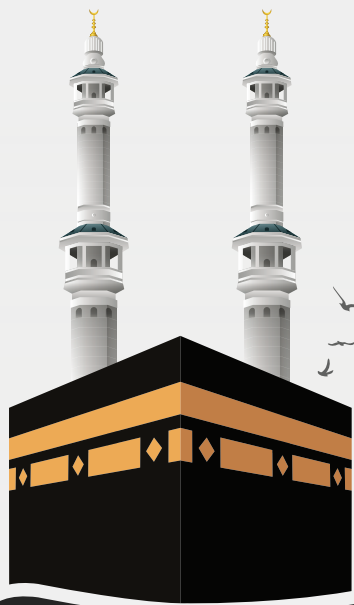




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KEYS TO EMBRACING

Dhul Hijjah

MAKING THE MOST OF THE FIRST TEN DAYS,
THE DAY OF ARAFAH AND PERFECTING QURBANI

10 THINGS TO DO ON THE DAYS OF DHUL HIJJAH

1

FAST ALL 9 DAYS

“Each day of fasting in it (Dhul Hijjah) is equivalent to the fast of an entire year.”

(Tirmidhi)



2

PLAN FOR ARAFAH

“There is no day when Allah sets free more servants from Hell than the Day of Arafah.”

(Muslim)



3

MAKE DUA

“Du'a (supplication) is worship.”

(Abu Dawud).



4

INCREASE YOUR DHIKR

“There are no days that are greater before Allah or in which good deeds are more beloved to Him, than these ten days, so recite a great deal of tahleel, takbeer, and tahmeed during them.”

(Ahmad)



5

MAKE SINCERE REPENTANCE

“Whoever repents before he utters the death rattle, Allah will accept it from him.”

(Ahmad)



6

PRAY TAHAJJUD

“Each night (of Dhul Hijjah) standing in prayer is equivalent to standing in prayer on the Night of Power.”

(Tirmidhi)

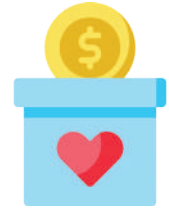


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GIVE IN CHARITY

“No good deeds done on other days are superior to those done on these (first ten days of Dhul Hijjah).”

(Tirmidhi)

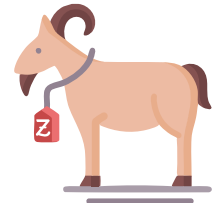


8

OFFER QURBANI

Allah (SWT) says, “It is neither their meat nor their blood that reaches Allah, but it is your piety that reaches Him.”

(Quran, 22:37)



9

READ QURAN

“Read the Qur’an, for it will come as an intercessor for its reciters on the Day of Resurrection.”

(Muslim)



10

PREPARE FOR EID

Celebrate on the Days of Tashreeq (the three days of Eid). The Prophet (SAW) said: “These days are the days of eating and drinking.”

(Ibn Majah)



DAY OF ARAFAH CHECKLIST

- Recite evening adhkar after Maghrib the night before Arafah
- Read Surah Mulk before you sleep
- Sleep early to strengthen yourself for Tahajjud
- Wake up early and pray Tahajjud
- Make intention to fast for the day of Arafah
- Have Suhoor
- Recite morning adhkar after Fajr
- Pray Salatul Doha
- Make duas after every prayer
- Read Quran throughout the day
- Engage in continuous dhikr throughout the day, particularly with tahleel (saying La ilaha illallah), takbeer (saying Allahu Akbar), and tahmeed (saying Alhamdulillah).
- Give in charity

DUAS FOR THE DAY OF ARAFAH

TAWHEED & PRAISE OF ALLAH

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ
وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

*“There is no god but Allah, alone, without partner.
To Him belongs the dominion and all praise,
and He is over all things competent.”*



DUA FOR GOODNESS IN THIS LIFE & THE NEXT

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي
الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

*“Our Lord, give us in this world [that which is] good
and in the Hereafter [that which is] good and
protect us from the punishment of the Fire.”*

(Qur'an 2:201)



DUA FOR MERCY & FORGIVENESS

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ وَارْحَمْ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

“My Lord, forgive and have mercy, for You are the best of those who show mercy.”

(Qur'an 23:118)



DUA FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DEEDS

رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

“Our Lord, accept [this] from us. Indeed, You are the Hearing, the Knowing.”

(Qur'an 2:127)



DUA FOR STRENGTH & STEADFASTNESS

رَبَّنَا أفرغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا

“Our Lord, pour upon us patience and make our feet firm.”

(Qur'an 2:250)



DUA FOR REPENTANCE

رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنفُسَنَا وَإِن لَّمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا
وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

*“Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves,
and if You do not forgive us and have mercy
upon us, we will surely be among the losers.”*

(Qur'an 7:23)



DUA FOR PURITY & SINCERE REPENTANCE

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنَ التَّوَّابِينَ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنَ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ

*“O Allah, make me among those who constantly
repent and purify themselves.”*

(Tirmidhi 3512)



DUA FOR CLARITY & GUIDANCE

رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي. وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي

*"My Lord, expand for me my chest
[with assurance] and ease for me my task."*

(Qur'an 20:25-26)



DUA FOR COMPLETE FORGIVENESS

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ مُجِيبٌ الْعَفْوِ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

*"O Allah, You are Forgiving and love to
forgive, so forgive me."*

(Tirmidhi 3513)



DUA FOR FREEDOM FROM THE FIRE

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنْ عِتْقَاءِ يَوْمِ عَرَفَةَ

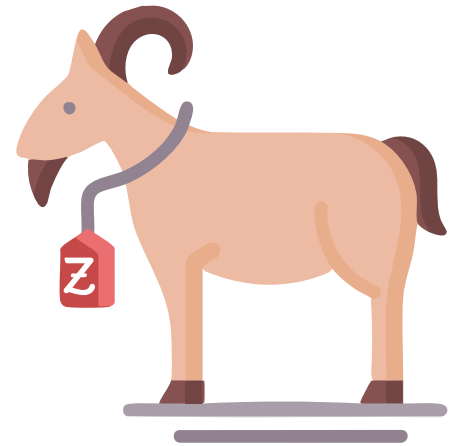
*"O Allah, make me among those freed
from the Fire on the Day of Arafah."*



QURBANI FAQS

1. WHAT IS QURBANI?

Qurbani or Udhiya is the sacrifice of a livestock animal which is offered during the four days of Eid-al-Adha in the month of Dhul Hijjah. This tradition is an echo of the sacrifice of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) who was willing to sacrifice his son to show his devotion to Allah (SWT). For Muslims around the world, Qurbani is a form of showing gratitude to Allah (SWT) for His countless favours and blessings.



2. IS QURBANI AN OBLIGATION OR A SUNNAH?



The majority view is that Qurbani is a Sunnah Mu'akkadah (emphasized Sunnah). Imam Al-Shafi'i, Imam Malik, and Imam Ahmad hold this view. The view of Imam Abu Hanifah is that it is a Fardh or Wajib (obligation).

Shaikh Muhammad ibn 'Uthaymeen said: "Udhiya is Sunnah Mu'akkadah for the one who is able to do it, so a person should offer the sacrifice on behalf of himself and the members of his household."

3. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING QURBANI?

Qurbani is an emphasized Sunnah with great rewards. Whoever can afford to do it without it becoming a financial burden should offer the Qurbani. In fact, multiple members within the same household can offer their own Qurbani if they can afford it and wish to do so.

The Hanafi school of thought states that Qurbani is Wajib on:

- Every sane Muslim of mature age
- Those who are not traveling
- Those who own wealth which is equal to or more than the current level of nisab

4. I AM TIGHT ON MONEY THIS YEAR, BUT GENERALLY DO OKAY WITH FINANCES. AM I REQUIRED TO DO QURBANI?

According to the majority opinion, Qurbani is a Sunnah Mu'akkadah (emphasized Sunnah), and not obligatory. If a person is pressed financially and opts out of offering the Qurbani, insha'Allah there is no sin on him/her. If a person is financially strong and still chooses not to offer it, he/she will be missing out on tremendous rewards.

The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said, "Whoever can afford it but does not offer a sacrifice, let him not come near our place of prayer." (Sunan Ibn Majah)

5. IS ONE QURBANI SUFFICIENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY?

Yes, one Qurbani is sufficient for one family who live together regardless of the number of household members.



6. WHAT IS THE PROPHETIC QURBANI?

Anas ibn Malik (RA) said: "The Prophet (SAW) sacrificed two white rams speckled with black. He slaughtered them with his own hand, and said 'Allahu Akbar.'" (Bukhari & Muslim)

7. WHAT IS THE REWARD OF DOING QURBANI?

The Prophet (SAW) said: "It is the Sunnah of your father Ibrahim (AS). For every hair of the sacrificial animal, you receive a reward from Allah." (Tirmidhi)



8. WHEN SHOULD THE QURBANI BE COMPLETED?

Qurbani must be offered after the Eid al-Adha prayer (the 10th day of Dhul Hijjah) and before the last of the Days of Tashreeq (the 13th day of Dhul Hijjah) before Maghrib.

Any sacrifice made before the Eid prayer is counted as a Sadaqah, not as Qurbani.

Jundab bin Sufyan Al-Bajali reported, 'I witnessed the Prophet (SAW) on the Day of Nahr (or Eid day). He (SAW) said, "Whoever slaughtered the sacrifice before offering the Eid prayer, should slaughter another sacrifice in its place; and whoever has not slaughtered their sacrifice yet, should slaughter now." (Bukhari)

9. WHAT ANIMALS QUALIFY FOR QURBANI?

The following animals and their suitable ages are mentioned by the Prophet (SAW): six months for a lamb, one year for a goat, two years for a cow and five years for a camel. The animal should be free of any defects, physical deformities, and sickness.

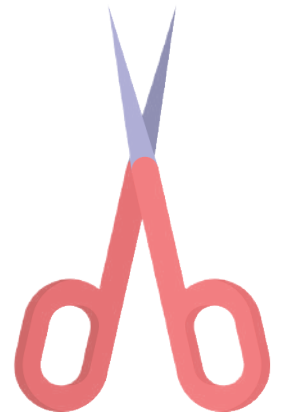
10. HOW TO PERFORM QURBANI?

Qurbani must be carried out ethically following the rules of Qurbani:

- Qurbani animals must not be slaughtered in front of each other
- Knives must be sharp to carry out the sacrifice swiftly without inflicting unnecessary suffering
- Knives must not be sharpened in front of Qurbani animals
- They must have their horns and at least half their teeth
- They cannot be lame, blind or sick
- They must be well-fed
- When the sacrifice is being made, the words "Bismillahi Allahu Akbar" must be recited
- They can not be skinned until the body is entirely cold

11. AM I REQUIRED TO NOT CUT MY NAILS AND HAIR UNTIL THE QURBANI IS COMPLETE? IS IT SINFUL TO CUT BEFORE THE QURBANI?

If you have intended to offer Qurbani, then it is recommended that you refrain from trimming your hair & nails from the beginning of the month of Dhul Hijjah until after your Qurbani is completed. NOTE: If you wish to follow the Sunnah of not trimming your hair & nails, then groom yourself a day or two before the start of Dhul Hijjah. This way you are not too unkempt in the next 10-12 days. While it is a highly recommended Sunnah, you are not sinful for trimming nails or hair until Qurbani is complete.



12. I MISSED MY QURBANI FOR PREVIOUS YEAR(S). DO I HAVE TO MAKE IT UP? AND HOW?

There is no obligation for making up missed Qurbani from the previous year(s).



13. WHY SHOULD I DO MY QURBANI LOCALLY?

With the rising cost of living and current economic uncertainty, thousands of Canadians continue to live in poverty and are struggling to make ends meet, despite the availability of government support and benefits. Many of our most vulnerable community members struggle to afford food, especially with the rising cost of halal meat. By giving your Qurbani locally, you can help ensure that our brothers and sisters in need can enjoy a warm meal and take part in the joys of Eid.



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