

Zakat al-Fitr, completing the fast with care for others

Zakat al-Fitr joins the completion of Ramadan with concern for people in need, allowing Eid to be shared across the community.

CENTREPIECE Sahih al-Bukhari 1503, Sunan Abi Dawud 1609

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. It is a defined obligation, not a casual donation

Ibn Umar reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) prescribed Zakat al-Fitr for Muslims in a measured amount of staple food (Bukhari 1503). Its amount, eligible recipients and payment method should follow sound local scholarly guidance.

Source: Bukhari 1503

2. It repairs and it feeds

A report from Ibn Abbas describes it as purification for the fasting person from indecent speech and as food for people in need (Abu Dawud 1609, graded hasan by a number of hadith scholars). It joins personal worship to social care.

Source: Abu Dawud 1609

3. Good intentions still need good timing

Arrange payment early enough for a trusted local collector or recipient to use it as intended. A last-minute transfer that cannot reach anyone before Eid may satisfy our feeling of action while missing the practical need.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Give the congregation clear local instructions only after confirming them with the mosque's qualified leadership. Avoid presenting one disputed payment method as the only valid view.

Suggested closing: O Allah, purify our fasting, accept our giving and allow every family in our community to meet Eid with dignity, provision and joy.

ONE ACTION FOR THIS WEEK

Confirm the amount, deadline and collection method used by a trusted local authority, then arrange payment for every eligible member of your household.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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