer ground and participate in this joyous occasion.

### **Structure of Eid prayer:**

Eid prayer consists of two Rakaat (units) with six or thirteen additional Takbirs. It must be offered in congregation. The prayer is followed by the Khutbah. Ibn Abbass (ra) reported: " I participated in the Eid-ul-Fitr prayer with the Messenger of Allah (saw), Abu Bakr (ra), Umar (ra) and Uthman (ra), and all of them held Eid prayer before Khutbah, and then the Prophet Muhammad (saw) delivered the Khutbah (sermon)." (Muslim).

"The Khutbah is part of the worship and listening to it is Sunnah. During the Khutbah, the Imam must remind the community about its responsibilities and obligations towards Allah, fellow Muslims and the fellow human beings. The Imam must encourage the Muslims to do good and ward off evil. The Muslim community must also be directed to the state of the community and the Ummah at large and the feelings of sacrifice and Jihaad should be aroused in the community."<sup>2</sup>

### **Offering of prayer before or after the Eid prayer:**

Narrated Ibn Abbas: The Prophet (S.A.W.) went out and offered a two rakaat prayer on the Day of Eidul-Fitr and did not offer any other prayer before or after it and at that time Bilal was accompanying him. (Bukhari, volume 2, Hadith number 104).

### **Missing Eid prayer:**

Whoever missed the Eid prayer should pray two rakaats.... (Bukhari, volume 2, page 55).

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.islamicity.com/ramadan/Eid\\_default.shtml](http://www.islamicity.com/ramadan/Eid_default.shtml)  
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