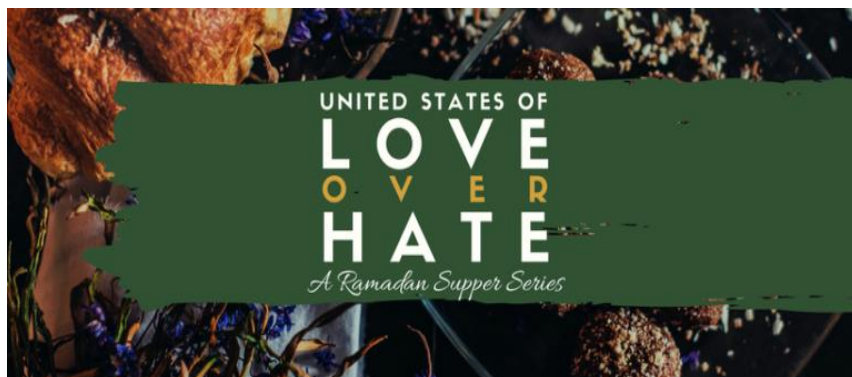


Greetings on the Holy Month of Ramadan



*Join us and host or attend an interfaith iftar, in solidarity with
Muslims around the world.*



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<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/2016/10/13/religious-holiday-resources/>*

Migration in Islam

Since Adam, the father of humanity and the first of the prophets, migrated from heaven to Earth, all people are considered migrants in the religion of Islam.

The month of Ramadan for Muslims is a time of great spiritual nourishment and cleansing of the soul. Too often the holy month is only associated with the 30 days of fasting. However, Muslims around the world prepare for a month of intentional self-reflection and perhaps the most important parts of observing the month is reading the Holy Quran, refraining from sin and providing for those who need assistance.

During the blessed month of Ramadan, the Holy Prophet Mohammad (Peace Be upon Him) has revealed that the gates of Heaven are opened for those who undertake charity and fasting.



There is no migrant and non-migrant in Islam, either a person is your brother or sister is faith or your equal in humanity and God's Earth is for all of God's creation to move in freely.

In fact, God says in the Holy Quran:

-“Was not the earth of God spacious enough for you to flee for refuge?” (4:97)

The Holy Month of Ramadan is a time to strengthen your relationship with God through reading the Holy Quran and providing refuge for those who have no refuge and putting to ease those who are suffering.

Resources

Iftar is the meal prepared at the end of each day of fasting and it is recommended to “open fast” at Iftar with others as to break bread with your neighbors. The resources below are to assist those who wish to partake in an Interfaith Iftar celebration.

- A new resource for hosting an Interfaith Iftar, documenting it, or signing up to attend one, is a collaboration between our friends at Shoulder to Shoulder, Se7enFast, the People's Supper and the Islamic Society of North America. The project is called “The United States of Love over Hate”: <http://www.shouldertoshouldercampaign.org/ramadan-campaign/>
- Our friends at Refugees Welcome have also posted an excellent guide on “How to Host an Interfaith Iftar Party” here: <http://www.refugeesarewelcome.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/How-to-Host-an-Interfaith-Iftar-Final.pdf>



- We further invite you to strengthen partnerships with Muslim human rights leaders in the “#NoMuslimBanEver” campaign to resist travel bans that discriminate on the basis of faith, national origin, and immigration status. Go to: <https://www.nomuslimbanever.com/> to learn more, and to lend your support!

Prayer

In this time of great suffering for migrants and refugees around the world, we pray for peace, security and solidarity amongst all people. We pray that this holy month brings joy to all and opens up more opportunities to form community and understanding between all people, particularly interfaith partnerships.