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Celebrating Eid
FOR THE NEW MUSLIM





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ALONE

New Muslims are often alone on Eid. Battle the loneliness by planning a special day out for yourself. Take a day off work or school, and plan an outing to a nice restaurant, a museum or park. We're supposed to spend the day eating and having fun. Eid is a time to celebrate and be thankful for your effort in Ramadan. If you find yourself alone, then plan out a whole day for yourself to enjoy. If your non-Muslim friends and family want to join in then all the better. Enjoy yourself.



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BEST CLOTHES

Best clothes are to be worn on Eid day. It is encouraged on Eid to purchase and wear new clothes if you can afford it. You know your style and what you like to wear, so on Eid day, wear your best!



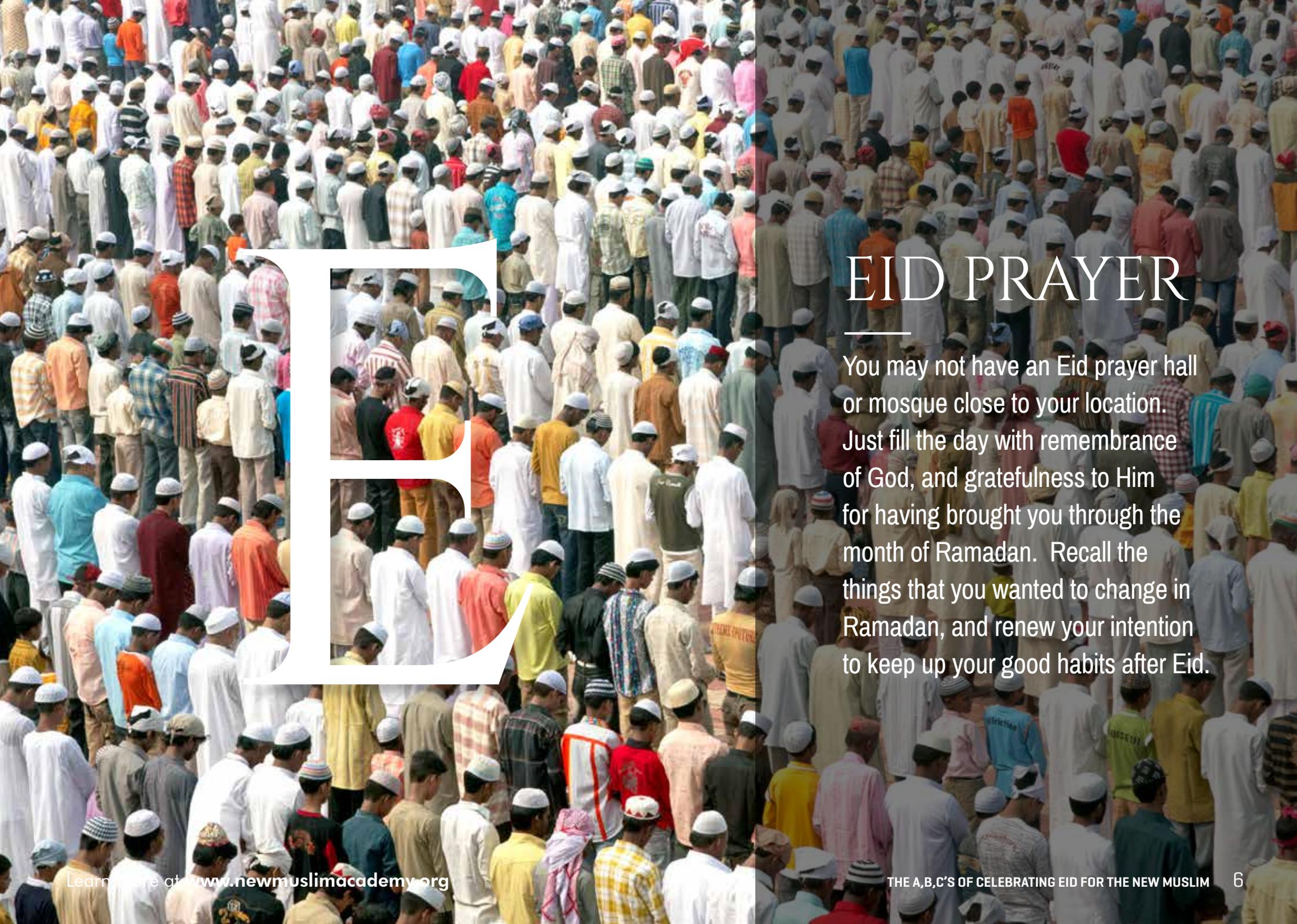
COOK

Cook or buy your favorite treats and snacks. We've held back all Ramadan on satisfying our stomachs, now we can loosen the reins a little and enjoy eating again! Perhaps this is a time to try something new along with your comfort foods that you may have avoided during the month.



DECORATE YOUR SPACE

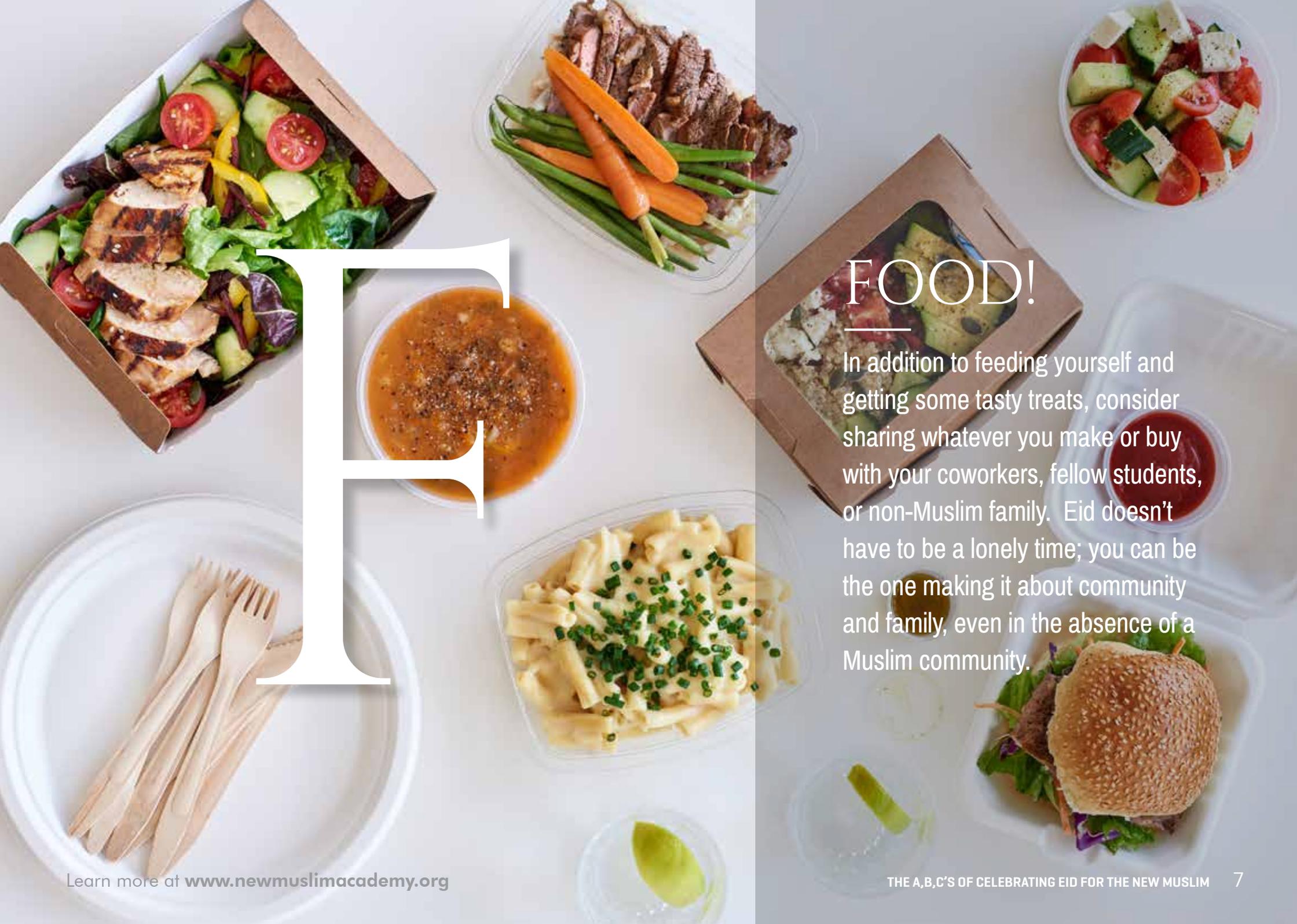
Whether you have a whole house, an apartment, or just a room, spend some time adding little decorations. Hand-made is cheapest and fun if you're the crafty type, but many beautiful Eid decorations can be found online.



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EID PRAYER

You may not have an Eid prayer hall or mosque close to your location. Just fill the day with remembrance of God, and gratefulness to Him for having brought you through the month of Ramadan. Recall the things that you wanted to change in Ramadan, and renew your intention to keep up your good habits after Eid.



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FOOD!

In addition to feeding yourself and getting some tasty treats, consider sharing whatever you make or buy with your coworkers, fellow students, or non-Muslim family. Eid doesn't have to be a lonely time; you can be the one making it about community and family, even in the absence of a Muslim community.



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GIVE GIFTS

Give gifts to your family, friends, and coworkers. The Messenger of God said, “Give gifts and love will spread.” These do not have to be elaborate, or of a certain type. This is a great way to give a charitable message about Islam to those around you. They may even reciprocate next Eid!



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HAVE FAITH

Have faith that God has accepted what good you were able to do during Ramadan, and will also accept all the good you wanted to do, and did not get a chance to implement. God blessed you with completing the month, so God willing, He will accept what you were able to do. Everyone has something that they can offer to God, and He alone knows the struggles that we go through to fast, offer prayer, and read the Quran.



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INVITE

Invite people over! The size of your living space may dictate how many people, but being a gracious host (in the daylight hours!) can be a wonderful way for you to share your faith in Islam with your neighbors, coworkers, and family.



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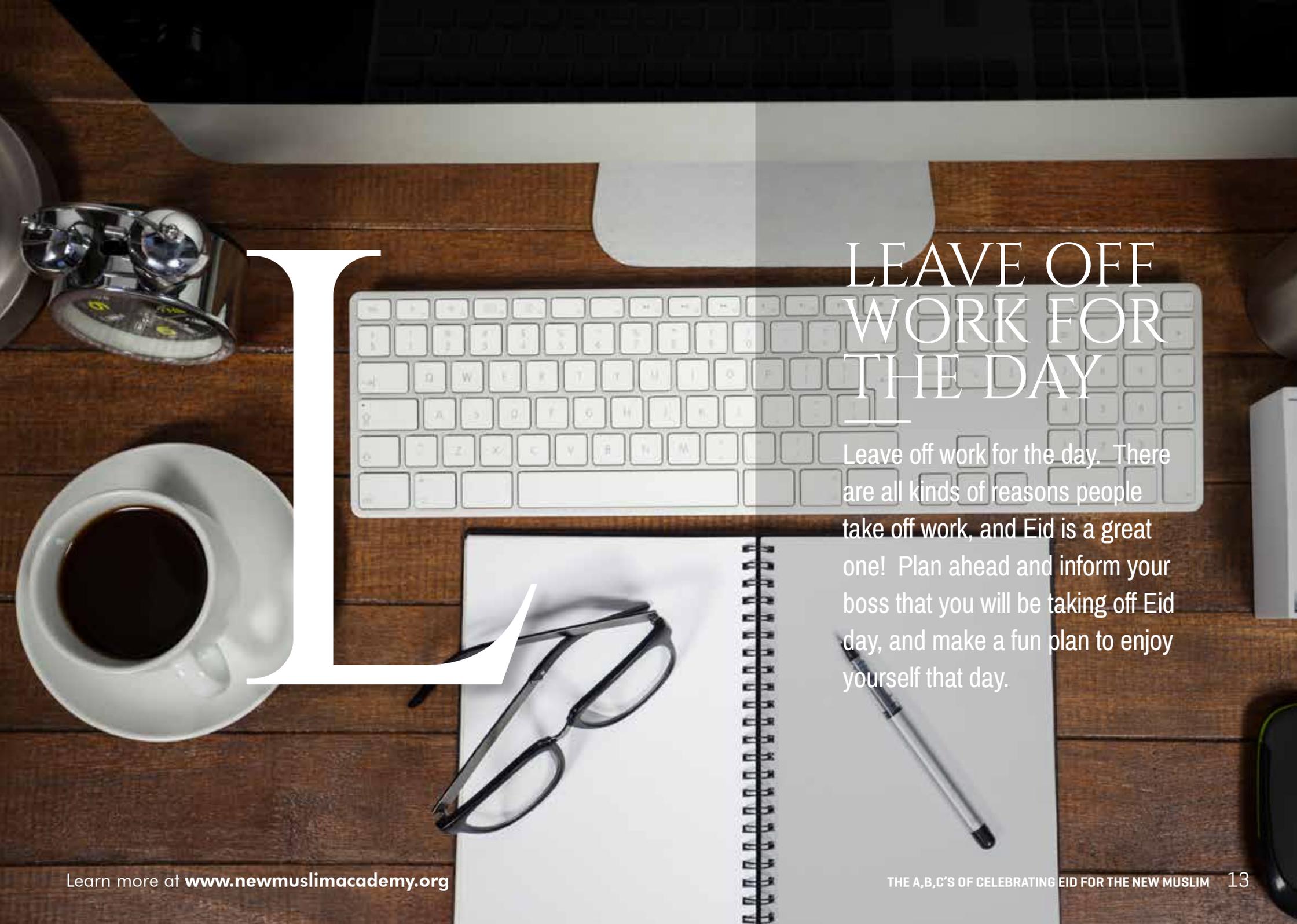
JOIN

Join your fellow Muslims around the world in asking God to accept whatever good you did this month, and beg God to allow you to live to experience another Ramadan.

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KISSES

Kisses and hugs for your parents, siblings, and children are a great way to give charity and gain reward from God on this day. Your parents and siblings are never too old for affection.



LEAVE OFF WORK FOR THE DAY

Leave off work for the day. There are all kinds of reasons people take off work, and Eid is a great one! Plan ahead and inform your boss that you will be taking off Eid day, and make a fun plan to enjoy yourself that day.



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MAKE EID DAY SPECIAL

Make Eid day special, any way that you like. You deserve to have some fun after Ramadan, so make the best of the day!



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NEVER FEEL ALONE

Islam is the fastest-growing religion in the world. Even though you might not have them around you, you are a brother or a sister to every other Muslim on the planet.



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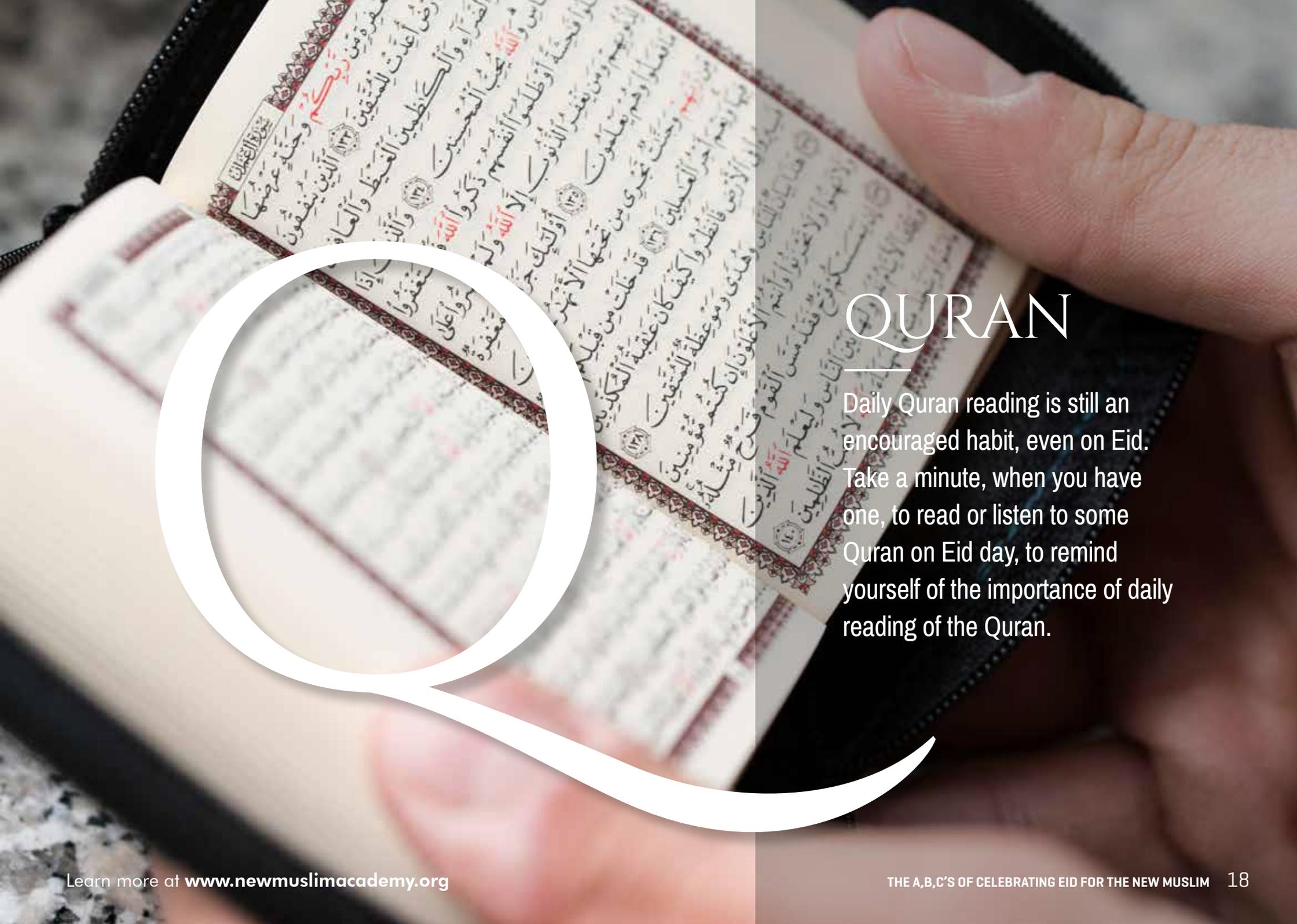
Others in your situation will share the same struggles. Come to our forums at NMA and share your experiences. Ask other new Muslims what they are doing on the day. Don't forget about us, even on Eid!



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PLAN TO TRAVEL

Plan to travel to the nearest place that offers the Eid prayer service, if you're feeling adventurous. Look up where the closest one to your area is, and make a plan to attend the Eid prayer. If you don't feel up to it, that's ok.



QURAN

Daily Quran reading is still an encouraged habit, even on Eid. Take a minute, when you have one, to read or listen to some Quran on Eid day, to remind yourself of the importance of daily reading of the Quran.



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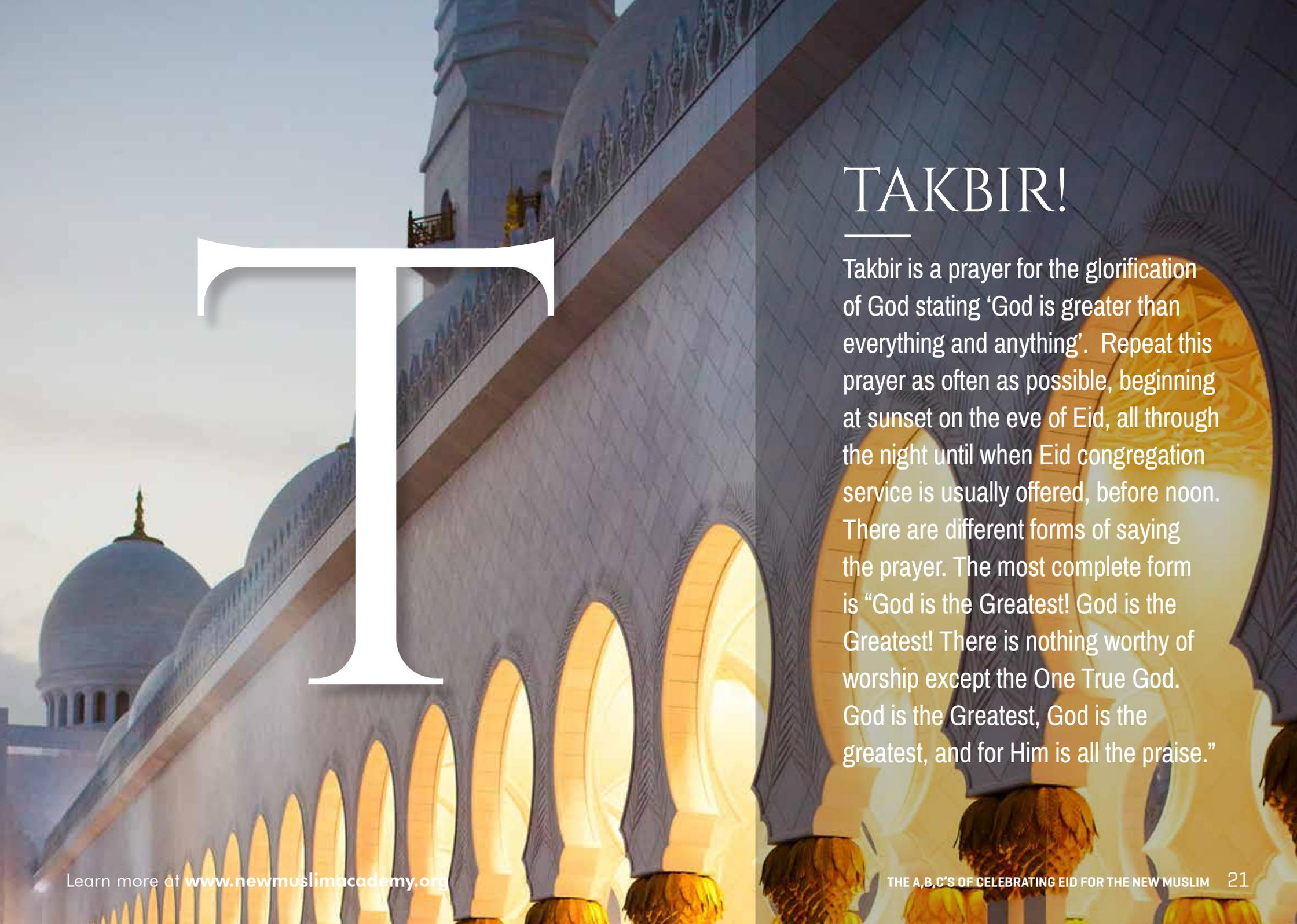
READ

Read all about the habits of the Messenger of God on Eid, even though you may not be able to perform them according to your situation. There are a short list of important acts of worship that are done on this day. Inform yourself about them, and beg God for the opportunity to perform them one day.



SPEND ON YOURSELF

While you might like to just buy others gifts and food, remember yourself and treat yourself to something. Maybe order something gift-wrapped, just for fun. Eid is a time for joy, so give some to yourself!



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TAKBIR!

Takbir is a prayer for the glorification of God stating ‘God is greater than everything and anything’. Repeat this prayer as often as possible, beginning at sunset on the eve of Eid, all through the night until when Eid congregation service is usually offered, before noon. There are different forms of saying the prayer. The most complete form is “God is the Greatest! God is the Greatest! There is nothing worthy of worship except the One True God. God is the Greatest, God is the greatest, and for Him is all the praise.”



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UTTER WORDS

Utter words of praise and thankfulness to God. There are so many things to be grateful for, we can't even count them!



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VISIT FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Bring them some of your treats! Your friends and family will appreciate you sharing your holiday with them.



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WATCH

Watch some videos of Eid prayer around the world. Look up Eid prayer and celebrations across the globe through the internet. One year I looked up a virtual reality video about Eid prayer in Morocco. It felt like I was walking in there and praying with them!



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E-XAMINE

E-Xamine your lifestyle and your practice of the religion. Ramadan is a time to improve, and after Eid choose one new habit you picked up in Ramadan that you want to sustain year-round.



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YOU HAVE DONE IT!

Feel glad about the fact that you moved through the month, benefitting yourself and doing what you could to improve and taste the sweetness of the blessings during this great month.



ZAKAH

Zakah Fitr(charity of breaking fast) is a charitable donation given to another Muslim in need to ensure they have a breakfast meal to eat on Eid day. To give this charity is an obligation on each financially-able Muslim. This donation is to be made in the form of food to a poor Muslim. Muslim charities will accept money so they can purchase food staples for needy Muslims worldwide on your behalf. If you don't have a Muslim charity in your area to donate to, consider Islamic Relief. They will make sure your donation goes to those most in need.

<http://www.islamic-relief.org>