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# A JOYOUS DAY

A Guide to Making your first Eid your Best!

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After Ramadan Muslims celebrate Eid ul-Fitr which marks the end of a month of fasting and concentrated worship. This is a happy time when people come together with their families and communities.

Ramadan is a month of big gatherings and community togetherness – Muslims often join one another for meals at the mosque, prayers, and lectures. However, since many Muslims choose to spend Eid day with their families, this celebration can sometimes be a lonely one for New Muslims who do not have Muslim family members.

Don't worry, you're not alone! Here are some important things and suggestions to consider for Eid to make your day worry-free and enjoyable:



## Zakat-ul-Fitr:

Before the end of Ramadan, give the charity called Zakat-ul-Fitr – any Muslim who can afford to do so is obligated to give this charity that provides the poor with a means to celebrate this festival

of breaking the fast with the rest of their communities. Ask your local mosque if they are accepting these donations, or find a local or international Islamic charity and donate before the month is over.



## Attend Eid Prayer:

Research the closest Eid prayer to you and attend! Whether you attend the prayers at your local mosque on Eid morning or a larger Eid prayer gathering in your city, make sure to schedule this into

your day. The Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) highly encouraged all Muslims, whether male or female, to attend the Eid prayer and listen to the Khutbah (sermon) following the prayer.

## Community Celebrations:

Some communities may have special Eid festivities, bazaars and communal meals planned for their community members. Ask your local mosque

or do some online research to see if there are events like this in your area. This is a great way to meet new people and take part in the excitement of Eid.

## Find an Eid-Guide:

If you have a Muslim friend or know someone at your local mosque, ask if he or she will be your 'Eid-guide' for the day so you can get a glimpse into what a typical Eid day might

look like for a Muslim family. They can take you to different events in the community or show you how Muslims of different cultural backgrounds celebrate in unique ways.

## Bond Together!

Being new to the faith can mean that you haven't yet formed strong bonds with others in your community. This, compounded with the fact that many Muslims use Eid celebrations as an opportunity to spend

time with their families, may leave you feeling left out and a bit lonely. Find others in your area whose families aren't around for Eid or who have newly entered the faith like you and celebrate together with

a meal. This is also a great way to reach out and start forming lasting bonds. Check out the New Muslim Academy forums to connect with local new Muslims.



## Make your own Eid Traditions!

Once you have given your zakat-ul-fitr and attended the Eid prayer, it's up to you on how you want to spend your Eid. You can celebrate the end of Ramadan by treating yourself to something special

like new clothes, your favourite meals, and other things that you may only do on special occasions. Eid is a time of happiness and celebration so don't feel shy to celebrate!

## Spend time with Family

If your family is open to hearing about Eid festivities and you want to have some family

time, this is a great opportunity to let them join in and get to know more about Islam.

## Online Eid Party

Attend the New Muslim Academy online Eid party! Join us for some games and

lively discussion with our instructors and community members.

From the New Muslim Academy instructors and staff, we sincerely hope that you have a blessed and happy Eid –

# Eid Mubarak!

## Don't Forget...

*Be creative when celebrating! Pay your zakat-ul-fitr, attend Eid prayers, then celebrate in your own unique way!*

*Treat yourself to something special on Eid like a new outfit or a great meal!*

*If you're feeling lonely, you're not alone! Join us for our online Eid party ([www.newmuslimacademy.org](http://www.newmuslimacademy.org))*

*Find an "Eid-Guide" to discover how Muslims from different parts of the world celebrate.*