How you can make a difference

- Learn more about your faith's stance on organ donation.
- Discuss with your family and make your decision known.
- Pray for those in need of a life-saving transplant.
- Register as a donor and make your wishes known.

By choosing to donate, you embody the sacred values of compassion, healing and love shared across all faiths and beliefs.

To learn more:

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Kidney Recipient

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"Organ donation is foot washing love. It's 'I may not know you, but I will serve you love.'"
-Rev. Richard Williams

Many people hesitate to register as organ donors because of confusion or concern about what their faith teaches. The truth is, most major religions view organ donation as a powerful act of love, compassion and service.

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Spiritual Support

Christianity: Most Christian denominations — including Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox traditions — support organ and tissue donation as a final act of love and compassion. It is seen as consistent with Jesus's teachings to care for others and preserve life.

Islam: Many Islamic scholars support organ donation as a charitable act that saves lives, provided it is done respectfully and does not desecrate the body.

Judaism: Supports and encourages donation as a mitzvah (good deed). Any delay in burial to facilitate organ donation is respectful of the decedent.

Hinduism: Hindu teachings generally support organ donation as an individual's choice, emphasizing selfless giving and the soul's immortality.

Julie Grant
Donor Wife

Buddhism: Buddhist perspectives often support organ donation as a compassionate act, though emphasis is placed on personal intent and consciousness at the time of death.

Jehovah's Witnesses: Organ donation is a personal decision, but blood must be removed from donated organs due to religious beliefs about blood transfusion.

Latter-day Saints (Mormon): The Church supports organ donation as a selfless and compassionate decision, left to individuals and families.

African Traditional & Spiritual Beliefs: Views vary widely; some may have concerns about ancestral or bodily integrity, while others embrace donation as a way to give life.

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Common Myths

Myth: My religion doesn't allow organ donation.

Truth: Most major religions support organ donation as a generous, life-saving gift.

Myth: Organ donation goes against sacred beliefs.

Truth: Giving life to others is often seen as one of the highest expressions of faith.

No matter your tradition, you can leave a legacy of hope. Faith and organ donation are not only compatible — they are deeply connected through the shared values of love, compassion, and community.

Myth: Organ donation interferes with religious rituals.

Truth: Religious leaders across various faiths have stated that organ donation does not interfere with traditional rituals, and it can even enhance the sense of legacy.