

# 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 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. This was because 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:

**9,10 Muharram = 18,19 August 2021 (Wed/Thurs) or**

**10,11 Muharram = 19, 20 August 2021 (Thurs/Fri)**

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

**“Whoever increases (his expenditure) on his family on the day of Ashura, Allah will increase his sustenance for the remainder of that year.”** (Shu'abul Imaan)



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