

# FESTIVALS AND HOLY DAYS FAITHS OF THE WORLD

2006

## BAHA'I

- January 27th – Holocaust Memorial Day
- March 21st – Naw-Ruz (New Year's Day)
- April 21st-2nd May – Ridvan
- May 23rd – Anniversary of the Declaration of the Bab
- May 29th – Anniversary of the Ascension of Baha'u'llah
- July 9th – Anniversary of the Martyrdom of the Bab
- October 20th – Anniversary of the birth of the Bab
- November 12th – Anniversary of the birth of Baha'u'llah
- November 26th – Day of the Covenant
- November 28th – The Passing of Abdul Baha

## BUDDHISM

- January 16th – Shinran Memorial Day (Pure Land)
- January 27th – Holocaust Memorial Day
- January 28th – Honen Memorial Day (Pure Land)
- February 23rd – Magha Puja
- March 3rd – Hanamatsuri (The Birthday of the Lord Budhha)
- April 28th – Buddhist New Year 2546
- May 22nd – Wesak/Vaisakha Puja/Bodhi Day (Theravada Mahayana)
- May 29th – Parinirvana (Mahayana), Nirvana Day (Pure Land)
- July 21st – Asalha Puja (Theravada)
- October 19th-16th November – Kathina (Theravada)

## CHINESE

- January 29th – Yuan Tan (New Year)
- February 12th – Teng Chien (Lantern Festival)
- February 27th – Holocaust Memorial Day
- April 5th – Ch'ing Ming (Festival of Pure Brightness)
- May 31st – Tuen Ng (Dragon Boat Festival)
- October 11th – Chang Yuan (Festival of Hungry Ghosts)

## CHRISTIANITY

- January 1st – Naming of Jesus/Circumcision
- January 6th – Epiphany
- January 27th – Holocaust Memorial Day
- February 2nd – Candlemas
- February 28th – Shrove Tuesday
- March 1st – St. David's Day
- March 1st – Ash Wednesday
- March 1st-8th April – Lent
- April 6th – 1st Day of Lent/The Great Fast (Orthodox)
- April 17th – St. Patrick's Day
- April 9th – Palm/Passion Sunday
- April 13th – Maundy Thursday
- April 14th – Good Friday (The Friday before Easter)
- April 15th – Holy Saturday (Easter Eve)
- April 16th – Easter Day
- April 17th – St. Patrick's Day
- April 20th-27th – Holy Week (Orthodox)
- April 23rd – St. George's Day
- May 25th – Ascension Day
- June 4th – Pentecost/Whitsuntide
- June 15th – Corpus Christi
- August 6th – The Transfiguration
- August 15th – The Assumption
- October 23rd-30th – Inter Faith Week of Prayer for World Peace
- October 31st – All Hallows' Eve
- November 1st – All Saints Day
- November 2nd – All Souls Day
- December 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th – Advent Sunday
- December 8th – Immaculate Conception
- December 24th – Christmas Eve
- December 25th – Christmas Day
- December 26th – Boxing Day/St. Stephen's Day

## HINDUISM

- January 14th – Makar Sankranti (Maghi) and Lohri
- January 27th – Holocaust Memorial Day
- February 2nd – Basant Panchami/Sarawati Puja
- February 26th – Maha-Shiv Ratri
- March 15th – Holi (Festival of Colour)
- April 6th – Rama Navami
- April 9th – Varsha Pratipada – The Spring New Year Festival
- April 13th – Vaisakhi (Baisakhi)
- April 24th – Hanuman Jayanti
- August 4th – Raksha Bandhan
- August 16th – Shri Krishan Janam-Ashthami (Birthday of Lord Krishna)
- September 7th – Ganesh-Chaturthi
- October 2nd – Vijay Dashami-Dussehra
- October 10th – Karva Chowth
- October 21st – Divali (Deepavali)

## ISLAM

- January 11th-14th – Eid-UI-Adha - 10 Dhul-Hijja (Festival of Sacrifice)
- January 27th – Holocaust Memorial Day
- January 31st – Al-Hijra - 1 Muharram (New Year's Day)
- February 9th – Ashura – 10 Muharram
- April 10th – Birthday of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)/Milad un Nabi
- August 31st – Lailat al Miraj – 27 Rajab
- September 11th – Lailat UI Bara'h (Night of Forgiveness)
- September 24th-24th October – Ramadhan – Sawm (The month of fasting)
- October 20th – Lailat UI Qadr – 27 Ramadhan (The Night of Power)
- October 24th – Eid UI Fitr – Shawwal

## JAPANESE

- January 1st-3rd – Shogatsu/Oshogatsu (New Year)
- January 27th – Holocaust Memorial Day
- February 3rd – Setsubun (Bean Scattering)
- March 8th – Hina-Matsuri (Doll Festival)
- March 17th-23rd – Shunbun No Hi (Ohigan-Spring Equinox)
- August 13th-16th – O-bon
- September 20th-26th – Shunbun No Hi (Autumn Equinox)
- November 15th – Schichi Go San (7-5-3 Festival)
- December 31st – Omisoko

## JUDAISM

- January 27th – Holocaust Memorial Day
- March 14th – Purim
- April 13th-20th – Passover (Pesach)
- May 14th – Yom Ha' atzma' ut
- May 27th – Lag B'Omer
- June 2nd – Pentecost (Shavuot)
- August 3rd – Tisha B'Av
- September 23rd-24th – New Year (Rosh Hashana)
- October 2nd – Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)
- October 7th-15th – Sukkot (The Feast of Tabernacles)
- October 15th – Simchat Torah
- December 16th-23rd – Hanukkah (The Festival of Lights)

## PAGANISM

- February 2nd – Imbolc/Oimele
- March 20th – Spring Equinox
- May 1st – Beltane
- June 21st – Litha/Summer Solstice
- August 1st – Lughnasadh
- September 23rd – Mabon/Harvest Home – Autumn Equinox
- October 31st – Samhain
- December 21st – Yule – Winter Solstice

## SIKHISM

- January 14th – The Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh
- January 27th – Holocaust Memorial Day
- February 13th – Basant
- March 16th – Hola Mahalla
- April 13th – Baisakhi/Vaisakhi
- June 16th – Martyrdom of Guru Arjan
- October 21st – Divali (The Festival of Lights)
- November 15th – The Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev
- November 24th – Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (The Ninth Guru)

