



*Jumu'ah Mubarak!*

# Jumu'ah

Islam

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Jumu'ah means gathering in the Arabic language, and is used as the name for Friday due to people gathering for prayer in a special day of worship in the Islamic Hijri calendar. In addition to the midday prayer which is shorter, Friday services include a sermon calling upon the remembrance of Allah (God) and other themes from the Sunnah (Prophetic tradition). It is considered the holiest day in a week and has a special status that dates to the advent of Islam.



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## Date

- Jumu'ah is celebrated weekly, from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Friday.
- Check the [Calendar Index](#) for Religious Holidays during the current academic year for the exact date.

## Greetings

To recognize the Jumu'ah with colleagues or friends, you can say, "Jumu'ah Mubarak", the Arabic greeting which means "blessed Jumu'ah".

## Common Practices and Celebrations

- The Jumu'ah prayer in congregation.
- Sweets and other foods are commonly eaten and distributed after prayers.
- Celebrants devote themselves to special supplications, praise of the Prophet Muhammad [peace be unto him], and visit their local mosque.
- It is common for celebrants to bathe and put on their best outfits.
- Recital of Surah Al-Kahf (The Cave), the 15th Chapter of the Qur'an.
- It is etiquette in the Islamic tradition to distinguish prophets by referring to them with an immediate notation of respect following their names, as seen above with the bracketed phrase [peace be upon them].

## Common Dietary Restrictions

- Many Muslims follow halal food guidelines, meaning food that is permissible by Islamic standards.
- Vegetarian meals prepared without alcohol meet halal standards.

## Impact to U-M Community

- Muslim colleagues and students may request to take the day off or hours during the mid-day period. Colleagues and remote students in Muslim countries will likely have a holiday weekend.
- Link to [U-M Guidance Regarding Conflicts](#).

## U-M Campus Resources

- [Maize Pages - Muslim Coalition](#), U-M
- [Association of Religious Counselors](#), U-M

## Information Sources

- [Wikipedia](#)

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