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MALWID AL-NABI

Prophet's Birthday ﷺ

Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ birthday, or **Mawlid al-Nabi**, is observed with a blend of **cultural** and **religious** significance, reflecting the country's diverse and multicultural landscape. While it is **not a federal holiday**, many Canadian Muslims commemorate the day with various activities that honor the life and teachings of the Prophet ﷺ.

In addition to attending religious gatherings, Canadian Muslims may engage in community-based celebrations. Families and friends might come together to share meals. Some communities organize charitable events, such as food drives or fundraisers, to help those in need, embodying the Prophet's ﷺ spirit of generosity and compassion. While public festivities might not be widespread, the sense of community and shared values are prominently celebrated, highlighting the importance of Mawlid al-Nabi within Canada's rich tapestry of cultural and religious practices.

what's happening



DATE AND SIGNIFICANCE

Mawlid al-Nabi marks Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ birthday on September 16 this year, celebrating the founder of Islam and the Quran's first revelation.



OBSERVANCE IN CANADA

Muslims in Canada commemorate the day with prayers, Quran recitations, and community meals, reflecting on the Prophet's teachings.



CULTURAL INSIGHT

This celebration highlights the diverse cultural and religious practices in Canada, showing how different communities honor their traditions.



UPCOMING EVENTS >>>

1 - ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN

Religious Year Begins

6 - HINDU

Ganesh Chaturthi

7 - JAIN

Paryushan Ends (Aug 31 - Sep 7)

8 - CHRISTIAN

Nativity of Virgin Mary

11 - RASTAFARIAN

Ethiopian New Year

14 - CHRISTIAN

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

16 - ISLAM

The Prophet's ﷺ Birthday

17 - CHINESE LUNAR CALENDAR

Mid-Autumn Festival (Moon Cake)

21 - WICCA/NEO PAGAN

Fall Equinox

29 - CHRISTIAN

Michael and All Angels

30 - CANADA

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Reminder

"Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ birthday is a time to reflect on kindness and compassion, celebrating the values that bring us together."



NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



Honoring National Truth and Reconciliation Day in Calgary

This day, as we observe National Truth and Reconciliation Day, we stand in solidarity with Indigenous communities across Canada. In Calgary, we come together to reflect on the painful history of residential schools and to honor the resilience and strength of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

In Calgary, we are privileged to have vibrant Indigenous communities and organizations that are integral to our city's cultural mosaic. Let's use today to renew our commitment to building a just and inclusive society for all.

This day, we observe Orange Shirt Day, a significant occasion to honor and remember the experiences of survivors of residential schools in Canada. In Calgary, we come together to recognize the profound impact these institutions had on Indigenous communities and to reaffirm our commitment to reconciliation and healing.

HOW WE CAN CONTRIBUTE

Educate Ourselves

Take time to read the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, learn about the history and culture of Indigenous peoples, and listen to their stories and perspectives.

Support Indigenous Voices

Attend local events, workshops, and ceremonies hosted by Indigenous organizations in Calgary. These events are a chance to show solidarity and learn directly from Indigenous leaders and community members.

Reflect and Act

Spend time reflecting on the significance of this day and how you can contribute to the ongoing process of reconciliation in your daily life.

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