

Method of ‘Eīd al-Fitr Salāh according to the Four Sunni Schools of Fiqh

1. For those who follow the Hanafī School of Fiqh:

- a) The Imam will make the intention to lead everyone in two (2) Rak‘ats Wājib ‘Eīd al-Fitr Salāh, **with six (6) extra Takbīrāt**, facing the Qiblah.
- b) The Muqtadī (follower) will make the intention to follow behind the Imām in two (2) Rak‘ats Wājib ‘Eīd al-Fitr Salāh, **with six (6) extra Takbīrāt**, facing the Qiblah.
- c) The Imam will say Takbīr Tahrīmah (opening Takbīr), everyone will fold their hands, and everyone will recite the Thanā silently:

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ. وَتَبَارَكَ اسْمُكَ وَتَعَالَى جَدُّكَ. وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا غَيْرُكَ

- d) The Imam will say three (3) extra Takbīrāt in the First Rak‘at **before starting Sūrah al-Fatihah**. For the first two extra Takbīrāt, everyone will raise and leave their hands at their sides. For the third extra Takbīr, everyone will fold their hands. The Imam will then continue with ‘Aūdhubillāh and Bismillāh silently, followed by Sūrah al-Fātihah and Qirā’at loudly, and then complete the First Rak‘at as normal (Rukū‘, Sajdah, Sajdah, then stand up again).
- e) In the Second Rak‘at, the Imam will start with Bismillāh silently, followed by Sūrah al-Fātihah and Qirā’at loudly, and then say three (3) extra Takbīrāt for the Second Rak‘at **after finishing Qirā’at and before Rukū’**. For all three extra Takbīrāt, everyone will raise and leave their hands at their sides. The Imam will then say the Takbīr a fourth time and everyone will go straight into Rukū’ and finish the Salāh as normal (Rukū‘, Sajdah, Sajdah, Tashahhud, Du‘ā, Salām).

2. For those who follow the Malikī School of Fiqh:

- a) The Imam will make the intention to lead everyone in two (2) Rak‘ats Sunnah Mu’akkadah ‘Eīd al-Fitr Salāh, **with twelve (12) total Takbīrāt**, facing the Qiblah.
- b) The Muqtadī (follower) will make the intention to follow behind the Imām in two (2) Rak‘ats Sunnah Mu’akkadah ‘Eīd al-Fitr Salāh, **with twelve (12) total Takbīrāt**, facing the Qiblah.
- c) The Imam will say Takbīr Tahrīmah (opening Takbīr), everyone will raise and leave their hands at their sides.
- d) The Imam will say six (6) extra Takbīrāt in the First Rak‘at **before starting Sūrah al-Fatihah**. For all of the extra Takbīrāt, everyone will leave their hands at their sides without raising them. The Imam will then continue Sūrah al-Fātihah and Qirā’at loudly. complete the First Rak‘at as normal (Rukū‘, Sajdah, Sajdah, then stand up again).
- e) In the Second Rak‘at, the Imam will start by saying five (5) extra Takbīrāt for the Second Rak‘at **before starting Sūrah al-Fatihah**. For all of the extra Takbīrāt, everyone will leave their hands at their sides without raising them. The Imam will then continue with Sūrah al-Fātihah, and Qirā’at loudly. The Imam will then say the Takbīr a sixth time and everyone will go straight into Rukū’ and finish the Salāh as normal (Rukū‘, Sajdah, Sajdah, Tashahhud, Du‘ā, Salām).

3. For those who follow the Shāfi'ī (or Salafī/Ahl al-Hadīth) School of Fiqh:

- a) The Imam will make the intention to lead everyone in two (2) Rak'ats Sunnah Mu'akkadah 'Eid al-Fitr Salāh, **with twelve (12) extra Takbīrāt**, facing the Qiblah.
- b) The Muqtadī (follower) will make the intention to follow behind the Imām in two (2) Rak'ats Sunnah Mu'akkadah 'Eid al-Fitr Salāh, **with twelve (12) extra Takbīrāt**, facing the Qiblah
- c) The Imam will say Takbīr Tahrīmah (opening Takbīr), everyone will raise and fold their hands, and everyone will recite the Thanā silently:

وَجَّهْتُ وَجْهِيَ إِلَى الَّذِي فُطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ حَنِيفًا مُسْلِمًا وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ،
سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ، تَبَارَكَ اسْمُكَ وَتَعَالَى جَدُّكَ، وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ،
إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

- d) The Imam will say seven (7) extra Takbīrāt in the First Rak'at **before starting Sūrah al-Fatihah**. For each of the extra Takbīrāt, everyone will raise and fold their hands. The Imam will then continue with A'ūdhubillah silently and Bismillāh, Sūrah al-Fātihah, and Qirā'at loudly, and complete the First Rak'at as normal (Rukū', Sajdah, Sajdah, then stand up again).
- e) In the Second Rak'at, the Imam will start by saying five (5) extra Takbīrāt for the Second Rak'at **before starting Sūrah al-Fatihah**. For each of the extra Takbīrāt, everyone will raise and fold their hands. The Imam will then continue with A'ūdhubillah silently and Bismillāh, Sūrah al-Fātihah, and Qirā'at loudly. The Imam will then say the Takbīr a sixth time and everyone will go straight into Rukū' and finish the Salāh as normal (Rukū', Sajdah, Sajdah, Tashahhud, Du'ā, Salām).

4. For those who follow the Hanbalī School of Fiqh:

- a) The Imam will make the intention to lead everyone in two (2) Rak'ats Sunnah Mu'akkadah 'Eid al-Fitr Salāh, **with twelve (12) total Takbīrāt**, facing the Qiblah.
- b) The Muqtadī (follower) will make the intention to follow behind the Imām in two (2) Rak'ats Sunnah Mu'akkadah 'Eid al-Fitr Salāh, **with twelve (12) total Takbīrāt**, facing the Qiblah.
- c) The Imam will say Takbīr Tahrīmah (opening Takbīr), everyone will raise and fold their hands, and everyone will recite the Thanā silently:

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ، وَتَبَارَكَ اسْمُكَ وَتَعَالَى جَدُّكَ، وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ

- d) The Imam will say six (6) extra Takbīrāt in the First Rak'at **before starting Sūrah al-Fatihah**. For each of the extra Takbīrāt, everyone will raise and fold their hands. The Imam will then continue with 'Aūdhubillah and Bismillāh silently, and then Sūrah al-Fātihah and Qirā'at loudly and complete the First Rak'at as normal (Rukū', Sajdah, Sajdah, then stand up again).
- e) In the Second Rak'at, the Imam will start by saying five (5) extra Takbīrāt for the Second Rak'at **before starting Sūrah al-Fatihah**. For each of the extra Takbīrāt, everyone will raise and fold their hands. The Imam will then continue with Bismillāh silently, followed by Sūrah al-Fātihah and Qirā'at loudly. The Imam will then say the Takbīr a sixth time and everyone will go straight into Rukū' and finish the Salāh as normal (Rukū', Sajdah, Sajdah, Tashahhud, Du'ā, Salām).

NOTES

1. Position of the hands when folded in Salāh:

- a. Hanafīs will fold their hands under the navel (belly button). Women will place their right hands over the left on their chest.
- b. Mālikīs will leave their hands at their sides. This applies to both men and women.
- c. Shāfi'īs and Hanbalīs will fold their hands above the navel and beneath the chest. Women will place their right hands over their left hands on the chest or under the chest.

2. Number of Takbīrāt in 'Eīd Salāh:

- a. Hanafīs will do six (6) extra Takbīrat: **three before Qirā'at** in the First Rak'at not including Takbīr Tahrīmah and **three after Qirā'at** in the Second Rak'at.
- b. Mālikīs and Hanbalīs will do twelve (12) Takbīrat in total: **seven before Qirā'at including Takbīr Tahrīmah** in the First Rak'at and **five before Qirā'at** in the Second Rak'at.
- c. Shāfi'īs will do twelve (12) Takbīrat in total: **seven before Qirā'at not including Takbīr Tahrīmah** in the First Rak'at and **five before Qirā'at** in the Second Rak'at.

3. Saying Bismillāh:

- a. Hanafīs and Hanbalīs will all say Bismillāh silently.
- b. Mālikīs will not say Bismillāh at all.
- c. Shāfi'ī Imams will say Bismillāh loudly; followers will all say Bismillāh silently.

4. Saying Āmīn:

- a. Hanafī and Mālikī Imams and followers will all say Āmīn softly.
- b. Shāfi'ī and Hanbalī Imams and followers will all say Āmīn loudly.

5. Sunnah Qirā'at in 'Eīd Salāh:

- a. Hanafīs, Hanbalīs, and Shāfi'īs are of the opinion that it is Sunnah to recite Sūrah al-A'la #87 (Sabbihisma Rabbikal A'la) in the First Rak'at and Sūrah al-Ghāshiyah #88 (Hal Atāka Ḥadīthul Ghāshiyah) in the Second Rak'at.
- b. Mālikīs are of the opinion that it is Sunnah to recite Sūrah al-A'la #87 (Sabbihisma Rabbikal A'laa) in the First Rak'at and Sūrah al-Shams #91 (Wash Shamsi wa Duhaahaa) in the Second.
- c. Shāfi'īs are also of the opinion that it is Sunnah to recite Sūrah Qāf #50 (Qaaf wal Qur'aanil Majeed) in the First Rak'at and Sūrah al-Qamar #54 (Iqtarabatis Saa'atu) in the Second.
- d. There is also an opinion that it is Sunnah to recite Sūrah al-Kāfirūn #109 (Qul Yaa Ayyuhal Kaafiroon) in the First Rak'at and Sūrah al-Ikhlās #112 (Qul Hu Wallaahu Ahad) in the Second.
- e. These are recommendations from the Sunnah of the Messenger ﷺ. Otherwise, if the Imam recites any other Sūrah besides the abovementioned after Sūrah al-Fātihah, it will be valid.