

2027 Holidays & Days of Conscience

Date	Event	Description
JANUARY		
1/1/2027	New Year's Day (Federal Holiday)	This day is held to welcome the new year; it has been celebrated as a federal holiday annually since 1885.
1/1/2027	Gantan-sai or Shogatsu (Shinto)	Gantan-sai is the Shinto New Year celebration during which adherents focus on inner renewal, prosperity and health as well as visit shrines and spend time with friends and family.
1/1/2027	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Christian/Catholic)	This feast is a Catholic Christian celebration of Mary as the mother of Jesus.
1/5/2027	Twelfth Night (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	Catholic and Protestant Christians mark the twelfth and last night of Christmas and prepare for Epiphany.
1/6/2027	Lailat al Miraj (Islamic) Starts at sunset on 01/5.	This day commemorates the ascension of the Prophet Muhammed to heaven.
1/6/2027	Epiphany (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	Catholic and Protestant Christians celebrate the journey of the three Magi to baby Jesus.
1/6/2027	Feast of the Theophany (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian calendar)	Orthodox Christians using the Gregorian calendar commemorate the baptism of Jesus and the revelation of the Holy Trinity.
1/7/2027	Feast of the Nativity of Christ (Christian/Orthodox - Julian calendar)	Orthodox Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus (according to the Julian calendar).
1/11/2027	Seijin Shiki (Shinto)	This is a celebration of young Shinto men and women attaining adulthood. It is usually celebrated on the second Monday in January in Japan.
1/13/2027	Lohri (Sikh)	This holiday marks the beginning of the Sikh New Year.
1/14/2027	Makar Sankranti/Pongal (Hindu)	The same festival is celebrated all over India but it has different names. It marks the new beginning when the sun transitions into longer days. Makar Sankranti is also a harvest festival.
1/15/2027	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti (Sikh)	Sikhs celebrate the birth of the tenth and last guru of the Sikh religion, Gobind Singh, on this day.
1/17/2027	World Religion Day (Baha'i) Starts at sunset on 1/16.	The day is intended to spread awareness of the thousands of religious practices around the world. The day is also about promoting tolerance and understanding between people of all faiths.
1/18/2027	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Federal Holiday)	Americans celebrate the civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Although his birthday is January 15th, the federal holiday is observed on the third Monday in January. It was established as a federal holiday in 1983.

1/19/2027	Feast of the Theophany (Christian/Orthodox - Julian calendar)	Orthodox Christians using the Julian calendar commemorate the baptism of Jesus and the revelation of the Holy Trinity.
1/22/2027	Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)	Buddhists from the Mahayana tradition celebrate the new year on this date. NOTE: Dates can vary by country according to local customs and traditions.
1/24/2027	Lailat al Bara'ah (Islamic) Starts at sunset on 01/23.	Also known as the Islamic Night of Forgiveness, Muslims celebrate that God will descend from heaven and forgive their sins. The occasion is marked with worship, fasting and prayers for forgiveness.
1/27/2027	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	The United Nations General Assembly designated January 27, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp in 1945, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The UN hosts memorial services and educational events regarding the Holocaust and encourages others to host similar events to honor Holocaust victims and survivors.
1/30/2027	Sadeh (Zoroastrian)	This is a mid-winter Iranian festival to honor fire and defeat the forces of darkness. The festival involves feasting, dancing, prayer and bonfires at sunset.
FEBRUARY		
2/1/2027	National Freedom Day	This day memorializes President Lincoln's signing of the joint resolution to establish the 13th Amendment which abolished slavery in the US. President Truman established National Freedom Day on January 25, 1949.
2/2/2027	Imbolc (Pagan, Wicca) Starts at sunset on 02/01.	Imbolc marks the halfway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. In the Northern Hemisphere, it is celebrated from February 1 until sunset on February 2. It has historical ties to an ancient Gaelic festival of light and fire.
2/2/2027	The Presentation of the Lord (Christian/Catholic and Orthodox - Gregorian calendar)	This feast day marks the purification of the Virgin Mary and the presentation of Jesus to the Temple forty days after his birth. Also known in some countries as Candlemas.
2/3/2027	Setsubun-Sai (Shinto)	This is the day the Shinto community celebrates the coming of spring. The celebration includes the practice of throwing beans to protect against demons and to usher in good luck. This holiday may be celebrated on February 2, 3 or 4 in Japan.
2/6/2027	Lunar New Year (Confucian, Taoist, Buddhist)	This day marks the beginning of the new year for many Buddhists, Taoists and all religions of China.
2/8/2027 - 3/8/2027	Ramadan (Islamic) Starts at sunset on 02/7.	This most holy Islamic month of prayer, fasting and community commemorates the Prophet Muhammed receiving his divine revelations written in the Qur'an. People fast from sunrise to sunset. After the sun sets, people gather for prayer and to share meals.

2/9/2027	Shrove Tuesday (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	Also known as Fat Tuesday, this is the last night before the liturgical season of Lent starts for Protestant and Catholic Christians. Many people celebrate by indulging in rich foods and participating in celebratory carnivals.
2/10/2027	Ash Wednesday (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	This day marks the beginning of Lent for Protestant and Catholic Christians. During Lent, Christians engage in spiritual disciplines and other activities to express their dependence upon God.
2/11/2027	Basant Panchami (Hindu)	Basant Panchami, also known as Vasant Panchami, is a Hindu festival that celebrates the arrival of spring.
2/12/2027	Darwin Day	Darwin Day is celebrated annually on Charles Darwin's birthday. It is a day to celebrate Darwin's contributions to science and to promote scientific research and exploration. It became a commemorative holiday in the US in 2015.
2/15/2027	The Presentation of Christ to the Temple (Christian/Orthodox - Julian calendar)	Known by various names in differing Christian traditions, this day celebrates the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple 40 days after his birth.
2/15/2027	Susan B. Anthony Day	While this is not a national holiday, some states celebrate Susan B. Anthony and the American women's suffrage movement on February 15 which is Anthony's birthday.
2/15/2027	Nirvana Day (Buddhist)	This day commemorates the anniversary of the death of the Buddha.
2/15/2027	Presidents' Day (Federal Holiday)	This holiday is the federal recognition of President Washington's birthday. It has been observed on the third Monday of February since 1879. Many states also recognize President Lincoln's birthday on this same day.
2/21/2027	Magha Puja Day (Buddhist)	This is a day of veneration to honor Buddha's enlightenment and his establishment of the basic tenants of the monastic order or the Sangha. It is celebrated on the full moon night of the third lunar month.
2/23/2027	Tu BiShvat (Jewish) Starts at sunset on 02/22.	This is a celebration of the coming of spring and a day of environmental awareness often marked by the planting of trees.
2/26/2027 - 3/1/2027	Ayyám-i-Há Intercalary Days (Baha'i) Starts at sunset on 02/25.	These are four or five days in the annual Baha'i calendar that do not fall into any given month. The days are set aside for celebrations and preparation for the Baha'i fast that follows.
MARCH		
3/2/2027 - 3/20/2027	The Month of Fasting (Baha'i) Starts at sunset on 03/01.	This is a 19 day fasting period for Baha'is to prepare for the new year. People ages 15 and older (with some exceptions) fast from sunrise to sunset.
3/3/2027	Hinamatsuri (Shinto)	This is a day of honoring girls and praying for their well-being.

3/6/2027	Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)	This is a Hindu festival for Shiva who is honored as the one whose cosmic dance creates and re-creates the universe. The day includes a 24 hour fast and visits to major shrines for worship.
3/6/2027	Laylat al Qadr (Islamic) Starts at sunset on 03/5.	Also known as Night of Power, Night of Decree or Night of Destiny, this holy day commemorates when the first verses of the Qur'an were revealed to the Prophet Muhammed. Muslims devote the day to prayer, worship, reciting the Qur'an and engaging in acts of charity.
3/8/2027	International Women's Day	The United Nations General Assembly established this day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.
3/9/2027	Eid-al-Fitr (Islamic) Starts at sunset on 03/8.	Eid-al-Fitr is a celebration of the end of Ramadan. The day is marked by community-wide prayer services, gatherings of family and friends, gift giving and performing charitable acts.
3/14/2027	Cheesefare Sunday (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian calendar)	Orthodox Christians spend the last Sunday before Lent (according to the Gregorian calendar) focusing on forgiveness.
3/15/2027	Clean Monday (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian calendar)	This is the first day of Lent for Orthodox Christians using the Gregorian calendar.
3/15/2027	Meena Sankranti (Hindu)	This holiday marks the onset of the twelfth and the last month in the Hindu solar calendar. People consider this occasion auspicious for donating to people in need.
3/15/2027	International Day to Combat Islamophobia	The United Nations General Assembly established this day for people around the world to learn about the hate, harassment and violence Muslims and people who are perceived to be Muslim experience due to Islamophobia. The day was established after 51 people were killed and an additional 40 people were injured in a mass shooting at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand on March 15, 2019.
3/16/2027 - 3/20/2027	Gahambar Hamaspathmaidyem (Zoroastrian - Fasli calendar)	Zoroastrians using the Fasli calendar commemorate all departed souls.
3/19/2027	Govinda Dwadashi (Hindu)	On this significant fast day, Hindus worship Lord Vishnu to seek his divine blessings for a happy and prosperous life.
3/20/2027	Ostara (Pagan, Wicca)	This is a celebration of the spring equinox in the Northern Hemisphere honoring the sun's warmth and the awakening of the earth. Other themes celebrated on this day include fertility, growth and new beginnings. It is also known as Eostre.

3/21/2027	Holika Dahan (Hindu)	This is a Hindu festival in which a bonfire is lit to celebrate the burning of the demoness Holika. This ritual is symbolic of the victory of good over evil. It precedes Holi, the Festival of Colors.
3/21/2027	Nowruz/Naw Ruz (Baha'i and Zoroastrian - Fasli calendar) Starts at sunset on 03/20 for Baha'is.	This is a traditional celebration of the ancient Persian New Year. People prepare for the new year by cleaning their homes, purchasing new clothes and visiting with family and friends.
3/21/2027	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	The United Nations General Assembly established this day to recognize the injustice and prejudice fueled by racial discrimination. It commemorates the day police in Sharpeville, South Africa, opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid "pass laws" in 1960.
3/21/2027	Palm Sunday (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	Protestant and Catholic Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem where crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches. Palm Sunday is also the first day of Holy Week.
3/22/2027	Holi (Hindu)	This Hindu Festival of Colors is a celebration of spring and new beginnings, marked by people showering each other with liquid and powdered dyes.
3/23/2027	Purim (Jewish) Starts at sunset on 03/22.	Also known as the Feast of Lots, Purim commemorates the deliverance of the Jewish minority in Persia from genocide at the hands of Haman.
3/23/2027 - 3/25/2027	Hola Mohalla (Sikh)	This Sikh Warrior Festival is celebrated around Holi. Staged battles and martial arts displays were originally intended to keep Sikh armies trained and prepared for war.
3/25/2027	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	The United Nations General Assembly designated March 25 as the annual day to remember the victims of slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.
3/25/2027	The Annunciation of the Theotokos/Virgin Mary (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian calendar)	This day commemorates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce that she had been blessed to become the mother of Jesus.
3/25/2027	Holy Thursday (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	Protestant and Catholic Christians remember the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples before he was arrested, put on trial and crucified.
3/26/2027	Good Friday/Holy Friday (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	Protestant and Catholic Christians remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus on Holy Friday. Observances include worship services, fasting and prayer.
3/26/2027	Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian - Fasli calendar)	Zoroastrians using the Fasli calendar celebrate the birth of Zarathustra, the founder of the Zoroastrian religion, on this day.

3/27/2027	Holy Saturday (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	Catholic and Protestant Christians spend the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday reflecting on the crucifixion of Jesus and anticipating the resurrection to come.
3/28/2027	Easter Sunday (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	Catholic and Protestant Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Easter is observed with worship services beginning at sunrise, celebratory meals and parades.
3/31/2027	Farm Workers Day	This holiday is a tribute to the resilience, history and ongoing struggle for the rights of agricultural workers.
3/31/2027	Transgender Day of Visibility	This holiday was created in 2010 by Rachel Crandall, head of Transgender Michigan, to celebrate the lives of transgender people and their contributions to society while raising awareness of the discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide.
APRIL		
4/2/2027	World Autism Awareness Day	This day was designated by the United Nations General Assembly to spread awareness and acceptance of individuals with Autism.
4/7/2027	The Annunciation of the Theotokos/Virgin Mary (Christian/Orthodox - Julian calendar)	This day commemorates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce that she had been blessed to become the mother of Jesus.
4/7/2027	International Day of Reflection on the Rwandan Genocide	The United Nations General Assembly established this day to honor the victims of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, pay tribute to survivors, and raise awareness about the genocide and the value of a culture of peace.
4/7/2027	Ugadi (Hindu)	Ugadi is the regional New Year's Day for the Indian states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Karnataka. The occasion is marked with prayer, temple visits, gift giving and charity.
4/12/2027	Theravada New Year (Buddhist)	Buddhists from the Theravada tradition celebrate the new year for three days with festivals, visiting family and friends and honoring elders. NOTE: The date and length of the holy day varies among different countries according to local customs and traditions.
4/13/2027 - 4/21/2027	Navpad Oli (Jain)	This is a nine day period of fasting, prayer and meditation. It takes place twice a year.
4/14/2027	Rama Navami (Hindu)	This is a Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Lord Rama, an incarnation of Vishnu. It is celebrated with recitations of the Ramayama (Rama's story), chants and songs, visiting temples and fasting.
4/14/2027	Vaisakhi (Sikh)	This is the birthday of the Khalsa order, a global fellowship of Sikhs who dedicate themselves to living by the ideals taught by the Sikh Gurus. Sikhs gather to pray, reflect and work together to live out Sikh values and to seek the prosperity of the entire human race.

4/18/2027	Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)	Jains celebrate the birth of Mahavir, the founder of Jainism, on this day by visiting shrines and engaging in devotional and spiritual activities.
4/20/2027	Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)	This festival celebrates the birth of Hanuman, an incarnation of Shiva and disciple of Rama. The holiday involves scriptural readings, fasting and acts of devotional service.
4/21/2027	First Day of Ridván (Baha'i) Starts at sunset on 04/20.	Ridván, which means "paradise," is the holiest time of the year for Baha'is. It is a twelve day festival that honors the twelve days that Bahá'úlláh spent in the Garden of Ridván. On the first day, Baha'is remember the day on which Bahá'úlláh announced that he was the foretold Messenger of God. Work ceases on the first, ninth and twelfth days of Ridván.
4/22/2027	Earth Day	The United Nations General Assembly designated April 22 as International Mother Earth Day in 2009. The annual celebration honors the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect the Earth's natural resources for future generations.
4/22/2027 - 4/29/2027	Pesach/Passover (Jewish) Starts at sunset on 04/21.	Passover is an eight day celebration commemorating the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. During Passover, people will gather at sunset for Seder meals featuring prayers and symbolic foods.
4/24/2027	Lazarus Saturday (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian and Julian calendars)	Orthodox Christians celebrate the miracle of Jesus resurrecting Lazarus of Bethany. It is observed with worship services and a variety of regional customs including the making of Lazarakia, small spiced sweet breads shaped like a person in grave wrappings.
4/24/2027	Armenian Genocide Recognition Day	On April 24, 1915, the Ottoman Empire began its systematic genocide of Armenian people living in the multiethnic Ottoman Empire. It was the first genocide of the 20th century during which 1.5 million Armenians were killed. Every year on April 24, people in Armenia and around the world commemorate the victims of this genocide.
4/25/2027	Palm Sunday (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian and Julian calendars)	Orthodox Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem where crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches. Palm Sunday is also the first day of Holy Week.

4/25/2027	The 11th Panchen Lama's Birthday (Tibetan Buddhist)	On May 17, 1995, Chinese security forces kidnapped six year old Gendun Choeki Nyima and his parents from a remote Tibetan town. The child had been identified by a group of Tibetan lamas and monks as the reincarnation of the religious teacher the 11th Panchen Lama, the highest Tibetan Buddhist religious leader second only to the Dalai Lama. Gendun Choeki Nyima and his parents have never been seen again.
4/29/2027	Ninth Day of Ridván (Baha'i) Starts at sunset on 04/28.	Baha'is remember that on the ninth day of Ridván, Bahá'úlláh was joined by his family in the Garden of Ridván.
4/29/2027	Holy Thursday (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian and Julian calendars)	Orthodox Christians remember the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples before he was arrested, put on trial and crucified.
4/30/2027	Good Friday/Holy Friday (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian and Julian calendars)	Orthodox Christians remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus on Holy Friday. Observances include worship services, fasting and prayer. Within the Orthodox tradition, some priests remove icons of Jesus from the cross and wrap them in linen cloth as a ceremonial act of burial.
4/30/2027 - 5/4/2027	Gahambar Maidyozarem (Zoroastrian)	Zoroastrians celebrate the creation of the sky.
MAY		
5/1/2027	Beltane (Pagan, Wicca)	Beltane falls about halfway between the spring equinox and the summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere. The holiday is associated with fertility and observed with bonfires, dancing and performing fertility rituals. It has historical ties to the Gaelic May Day festival.
5/1/2027	Holy Saturday (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian and Julian calendars)	Orthodox Christians spend the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday reflecting on the crucifixion of Jesus and anticipating the resurrection to come.
5/1/2027	International Workers' Day	Also known as Labor Day in some countries and often referred to as May Day, this is a celebration of laborers. It occurs every year on May 1 or the first Monday in May depending upon local customs and traditions.
5/2/2027	Pascha (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian and Julian calendars)	Orthodox Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Within the Orthodox tradition, it is often celebrated with candlelight processions at a Paschal Vigil.
5/2/2027	Twelfth Day of Ridván (Baha'i) Starts at sunset on 05/01.	Baha'is remember that Bahá'úlláh and his family left the garden of Ridván on the twelfth day to go to Constantinople.

5/3/2027	Bright Monday (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian and Julian calendars)	Bright Monday is the first day of the Orthodox Christian Bright Week, a week-long joyful celebration of Easter. The week includes daily worship services and processions. All fasting is suspended during Bright Week.
5/3/2027	World Press Freedom Day	This day was established by the United Nations General Assembly to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press and to remind governments of their duty to uphold the right to freedom of expression.
5/4/2027	Yom HaShoah (Jewish) Starts at sunset on 05/3.	This day marks a solemn remembrance of the Holocaust during which six million Jews and millions of other people were killed by the Nazi regime during World War II. The day is marked by hosting Holocaust survivor talks and educational events, candlelight vigils or worship services.
5/5/2027	Cinco De Mayo	This is an annual celebration held on May 5 to celebrate Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862 led by General Ignacio Zaragoza.
5/5/2027	Tango-no-Sekku (Shinto)	This is a day to celebrate and pray for the well-being of young boys.
5/6/2027	The Ascension of the Lord (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	Protestant and Catholic Christians commemorate the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven.
5/15/2027 - 5/19/2027	Hajj (Islamic) Starts at sunset on 05/14.	Hajj is the annual sacred pilgrimage to the Muslim Holy City of Mecca, Saudi Arabia. It is an opportunity for past sins to be forgiven and for Muslims to renew their faith commitment.
5/16/2027	Pentecost (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	This day in the church calendar for Catholic and Protestant Christians marks the arrival of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in the form of fire and rushing wind during the Jewish festival of Pentecost. Historically, it is a day for baptism and confirmation of new Christians.
5/17/2027	Eid Al-Adha (Islamic) Starts at sunset on 05/16.	Eid al-Adha commemorates Abraham's test of obedience to God by his willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac. This Feast of Sacrifice is celebrated for 2-4 days and occurs at the end of the annual Hajj pilgrimage.
5/20/2027	Wesak - Visakha Puja – Buddha Day (Buddhist)	Buddhists commemorate the birth, enlightenment, and death of the Buddha. While the way in which people celebrate this day varies by location, Buddhists seek to offer good deeds and honor love and peace on this day. NOTE: Buddha Day may be celebrated on other days of the year in different countries depending upon local customs and traditions.

5/24/2027	Declaration of the Báb (Baha'i) Starts at sunset on 05/23.	On this day in 1844, the Báb declared his mission to usher in a new Manifestation of God who would bring about a new age of peace and unity. The word Báb means gate; the prophet declared that he was the symbolic gateway between previous prophets and the new Manifestation of God who would arrive in the future.
5/25/2027	Lag BaOmer (Jewish) Starts at sunset on 05/24.	Lag BaOmer falls on the 33rd day of the Omer, the 49 day period between Passover and Shavuot. It is marked by bonfires and holding weddings.
5/29/2027	Ascension of Bahá'úlláh (Baha'i) Starts at sunset on 05/28.	This day marks the death of Bahá'úlláh, the founder of the Baha'i faith, in 1892 near Haifa, Israel.
5/31/2027	Memorial Day (Federal Holiday)	Originally known as Decoration Day, Americans honor US military members who have died while serving their country. It has been celebrated as a federal holiday on the last Monday of May since 1967.
JUNE		
6/6/2027	Al-Hirja – New Year (Islamic) Starts at sunset on 06/5.	This holy day marks the Islamic New Year and commemorates the start of the first Islamic community by the Prophet Muhammed. It is a time of remembrance, thanksgiving and self-reflection.
6/10/2027	The Ascension of the Lord (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian and Julian calendars)	Orthodox Christians commemorate the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven.
6/11/2027 - 6/12/2027	Shavuot (Jewish) Starts at sunset on 5/10.	Also known as the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost (which means 50), Shavuot commemorates when Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.
6/15/2027	Ashura (Islamic) Starts at sunset on 06/14.	For Sunni Muslims, Ashura commemorates the parting of the Red Sea and God's salvation of Moses and the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. For Shia Muslims, it is also a time to mourn the killing of Hussein, grandson to the Prophet Muhammed, at the battle of Karbala in 680 CE.
6/16/2027	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)	Guru Arjan Dev Sahib, the fifth Guru who is responsible for compiling the Sikh scriptures in 1604, was martyred for upholding the right to religious freedom. The holiday is a time to exalt the good work of the Sikh Gurus.
6/18/2027 (Observed)	Juneteenth (Federal Holiday)	On June 19, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas and announced that the more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in Texas were free by executive decree, over two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by Abraham Lincoln. Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021.

6/20/2027	Pentecost (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian and Julian calendars)	This day in the church calendar for Orthodox Christians marks the arrival of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in the form of fire and rushing wind during the Jewish festival of Pentecost. Historically, it is a day for baptism and confirmation of new Christians.
6/21/2027	Summer Solstice – Litha (Pagan, Wicca)	Litha, also known as Midsummer, occurs on the summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere and celebrates the beginning of summer.
6/27/2027	All Saints' Day (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian and Julian calendars)	Orthodox Christians commemorate saints, known and unknown, on this day.
6/29/2027 - 7/3/2027	Gahambar Maidoshahem (Zoroastrian)	This is a seasonal festival observed on the summer solstice during which people gather for communal meals to form new friendships and resolve disputes.
6/30/2027	Nagoshi-no-Harae (Shinto)	This is the first of two days of grand purification in Japan. People pray to be cleansed of their sin. NOTE: Some places in Japan celebrate the grand day of purification on other days based on local customs and traditions.
JULY		
7/2/2027	Sri Akal Takht Sahib Foundation Day (Sikh)	Sikhs celebrate the establishment of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, one of the five Takhts or places of religious and spiritual authority for Sikhs.
7/5/2027 (Observed)	Independence Day (Federal Holiday)	Independence Day marks the signing of the Declaration of Independence which founded the US as a sovereign nation. It has been celebrated on July 4 as a federal holiday since 1870.
7/10/2027	Martyrdom of the Báb (Baha'i) Starts at sunset on 07/09.	On this day in 1850, the Báb was executed. The Báb, who was born in 1819 in Shiraz, Iran, is considered to have prepared the way for Bahá'ulláh, the founder of the Baha'i faith.
7/18/2027	Guru Purnima (Hindu, Jain, Buddhists)	Hindus, Jains and Buddhists in India celebrate Guru Purnima or the day when devotees honor their chosen spiritual teachers.
7/19/2027	Dharma Day (Buddhist)	Also known as Asalha, this day honors the start of Buddhism and marks the day of Buddha's first sermon after reaching nirvana in which he offered the four noble truths. NOTE: Some Buddhists celebrate Asalha on other days of the year depending upon the country and local customs and traditions.
AUGUST		
8/1/2027	Lammas (Pagan, Wicca)	This is a festival to celebrate the first harvest. It is held on August 1 in the Northern Hemisphere to mark the midpoint between the summer solstice and the fall equinox. It is held on February 1st in the Southern Hemisphere. The holiday is also known as Lughnasadh.

8/01/27-8/14/27	Fast of the Dormition (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian calendar)	This is a two week period of fasting for Orthodox Christians (using the Gregorian calendar) as they prepare for the Dormition which is the day when they honor the assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven.
8/6/2027	Nag Panchami (Hindu)	Hindus worship Naga Devta (serpent gods) with offerings of milk, sweets, flowers and lamps. It is an occasion for fasting and seeking family protection, especially from snake bites.
8/6/2027	Feast of the Transfiguration (Christian/Catholic and Orthodox - Gregorian calendar)	Catholic and Orthodox Christians using the Gregorian calendar celebrate the transfiguration of Jesus Christ to Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor. Jesus was joined by Moses and Elijah to show the disciples that he was the fulfillment of their prophecies.
8/08/27-8/17/27	Fravardeghan (Zoroastrian - Shenshai calendar)	During these ten days, Zoroastrians who follow the Shenshai calendar prepare for Now Ruz or the New Year.
8/12/2027	Tish'a B'av (Jewish) Starts at sunset on 8/11.	On this day of mourning, Jews fast to lament the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in 586 BCE and 70 CE.
8/13/27-8/15/27	Obon (Buddhist)	While the date of Obon can vary by country, it is a multi-day tradition of honoring family ancestors and deceased relatives.
8/14/27-8/27/27	Fast of the Dormition (Christian/Orthodox - Julian calendar)	This is a two week period of fasting for Orthodox Christians (using the Julian calendar) as they prepare for the Dormition which is the day when they honor the assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven.
8/15/2027	Feast of the Assumption/Dormition of the Virgin Mary (Christian/Catholic and Orthodox - Gregorian calendar)	Catholic Christians and Orthodox Christians using the Gregorian calendar commemorate the assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven.
8/15/2027	Mawlid al-Nabi (Islamic) Starts at sunset on 8/14.	This day commemorates the birth of the Prophet Muhammed. NOTE: Shia Muslims observe the event on the 17th of the month of Rabiulawal, the third month of the Muslim calendar, while Sunnis observe it on the 12th of the month. Some branches of Sunni Islam, such as Wahhabi and Salafi, do not celebrate Mawlid al-Nabi at all.
8/17/2027	Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)	This Hindu festival celebrates the bond between brothers and sisters. Sisters tie an amulet or sacred thread (rakhi) around the wrist of their brothers as a sign of prosperity and well-being. In return, brothers present gifts to their sisters and vow to protect and care for them. This relationship is often also celebrated between wives and husbands, a disciple and their guru, or between close friends or neighbors.

8/18/2027	Now Ruz (Zoroastrian - Shenshai calendar)	Zoroastrians using the Shenshai calendar celebrate the New Year and the creation of fire on this day upon which Zarathustra received his revelation.
8/19/2027	Feast of the Transfiguration (Christian/Orthodox - Julian calendar)	Orthodox Christians using the Julian calendar celebrate the transfiguration of Jesus Christ to Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor. Jesus was joined by Moses and Elijah to show the disciples that he was the fulfillment of their prophecies.
8/20/2027	Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian – Shenshai calendar)	Zoroastrians using the Shenshai calendar celebrate the birth of Zarathustra, the founder of the Zoroastrian religion.
8/25/2027	Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)	This sacred day celebrates the birth of the deity Krishna. Some celebrants fast while others may feast, pray, visit temples, read scriptures and perform dances. Festivities usually conclude at midnight with worship ceremonies.
8/27/27-9/3/27	Paryushana (Jain)	This is an eight day festival focused on the recitation of sacred scripture, fasting, introspection and study. The first seven days are days of attainment. On Samvatsari, the eighth day, Jains focus on forgiveness.
8/28/2027	Feast of the Assumption/Dormition of the Virgin Mary (Christian, Orthodox - Julian calendar)	Orthodox Christians using the Julian calendar commemorate the assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven.
SEPTEMBER		
9/1/2027	Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh)	This day marks the day when Guru Gobind Singh conferred guruship to the Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh holy scriptures. Sikhs remember this event by rededicating themselves to following the teachings of the Gurus as outlined in the sacred scriptures.
9/4/2027	Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)	This Hindu festival commemorates the birth of Ganesha, god of prosperity and wisdom. Devotees set up idols of Ganesha at home or in public and pray for success in business, academic and personal enterprises. At the festival's end, the idols are processed, accompanied by drums, dancing and devotional songs, to a nearby body of water where they are immersed.
9/6/2027	Labor Day (Federal Holiday)	Labor Day is a celebration of the American labor force and dedicated to the socio-economic prosperity of American workers. It has been celebrated as a federal holiday on the first Monday of September since 1894.
9/8/2027	Nativity of Mary (Christian/Catholic and Orthodox - Gregorian calendar)	Catholic Christians and Orthodox Christians using the Gregorian calendar celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary.

9/8/2027	International Literacy Day	Declared by UNESCO on October 26, 1966, this is an occasion to raise awareness of literacy issues both locally and globally.
9/11/2027	Remembrance for 9/11	On the anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the downing of an airplane in Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001, many Americans honor the victims through interfaith vigils and by engaging in community service.
9/12/2027	Onam (Hindu)	This is an annual harvest festival celebrated by the people of Kerala, India and observed by Keralites worldwide. It is a celebration of the rice harvest and also commemorates the annual visit by the spirit of legendary King Mahabali to the state of Kerala. The festival includes ritual purification, decorating homes with flowers and lights, prayer, boat races, dance performances and a lavish feast called Onam Sadhya.
9/12/27-9/16/27	Gahambar Paitishahem (Zoroastrian)	This is a multi-day celebration of the creation of the earth.
9/14/2027	Elevation of the Holy Cross (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian calendar)	Orthodox Christians (using the Gregorian calendar) commemorate the finding of Christ's cross by St. Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine, in the fourth century. It also marks the recovery of the cross in 627 CE from the Persians who had sacked Jerusalem in 614 CE.
9/16/2027	Mexican Independence Day	Commemorates the date in 1810 when Catholic priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla gave his famous speech entitled "Grito de Dolores." Although Hidalgo was executed, his speech gave rise to the 11 year war between Mexico and Spain, leading to Mexico's independence. Mexicans celebrate with reenactments of the speech, fiestas, music and fireworks.
9/17/2027	Constitution Day and Citizenship Day (Federal Holiday)	This federal holiday commemorates the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787 and celebrates all US citizens. The day is often observed in educational institutions by activities that highlight the importance of the Constitution and that consider the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. The day became a federal holiday in 2004.
9/21/2027	Nativity of the Theotokos (Christian/Orthodox - Julian calendar)	Orthodox Christians using the Julian calendar celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary by attending vespers and worship services.
9/21/2027	International Day of Peace	This day was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly to provide a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace and to contribute to building a culture of peace.
9/23/2027	Mabon (Pagan, Wicca)	This is a celebration of the autumnal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere and the second harvest (after Lammas).

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9/30/27-10/9/27	Navaratri (Hindu)	This is a nine day festival to celebrate good over evil.
OCTOBER		
10/2/27-10/3/27	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish) Starts sunset on 10/1.	This is the Jewish New Year and celebration of God's creation of the Earth. It is a time for reflection, attending synagogue and prayer. Sounding the shofar (a ram's horn trumpet) signifies both a call to repentance and a reminder to the Jewish people that God is their king.
10/6/27-10/15/27	Navpad Oli (Jain)	This is the second nine day period of fasting, prayer and meditation.
10/8/2027	Mehregan (Zoroastrian)	This day honors Mehr, the one who created bonds of love and friendship. It is an autumn festival in Iran and it is celebrated by people participating in special feasts that include symbolic rituals and food.
10/11/2027	Yom Kippur (Jewish) Starts at sunset on 10/10.	Yom Kippur or the Day of Atonement is the culmination of a 10 day season of repentance and seeking forgiveness which begins on Rosh Hashanah. The day is marked by prayer and fasting.
10/11/2027	National Coming Out Day	This is an annual day to raise awareness of and support for the LGBTQIA+ community. It was first celebrated in 1988. The date of October 11 was selected because it is the anniversary of the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.
10/11/2027	Indigenous Peoples' Day (Federal Holiday)	Originally called Columbus Day, this federal holiday began as a celebration of Italian immigrants who faced persecution in the US. However, the day has been renamed by many states and localities to acknowledge how settler colonialism has displaced and oppressed indigenous individuals, communities and tribes.
10/12/27-10/16/27	Gahambar Ayathrem (Zoroastrian)	This is a multi-day celebration of the creation of plant life.
10/16/2027	World Food Day	The United Nations General Assembly established World Food Day in 1981 to encourage global society to create a more sustainable future. Individuals and local communities are encouraged to host events or take action to address food security and sustainability.
10/16/27-10/22/27	Sukkot (Jewish) Starts at sunset on 10/15.	Sukkot (the Feast of Booths or Tabernacles) commemorates the 40 years the Israelites spent wandering in the desert after escaping captivity in Egypt. Celebrants build sukkahs which are temporary huts similar to the ones used during the desert wandering.

10/17/2027	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	The United Nations General Assembly established this day in 1992 to promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty worldwide, particularly in developing countries.
10/23/27-10/24/27	Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah (Jewish) Starts at sunset on 10/22.	The first day (Shemini Atzeret) includes prayers for rain while the second day (Simchat Torah) is a joyful conclusion of one annual cycle of readings from the Torah and marks the start of a new cycle.
10/24/2027	United Nations Day	The United Nations General Assembly established October 24 as United Nations Day to celebrate the ratification of the UN Charter in 1945.
10/29/2027	Diwali (Hindu, Sikh, Jain)	Diwali is a five day celebration of the Hindu New Year. The word Diwali means "lights." Over the years, people from other religious traditions have begun celebrating Diwali including Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists in India.
10/29/2027	Bandi Chhor Divas (Sikh)	Sikhs remember the peaceful liberation of 52 prisoners by Guru Hargobind from Gwalior Fort.
10/30/2027	Govardhan Puja (Hindu)	This Hindu festival celebrates Lord Krishna's victory over Lord Indira. The date may change based on location but it is typically celebrated on the fourth day of the five day festival of Diwali.
10/30/2027	Birth of the Báb (Baha'i) Starts at sunset on 10/29.	On this day, Baha'is celebrate the birth of the Báb who is believed to have prepared the way for the arrival of Bahá'úlláh, the founder of the faith.
10/31/2027	Birth of Bahá'úlláh (Baha'i) Starts at sunset on 10/30.	Baha'is celebrate the birth of the founder of their faith. Bahá'úlláh was born in Tehran, Iran in 1817. His main teachings focused on the oneness of humanity, religion and God and he sought to usher in peace and unity around the globe.
NOVEMBER		
11/1/2027	Samhain (Pagan, Wicca) Starts at sunset on 10/31.	Samhain takes place on the mid-point between the autumn equinox and the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere. The holiday marks the end of summer and the end of the harvest season. It also signals the beginning of winter. The holiday has historic ties to a Gaelic festival that takes place at the same time and to the creation of Halloween.
11/1/2027	All Saints' Day (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	Catholic Christians celebrate all saints, known and unknown, while Protestant Christians honor deceased relatives and friends.

11/1/27- 11/2/27	Dia De Los Muertos	Also known as the Day of the Dead, this is a time to honor deceased relatives and ancestors. While Dia De Los Muertos has historical roots in Mexico, it is observed in other countries. The Day of the Dead is divided into two distinct holidays: the Dia De Los Inocentes which is dedicated to children on November 1; and Dia De Los Muertos on November 2 which is the actual Day of the Dead. Families create altars to honor deceased loved ones and visit the graves of relatives to light candles and leave offerings of food.
11/2/2027	All Souls' Day (Christian/Catholic)	Catholic Christians spend the day in prayer for the intercession of the dead. The prayers of the faithful are believed to help cleanse the souls of the departed.
11/2/2027	Election Day (Federal Holiday)	The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November is Election Day in the US.
11/9/27- 11/10/27	Kristallnacht (Jewish) Begins at sunset on 11/08.	Kristallnacht or the Night of Broken Glass commemorates a series of violent pogroms or attacks on Jewish individuals and Jewish synagogues, institutions and businesses throughout Germany, annexed Austria and the Sudetenland areas of Czechoslovakia on November 9-10, 1938. The attacks were instigated by Nazi party officials, the SA and the Hitler Youth. While the official death toll from Kristallnacht is 91 Jewish people, unofficial records indicate hundreds of deaths. At the same time, 30,000 Jewish men were deported to prisons and concentration camps.
11/11/2027	Veterans Day (Federal Holiday)	Americans Honor US military veterans. It has been a federal holiday since 1926.
11/14/2027	Guru Nanak Dev Ji Birthday (Sikh)	Sikhs celebrate the birthday of Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh faith.
11/14/2027	Kartik Purnima (Jain)	This is a day of pilgrimage to sacred Jain sites.
11/15/2027	Shichi-Go-San or 7-5-3 Festival (Shinto)	Shinto parents and families pray for the safety and prosperity of children ages 3, 5 and 7.
11/16/2027	International Day for Tolerance	In 1996, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 51/95 proclaiming November 16 as the International Day for Tolerance.
11/20/2027	Transgender Day of Remembrance	The Transgender Day of Remembrance was established in 1999 to honor transgender people who lost their lives to anti-transgender violence. The day is an opportunity to highlight the stigma and discrimination against the gender-variant community. Observances include marches, vigils, special services, art shows and many other events.

11/20/2027	Universal/World Children's Day	The United Nations General Assembly established Universal Children's Day in 1954 to promote international unity among children. The day highlights the concerns of children worldwide and offers opportunities to support child welfare.
11/21/2027	Presentation of the Theotokos/Virgin Mary to the Temple (Christian/Catholic, Orthodox - Gregorian calendar)	Orthodox Christians using the Gregorian calendar and Catholic Christians celebrate the occasion of the Virgin Mary being brought to the Temple for consecration as a young girl. The focus is on Mary's role as the mother of Jesus and her dedication to God.
11/24/2027	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh)	Sikhs commemorate the death of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Guru, who was beheaded in 1675 for defending religious freedom and the rights of the oppressed.
11/25/2027	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	The United Nations General Assembly has designated November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.
11/25/2027	Thanksgiving (Federal Holiday)	Thanksgiving was declared a federal holiday in 1941 and it is annually celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. While the day originally focused on the traditional harvest feast enjoyed by the early American colonialists, today it is a day when many families gather to break bread and offer gratitude. However, Thanksgiving is not celebrated universally as it is a reminder of settler colonialism and its devastating impact on indigenous individuals, communities and tribes.
11/26/2027	Day of the Covenant (Baha'i)	This day commemorates when Bahá'úlláh declared the appointment of his son Abdul-Bahá as the next leader of the faith after his own death
11/28/2027	Ascension of Abdul-Bahá (Baha'i) Starts at sunset on 11/27.	This day marks the death of Abdul-Bahá in 1921 in Haifa, Israel.
11/28/2027	First Sunday of Advent (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	For Catholic and Protestant Christians, the season of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year. The season includes the four Sundays before Christmas. It is a time of anticipation and preparation for the birth of Jesus. Observances include lighting of candles, making Advent wreaths and decorating for the Christmas season.
11/28/27-1/6/28	Nativity Fast (Christian/Orthodox - Julian calendar)	Orthodox Christians using the Julian calendar prepare for the celebration of Christmas by fasting, praying and seeking repentance. Also known as Christmas Lent, this fast is not as strict as Easter Lent.
DECEMBER		

12/1/2027	World AIDS Day	People around the globe host events or engage in activities to show support for people living with and affected by HIV and to remember those who lost their lives to AIDS.
12/3/2027	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	The United Nations General Assembly designated this day in 1992 to promote greater understanding of the issues people with disabilities face, break down barriers to inclusion and support the rights and well-being of people with disabilities.
12/8/2027	Immaculate Conception Day (Christian/Catholic)	Catholic Christians remember the Virgin Mary's birth, devoid of original sin, and her preparation for her role as Jesus' mother by attending a special Mass.
12/8/2027	Bodhi Day (Buddhist)	This day marks the day that Siddhartha Gautma became the historical Buddha as he experienced his first enlightenment. The day is also called Rohatsu in Japan.
12/9/2027	Maun Agiyaras or Maun Ekdashi (Jain)	Jains fast, observe silence and meditate on the five holy teachers.
12/10/2027	Human Rights Day	The United Nations General Assembly formally established Human Rights Day on December 4, 1950. The date of December 10 was selected to honor the United Nations General Assembly's adoption and proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948.
12/21/2027	Yule (Pagan, Wicca)	This is a Pagan celebration of the winter solstice which marks the longest night of the year and the return of the sun in the Northern Hemisphere. Yule is associated with an ancient Germanic celebration of the winter solstice.
12/22/2027	Martyrdom of the Vadde Sahibzade (Sikh)	Sikhs remember the two oldest sons of Guru Gobind Singh, who sacrificed their lives for their faith.
12/22/2027	Tohji-Taisai (Shinto)	This is the Shinto Grand Ceremony of the winter solstice.
12/25/2027	Christmas Day (Christian/Catholic, Protestant)	Catholic and Protestant Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus.
12/25/2027	Feast of the Nativity of Christ (Christian/Orthodox - Gregorian calendar)	Orthodox Christians using the Gregorian calendar remember the birth of Jesus and the nativity of Christ on this day.
12/25/27-1/1/28	Hanukkah (Jewish) Starts at sunset on 12/24.	This is a multi-day Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and subsequent rededication of the Second Temple at the beginning of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire in the 2nd century BCE.
12/26/2027	Death of Zarathustra (Zoroastrian)	This day commemorates the death of Zarathustra, the founder of the Zoroastrian faith.
12/26/2027	Martyrdom of the Chotte Sahibzade (Sikh)	Sikhs remember the two youngest sons of Guru Gobind Singh, who sacrificed their lives for their faith.

12/26/27- 1/1/28	Kwanzaa	The name of this holiday is derived from the Swahili phrase “matundaya kwanza” which means “first fruits.” This is a multi-day celebration of the African American and Pan-African communities and centers around seven core principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.
12/31/27- 1/4/28	Gahambar Maidyarem (Zoroastrian)	This multi-day holiday celebrates the creation of animals.