

Ramadan



1438 Hijri 2017 CE

SAHUR • IFTAR/PRAYER TIMINGS

DATE	RAMADAN	DAY	IMSAK/FAJR	SHURUQ Sunrise	ZUHUR Noon	ASR Afternoon	MAGHRIB Sunset	ISHA Late Eve
May 27	1	SAT	5:07 AM	6:23 AM	1:20 PM	4:55 PM	8:16 PM	9:32 PM
28	2	SUN	5:07 AM	6:22 AM	1:20 PM	4:55 PM	8:17 PM	9:33 PM
29	3	MON	5:07 AM	6:22 AM	1:20 PM	4:56 PM	8:17 PM	9:33 PM
30	4	TUE	5:06 AM	6:22 AM	1:20 PM	4:56 PM	8:18 PM	9:34 PM
31	5	WED	5:06 AM	6:22 AM	1:20 PM	4:56 PM	8:18 PM	9:35 PM
June 1	6	THURS	5:05 AM	6:21 AM	1:20 PM	4:56 PM	8:19 PM	9:35 PM
2	7	FRI	5:05 AM	6:21 AM	1:21 PM	4:56 PM	8:19 PM	9:36 PM
3	8	SAT	5:05 AM	6:21 AM	1:21 PM	4:56 PM	8:20 PM	9:37 PM
4	9	SUN	5:05 AM	6:21 AM	1:21 PM	4:56 PM	8:20 PM	9:37 PM
5	10	MON	5:04 AM	6:21 AM	1:21 PM	4:56 PM	8:21 PM	9:38 PM
6	11	TUE	5:04 AM	6:21 AM	1:21 PM	4:56 PM	8:21 PM	9:38 PM
7	12	WED	5:04 AM	6:21 AM	1:21 PM	4:57 PM	8:22 PM	9:39 PM
8	13	THURS	5:04 AM	6:20 AM	1:22 PM	4:57 PM	8:22 PM	9:40 PM
9	14	FRI	5:04 AM	6:20 AM	1:22 PM	4:57 PM	8:22 PM	9:40 PM
10	15	SAT	5:04 AM	6:20 AM	1:22 PM	4:57 PM	8:23 PM	9:41 PM
11	16	SUN	5:04 AM	6:20 AM	1:22 PM	4:57 PM	8:23 PM	9:41 PM
12	17	MON	5:04 AM	6:20 AM	1:22 PM	4:57 PM	8:24 PM	9:41 PM
13	18	TUE	5:04 AM	6:20 AM	1:23 PM	4:58 PM	8:24 PM	9:42 PM
14	19	WED	5:04 AM	6:21 AM	1:23 PM	4:58 PM	8:24 PM	9:42 PM
15	20	THURS	5:04 AM	6:21 AM	1:23 PM	4:58 PM	8:25 PM	9:43 PM
16	21	FRI	5:04 AM	6:21 AM	1:23 PM	4:58 PM	8:25 PM	9:43 PM
17	22	SAT	5:04 AM	6:21 AM	1:24 PM	4:58 PM	8:25 PM	9:43 PM
18	23	SUN	5:04 AM	6:21 AM	1:24 PM	4:59 PM	8:26 PM	9:44 PM
19	24	MON	5:04 AM	6:21 AM	1:24 PM	4:59 PM	8:26 PM	9:44 PM
20	25	TUE	5:04 AM	6:21 AM	1:24 PM	4:59 PM	8:26 PM	9:44 PM
21	26	WED	5:05 AM	6:22 AM	1:24 PM	4:59 PM	8:26 PM	9:44 PM
22	27	THURS	5:05 AM	6:22 AM	1:25 PM	4:59 PM	8:26 PM	9:44 PM
23	28	FRI	5:05 AM	6:22 AM	1:25 PM	5:00 PM	8:27 PM	9:45 PM
24	29	SAT	5:05 AM	6:22 AM	1:25 PM	5:00 PM	8:27 PM	9:45 PM
25	30	SUN	5:06 AM	6:23 AM	1:25 PM	5:00 PM	8:27 PM	9:45 PM

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“O believers! Fasting was prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may attain taqwa (self-restraint).” (Al-Qur’an 2:183)

FASTING is abstaining from food, drink, and conjugal relations between husband and wife from Fajr (Dawn) to Maghrib (Sunset) with the intention of fasting in obedience of Allah (SWT). Fasting is compulsory on all sane, mature Muslims – males and females.

INTENTION (niyyah) to fast is required and must be made before dawn. Intention is an act of the heart. No specific wording of niyyah has been reported from the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

SAHOOR is the meal one takes before starting the day’s fast. It is NOT compulsory, but is blessed. The time for taking this meal extends until dawn – not beyond. Please consult the chart provided to determine the time.

IFTAR is breaking the fast at dusk (Maghrib). Hastening to break the fast and making supplication are Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Supplication made at the time of Iftar are answered by Allah (SWT). The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) used to break his fast with either dates or water. Please visit the special Ramadan page on the ISGH website www.isgh.org for more information on supplications, regulations etc. related to fasting.

TARAWEEH prayers are Sunnah. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) used to double his efforts to recite the Qur’an during Ramadan and Angel Jibra’el used to listen and revise with him during this month. (Al-Bukhari)

RASOOL ALLAH (PBUH) SAID: In this month, you should perform four things in abundance, two of which will be to please Allah (SWT), while the other two you desperately need. Of those which will be to please Allah (SWT) are:

1. You should recite Al-Kalimah Al-Tayyibah: *LA ILAHA IL 'LAL 'LAH ...* in great quantity.
2. Do a lot of Istighfaar (Beg Allah’s forgiveness).

As for the two you desperately need:

1. You should beg Allah for entry into Paradise.
2. Seek refuge in Allah from the fire of Hell.

ZAKAAT-UL-FITR is a special charity compulsory on every Muslim - male and female. It should be paid (latest) before the Eid prayers. **The equivalent amount of this charity is \$10.00 per person.**

EXEMPLARY CONDUCT is expected of all Muslims at all times, especially during Ramadan when extra efforts are made to achieve taqwa.

INTENTIONALLY BREAKING FAST (without any valid reason) for even one day cannot be compensated for, even if one fasts for the rest of one’s life, however to be absolved from sin, one has to pay Kaffarah (expiation).

KAFFARAH (EXPIATION for breaking the fast) of three forms: freeing a slave (if anyone has one in old times), fasting for two consecutive months (if one is able to do so), or feeding one person for sixty days or sixty deserving persons (each person receiving the equivalent of an average meal). The number of expiations is equal to the number of days wherein the fast was broken.

EXEMPTIONS from fasting are granted to travelers, sick people, and certain other categories; such as nursing mother. For details see ISGH website. Such persons must also make up for the days of fasting missed.

INJECTIONS do not break the fast. It does not matter if the injection was intravenous or hypodermic.

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