

# The Day of Aashura

The 10<sup>th</sup> of Muharram also known as the day of Aashura, is one of the most auspicious days in the Islamic Calendar.

Rasulullah ﷺ greatly emphasised the importance of fasting on this day. The Hadith states,

**“The fast of Aashura wipes out the sins of a year.”** (Muslim)

Rasulullah ﷺ further advised the Ummah to keep an additional fast a day before or after the 10<sup>th</sup>. The reason was that the Jews also fasted on the 10<sup>th</sup>. It was necessary that Muslims be distinct and apart from the practices of non-Muslims.

This leaves a powerful lesson for his Ummah. Muslims will, at any given time or place, be distinct and different from the practices, norms and culture of non-Muslims.

**Aashura Fast: 9, 10 Muharram = 3, 4 Nov. (Mon/Tue)  
or 10, 11 Muharram = 4, 5 Nov. (Tue/Wed)**

Additionally, the day of Aashura is an excellent opportunity to spend on one's family. Rasulullah ﷺ has stated,

**“Whoever is generous to his family on the Day of Aashura, Allah will be generous to him for the rest of the year.”** (Targheeb, classified Authentic)



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