

# THE DAY OF ASHURA

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

Rasulullah ﷺ mentioned in a Hadith regarding the importance of fasting on this day. **“I hope from Allah that fasting on the day of Ashura may atone for the sins of the preceding year.”** (Sahih Muslim)

Rasulullah ﷺ advised the Ummah to keep a fast either a day before or after the tenth. The reason being was that the Jews also fasted on the tenth. Hence, it was necessary that the Muslims be distinct & apart from the practices of the 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 the non-Muslims.

**Ashura Fasts 2020/1442 (South Africa):**

**9 & 10 Muharram: 29 & 30 August (Sat & Sun)**

**10 & 11 Muharram: 30 & 31 August (Sun & Mon)**



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