Praying with People from other Faith Traditions

A World of Prayer

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Your Light is in all forms
Your Love in all beings
Allow us to recognize You
in all Your holy names and forms.

- Hazrat Inayat Khan (1882-1927)
  (first Great Sufi Master who taught in the West)
**CALENDAR OF SACRED DAYS IN NOVEMBER 2017**

**NOV 1 WEDNESDAY** *All Saints’ Day | CHRISTIAN* Day for honoring and remembering Christian saints; *The Day of the Dead (adults) – Mexico & South America*

**2 THURSDAY** - *All Souls’ Day | CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN* Commemoration of the faithful departed; *The Day of the Dead (for children) Mexico & South America*

*Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie* - | **RASTAFARIAN**: Celebration of the coronation of the messianic figure of Rastafarian

**4 SATURDAY** - *Guru Nanak Dev Sahib’s Birthday | SIKH*: Honoring of the birth of the founder of Sikhism

***12 SUNDAY*** - *Birth of Baha’u’llah | BAHA’I*: Celebration of the birth of the founder of Baha’I

**15 WEDNESDAY** - *Nativity Fast begins | ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN* (until 24 Dec) : Period of abstinence and penance in preparation for the birth of Jesus

**16 THURSDAY** - *International Day for Tolerance | INTERFAITH*: United Nations observance day to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance

**23 THURSDAY** - *Thanksgiving | INTERFAITH*: Celebration of the harvest and community

**24 FRIDAY** - *Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur | SIKH*: Commemoration of the death of Guru Tegh Bahadur

**26 SUNDAY** - *Christ the King CHRISTIAN* *Day of the Covenant | BAHA’I*: Celebration of the covenant given in the last will and testament of Baha’u’llah

**28 TUESDAY** *Ascension of the Abdu’l- Baha | BAHA’I* - Celebration of the rising of the spirit of Abdu’l’Baha to the heavenly dwelling
Three important dates in 2018:

Tuesday 15 May – Thursday 14 June

Eve Tues 18 Sept - Eve Wed 19 September

DIWALI - Wed 7 November
Islamic prayers for the sick and dying

• Zuriah Aljeffri writes in *A Matter of Life and Death*:  
  “My mother passed away in 2012 after a short illness. May her soul rest in peace. She was 98 years old. In her last days, I would read surahs,[chapters] *Al-Fatihah* and *Ya Sin* [from the Qur’an] and whisper in her ear the *Shahadah*, so that she could repeat it after me. I hoped it would ease her pain and discomfort as she prepared to meet God. I miss her very much.”

• *Al-Fatihah* reminds me that “Death is not the end but the beginning of an everlasting life.”
Bismillahi Rahmani Rahim (In the name of Allah the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful) – [the opening words of Al-Fatihah]

Photo: Zuriah Aljeffri
**Shahadah**

“There is no god but God and Prophet Mohammed is the Messenger of God.”

**Shahadah** – the Islamic Creed and first of 5 Pillars of Islam.

**From the Qur’an**

1. **Bismillahi Rahmani Rahim** (In the name of Allah the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful)

   In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. Praise be to Allah, The Cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds; Most Gracious, Most Merciful; Master of the Day of Judgement. Thee we do worship, and Thine aid we seek. Show us the straight way, The way of those on whom Thou has bestowed Thy Grace, Those whose (portion) is not wrath, and who do not go astray.

   --*The Qur’an 1:1-7 (Al-Fatihah)*

2. **Ya Sin** – Qur’an 36:1-83

   When death does arrive there is complete SILENCE
Mecca Direction in Melbourne
Qiblaway.com
The Shema

Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God, the LORD is One.
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
May the memory of the life of the departed one be for a blessing.

Jewish blessing
Buddhism and Dying

10th Anniversary
Opening Music:

Namo Avalokiteshvara

• BUDDHIST PRAYER FOR COMPASSION
• Namo Avalokiteshvara, have compassion on me
• Namo Avalokiteshvara have compassion on those loved ones around me, listen to their sufferings
• Namo Avalokiteshvara, have compassion in the world, listen to all sufferings

- Namo Avalokiteshvara music from Plum Village with Thich Nhat Hanh, France  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntBfYFFlV8
May I be filled with loving kindness
May I be well,
May I be peaceful and at ease,
May I be happy- (or free from suffering)

May you be filled with loving kindness
May you be well,
May you be peaceful and at ease,
May you be happy (or free from suffering).

May all beings be filled with loving kindness,
May all beings be well,
May all beings be peaceful and at ease,
May all beings be happy (or free from suffering).

-- Loving Kindness Metta --
At the end of the day it does not matter what faith you follow but what does matter is being in the silence knowing that the Divine is there with you both.
• When we speak we are two, when we are silent we are one.” Morris West.

• “I had been learning that stillness can be the prayer that transforms us. How much more concentrated our stillness becomes, though, when it’s shared.” Sue Monk Kidd
Meditation is simple but not easy; a discipline. For me silence is an attempt to turn off the mental chatter, to reconnect to my essence or God. It grounds me. Cultivating a stillness helps develop a sense of peace and a connection to the present. To “Let go, Let God.”
SILENCE

• *Silence is the language of God, all else is poor translation.* **Rumi**

• **The quieter you become, the more you can hear.** **Ram Dass**

• **A silent man is the best one to listen to** – **Japanese proverb**

• **Silence is a source of great strength** - **Lao Tzu**

• **Be still and know that I am God** – **Psalm 46:1**

• **Dadirri** - an inner, deep listening and quiet still awareness – **Miriam Rose Ungunmerr**

• **Meditation:** “one great question mark with no special object.” **Kathleen Dowling Singh, The Grace in Dying**
I bow to the one who signs the cross.
I bow to the one who sits with the Buddha.
I bow to the one who wails at the wall.
I bow to the OM flowing in the Ganges.
I bow to the one who faces Mecca,
whose forehead touches holy ground.
I bow to dervishes whirling in mystical wind.
I bow to the north,
to the south,
to the east,
to the west.
I bow to the God within each heart.
I bow to epiphany,
to God’s face revealed.
I bow. I bow. I bow.

--Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB, in A World of Prayer
Gayatri Mantra