

The Faith Calendar Project: Islam

1. Who was interviewed? What did you learn about this person's background? How did the guest introduce the faith tradition?
2. List three things about the following holidays/"holy days" that you learned:
 - a. The daily prayer cycle
 - b. The weekly prayer (Jumu'ah)
 - c. The month of Ramadan
 - d. *Eid al-Fitr*
 - e. *Eid al-Adha*
 - f. The *Hajj* month/The *Hajj* (final month of the Muslim religious calendar)
3. What did the guest say about feasts and fasts? How did the practice of these acts compare to feasts and fasts in other traditions in the podcast series?
4. Note as well the guest's reflection that, while a special time like *Ramadan* is a wonderful time of the year, it is actually necessary that we need to have "ordinary" times that aren't times like *Ramadan*. Compare/contrast her reflections with the podcast on the Catholic tradition.
5. The Muslim religious calendar is a lunar calendar. Compare/contrast how Muslim holidays move through our solar calendar with how other religions in this series handle this lunar/solar difference.

Vocabulary to Define

Ramadan

Iftar

Eid, especially *Eid al-Fitr* and *Eid Al-Adha*

Koran/Quran

Hajj (pilgrimage)

The *Ka'abah*

The "mini-Hajj" (*Umrah*)