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School of Optometry Chaplaincy Office



Psalm 33.18: "Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy.

All -Seeing Eye



Memorial Day (May 31)

Memorial Day is a time when people come together to honor their close friends or relatives who have died. It is still very much about honoring our fallen soldiers.

But in addition to this, Memorial Day is about celebrating all people, all of our ancestors and forefathers who have created the world we live in today, who have paved the long road we walk down into the future. It is a day to celebrate and thank all these people who died to create what we have today.

This day of memorial is something engrained in our culture — a tribute to honor the people who embodied the dreams and the passionate fire of an entire country.



For Graduates

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless this graduating class as they now finish these last courses.

We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, an all who supported them along the way.

Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in life.

Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.





Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people.

In your most holy name we pray. Amen.

(Andy Langford, USA, 20th century; taken from The United Methodist Book of Worship and adapted by Rev. Dr. Julio R. Vargas Vidal

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Mother's Day Prayer

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord...

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord...

For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord...

For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord...

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your people. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as good mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. In your name we pray. Amen.

Father's Day Prayer

For our fathers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love, we pray to the Lord...

For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord...

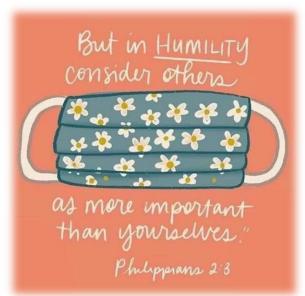
For men, though without children of their own, who like fathers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord...

For fathers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord...

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as good fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

In your name we pray. Amen.







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The Chaplaincy Office wants to congratulate the Class of 2023 for their

White Coat Ceremony







May-June

Date	Event	Religion / Spiritual Tradition	Description
May 12 (evening)	Ramadan ends	Islam	Ramadan is a time of spiritual reflection, self-improvement, and heightened devotion and worship. Ramadan teaches Muslims to practice self-discipline, self-control, sacrifice, and empathy for those who are less fortunate, thus encouraging actions of generosity and compulsory charity (zakat).
May 12 (evening) – May 13 (evening)	Eid al-Fitr	Islam	This day marks the end of Ramadan. Many Muslims attend communal prayers, listen to a <i>khutba</i> (sermon) and give <i>zakat al-fitr</i> (charity in the form of food) during Eid al-Fitr. Many Muslims dress in fine clothing and children receive gifts on Eid al-Fitr.
May 16 (evening) – May 18 (evening)	Shavuot	Judaism	Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai as well as the grain harvest for the summer. In biblical times, Shavuot was one of three pilgrimage festivals in which all the Jewish men would go to Jerusalem and bring their first fruits as offerings to God.
May 23	Pentecost	Christian	In the New Testament, the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples of Jesus. Pentecost is the Greek name for Shavuot, the spring harvest festival of the Israelites, which was going on when the Holy Spirit came.
May 30	Holy Trinity Sunday	Christian	Also called Trinity Sunday, Christian feast in honour of the Trinity, celebrated in Western liturgical churches on the Sunday following Pentecost (the 50th day after Easter). It is known that the feast was celebrated on this day from as early as the 10th century.