

Şadaqatul-Fiṭr

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Rasūlullāh ﷺ ordered the giving of one sā' of dates or one sā' of barley as Şadaqatul-Fiṭr on every Muslim slave and free person, male and female, minor and adult. (Al-Bukhārī)

❖ What is Şadaqatul-Fiṭr?

Şadaqatul-Fiṭr is a charity which is given to the poor on the day of 'Īd so that they can also acquire the happiness of 'Īd without having to beg.

❖ Upon whom is Şadaqatul-Fiṭr obligatory?

Şadaqatul-Fiṭr is obligatory upon every free sane Muslim who has wealth beyond his basic needs and which reaches the value of nisāb (612.36 grams of silver).

It is also necessary for a father to give Şadaqatul-Fiṭr on behalf of his minor children if they do not possess their own wealth to the value of nisāb. If a minor child has his/her own personal wealth which reaches the nisāb then the father can give from this wealth.

❖ When does Şadaqatul-Fiṭr become obligatory?

Şadaqatul-Fiṭr becomes obligatory on every person mentioned above if they are alive at the dawn of 'Īdul-Fiṭr.

❖ When should Şadaqatul-Fiṭr be given?

It is preferable to take out the Şadaqatul-Fiṭr before going for 'Īd Salāh after dawn on the day of 'Īdul-Fiṭr.

❖ Can Şadaqatul-Fiṭr be given in advance?

Yes. Şadaqatul-Fiṭr can be given anytime once Ramaḍān commences.

❖ Will a person's obligation be absolved if he does not give Şadaqatul-Fiṭr on the day of 'Īd?

No. The obligation of Şadaqatul-Fiṭr will still remain and he will be obliged to give it even after the day of 'Īd; anytime during his lifetime.

❖ How much is Şadaqatul-Fiṭr?

Şadaqatul-Fiṭr is ½ şā' of wheat or 1 şā' of barley, raisins or dates.

❖ What is the current value of Şadaqatul-Fiṭr?

The prices of the above items vary considerably, hence, after taking into consideration their retail prices in Leicester, an acceptable price for each of them is given in the chart below. It will be allowed to suffice on the lowest amount, **£2.50***, however, to give according to the value of the dearer items is more virtuous.

| Wheat | Barley | Raisins | Dates | | |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | Khudrī | Şafawī | 'Ajwah |
| £2.50 | £5.20 | £16.00 | £15.00 | £21.00 | £52.00 |

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