

# Muslims Festivals

## A Guide for Non-Muslim for Diversity

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- Religion:** **Islaam means Peace:** Muslims believe that there is only one God, and that the Prophet Muhammad (Peace-Be-Upon-Him) is his last and final messenger. Muslims believe that Muhammad was preceded by many prophets such as, Adam, Noah, Moses, and Jesus (Peace-Be-Upon-All-of-Them) all with the same message of calling on people to worship one God.
- Muslim:** **A person or "one who submits to God" and follows the religion of Islam in belief.**
- To Start:** To Start Reading, Writing, Eating or Drinking Muslims say **Bismillah Hir Rahman Nir Rahim**  
**Meaning:** In the Name of Allah (God), Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
- Greetings:** Instead of Greeting with Hello, Muslims say **AsSalaam O Alaikum**  
**Meaning:** Peace be always with you in this life and the life after death.
- Ablution:** Muslims perform a ritual cleansing or ablution with water called Wudu before pray.
- Prayers:** **(Regular Five times a day prayers):** Muslims offer Regular Five Time a Day Prayers. 1> **Fajir** (Before Sunrise, near dawn), 2> **Dhuhr** (Just after Noon), 3> **Asr** (in the Afternoon), 4> **Maghrib** (Just after Sunset) & 5> **Ishaa** (at Nightfall).
- Friday Prayers:** **(Mini Weekly Festival & Weekly Reminding Lectures):**  
Muslims wear good cloths and offer Congregational Prayers.
- Ramadan:** **(Fasting i.e., No Eating, No Drinking during the daylight {from dawn to dusk}):**  
Healthy Muslims Fast during the day in the Month of Ramadan according to lunar calendar.  
Muslims practically feel poor having no food or clean water to drink and pay charity.
- Zakaat:** **(Charity, minimum 2.5 % of annual savings):**  
Muslims pay charity (Zakaat) minimum 2.5% of Annual savings to needy (Relatives, Friends and Neighbors where they live now and other needy peoples).
- Eid-ul-Fitr:** **(Feast after Fast):**  
Muslims wear good cloths and offer prayers on the day of Eid. **Also exchange gifts and share foods among closed relatives and friends and also help the needy.**
- Eid-ul-Adha:** **(Feast on Pilgrimage):**  
It occurs on the tenth day of the Islamic month of Dhul Hijja.  
**Muslims wear good cloths, offer prayers and share the meat of goat, lamb, sheep, cow, camel etc., among the relatives, friends and the poor.**
- Hajj:** **(Pilgrimage to Makkah al-Mukarramah, Saudi Arabia):**  
Muslims go for Hajj, at least once in a lifetime if one can afford.  
**It is also mentioned in the Bible, book of PSAM, chapter-84, Verse-5-to-12.**  
{84:5} Blessed is the man whose strength is in You; Whose heart is set on Pilgrimage (HAJJ).  
{84:6} As they pass through the Valley of Baca (new name Makkah in Saudi Arabia).  
They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools (**ZAM-ZAM Water**).  
{84:7} They go from strength to strength, Each one appears before God in Zion (**in Arafat ground**).  
{84:8} O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: Give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.  
{84:9} O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of Your anointed.  
{84:10} For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.  
{84:11} For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.  
{84:12} O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man who trust in You.  
**In the book of Revelation, chapter-21, verse-16-to-19, mentions a Cubical Worshipping House, which ONLY exists in Makkah, Saudi Arabia; it is the Kabaa.**