36733 - What to Say When Offering Udhiyah

the question

Is there a specific du`a that I can recite when slaughtering the udhiyah?

Summary of answer

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Detailed answer

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(In the name of Allah, Allah is most great. O Allah, this is from You and to You. This is on my behalf (or if it is being offered on behalf of someone else, This is on behalf of [So and So]). O Allah, accept (this sacrifice) from [So and So] and the family of [So and So]) – here he should mention his name instead of [fulan] or [So and So].

What is obligatory here is to say Bismillah; the rest is mustahabb but is not obligatory.

Al-Bukhari (5565) and Muslim (1966) narrated that Anas said: The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) sacrificed two horned rams that were white speckled with black. He slaughtered them with his own hand, said Bismillah and Allahu akbar, and put his foot on their necks.

Muslim (1967) narrated from `Aishah that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) ordered that a horned ram be brought to him so that he could sacrifice it. He said, “O ‘A’ishah, give me the knife.” Then he said, “Sharpen it on a stone.” So she did that, then he took it and took the ram, and he lay it down and prepared to slaughter it. He said, “In the name of Allah, O Allah accept (this sacrifice) from Muhammad and the family of Muhammad and the ummah of Muhammad,” then he sacrificed it.

Al-Tirmidhi (1521) narrated that Jabir ibn ‘Abd-Allah said: I was present with the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) on the day of al-Adha at the prayer place. When he had finished his khutbah he came down from his pulpit and a ram was brought which the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) slaughtered with his own hand. He said, “In the name of Allah, Allah is Most Great. This is on behalf of myself and on behalf of those of my ummah who have not offered a sacrifice.” (Classed as sahih by al-Albani in Sahih al-Tirmidhi.

In some reports the words “O Allah, this is from You and to You” are added. (See Irwa al-Ghalil, 1138, 1152)

Allahumma minka (O Allah, from You) means this sacrifice is a gift and provision that has reached me from You. Laka (to You) means, it is sincerely for You Alone. (See al-Sharh al-Mumti’, 7/492)

And Allah knows best.