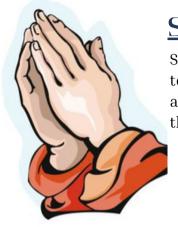
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# Samvatsari (Jain)

Sep 1- This day is dedicated to introspection, confession, and penance, especially for the Shvetambara sect.



### <u>Dashalakshani-Parva (Jain)</u>

Sep 1- It is celebrated by the Digambara sect and lasts ten days, each day dedicated to a virtue: humility, honesty, purity, forgiveness, truthfulness, self-restraint, asceticism, study, celibacy, and detachment.



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#### Onam (India)

Sep 7- Onam is a Hindu festival celebrated by the people of Kerala in India. It lasts for four to ten days, and is a harvest festival commemorating the homecoming of the legendary Emperor, Mahabali from Patala (the underworld) who visits every Malayali home and during this time.



# <u>Keiro No Hi (Japan)</u>

Sep 19- Respect of the Aged Day, or Keiro no Hi, was establised as a national holiday in 1996 to express respect fo the elders in the community, and to recognise and thank them for their contributions to society and last but not the least, celebrate their long lives.



#### Rosh Hashanah/ New Year (Jewish)

Sep 26-27- This day begins previous sundown at 6pm and observed for two days. Literally 'Head of the Year' marks the first and second day of the Jewish New Year and anniversary of the creation of the world. It ends 10 days later with Yom Kippur. It is celebrated with prayers and religious services.

#### <u>Shuki sorei sai(Japan, Shinto)</u>

Sep 23- On this Autumnal Equinox Day, the Japanese honour family ancestry, visiting ancestral graves and having family reunions.



### Navratri (Nepal and India)

Sep 26- This day marks the beginning of Navratri or Navrata, where nine different forms of Goddess Durga is worshipped for nine days by Hindus. It is believed that Goddess Durga had killed a demon named Maheshasur on the 10th day and hence, celebrated as Vijaya Dashami as a victory of good over evil.









## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Canada)

Sep 30- This days marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It is the day to honour the children who lost their lives and survivors of residential schools, communities, and families. The Orange Shirt Day also takes place on the same day. On this day, everyone in Canada is encouraged to wear orange in order to raise awareness of the tragic incidents of residential schools, and to honor the thousand survivors.

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