

## What is Donor Sabbath?

National Donor Sabbath is a three-day observance celebrated two weekends prior to Thanksgiving. During this observance, faith leaders educate their congregations and communities about organ donation and encourage them to add their names to the donor registry.

**Although 90% of Americans support organ donation,  
only 60% have signed up as donors.  
You can give the gift of life by signing up today.**

- **MYTH: Organ donation is against my religion.**

FACT: Many religions in the United States support organ donation and consider donation a final act of love and generosity. If you have questions, speak with your faith leader.

- **MYTH: My family won't be able to have an open casket funeral if I'm a donor.**

FACT: Most organ, eye, and tissue donors can have open casket funerals. The body is always treated with utmost care and respect.

- **MYTH: If I agree to donate my organs, doctors won't work as hard to save my life.**

FACT: Organ donor status does not influence medical personnel's lifesaving efforts.

### Religions that support organ donation include:

- Disciples of Christ
- Episcopalians
- Evangelical Covenant Church
- Islam
- Judaism
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Unitarian Universalists
- Mormon Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Presbyterian
- Southern Baptist Convention
- United Methodist

*Multiple perspectives on organ donation may exist within any one religion. If you have questions, speak with your faith leader.*

## How to Sign Up as an Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donor:

1. **Sign up at your state's donor registry website.** Find your state's registry by visiting [organdonor.gov](http://organdonor.gov).
2. **Add your donor designation to your driver's license.** Make this request when obtaining or renewing your license to legally authorize your organ donation.
3. **Tell your family and friends.** Sharing your intention to donate ensures your wishes will be respected, and it encourages your loved ones to sign up as organ donors too.



**Whatever you believe, believe in giving the gift of life.**

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