

La Toussaint et le Jour des morts

VOCABULARY

Two highly celebrated days around the world where there is a significant number of Catholics. On the 1st November, the French celebrate la Toussaint, a day commemorating martyrs of the Christian church.

This day is closely linked with another celebration that happens on the 2nd November; le Jour des morts (day of the dead). This Christian celebration commemorates all the dead. It's idea is to pray for all the souls stuck in purgatory to move forward to Heaven. Many people visit their family members graves, taking particular flowers (common of this time of year); chrysanthemums and candles.

Some people also leave their homes empty so the soul of their dead family members can visit and some also set up an extra seat at the dinner table to remind them about the dead person.

The French celebrate also with food like la serviade (a sweet from the region of Corsica) and les niflettes.

Exercice 1: Traduisez le vocabulaire en anglais

La Toussaint Le Jour des morts Un cimetière Fleurir Les chrysanthèmes Un tombeau/Une tombe Les niflettes La serviade

