ALLOWABLE GROUP RELIGIOUS CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Must be stored in faith group locker or other location, as required by the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee

Note: Each faith group may also keep religious publications, including religious calendars, religious audio CDs, and religious videos (acquired through the Chaplain, or other designated staff only) in its locker or other location as required by the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee.

In coordination with the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, the Chaplain, or other designated staff, may accept donations of group religious items from an approved source or may purchase group religious items using funds donated by members of the faith group. The maximum allowed value of any item is fifty dollars ($50.00).

Buddhism

Bell
Incense and holder
Mala beads (brown and on approved breakaway string only)
Mindful Mantra flags
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place
Silk flowers
Small wooden bowl
Statue of Buddha (max. 8” high)
Tablecloth
Tea candle holders and candles (maximum 10)

Christianity

Altar linens and cloths
Baptismal items
Candle holder and candles (maximum 10)
Chalice and paten (plate)
Grape juice and paper cups for communion
Hosts for communion
Incense
Religious statues (maximum 2) to be placed by the altar when the group ceremony takes place
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place
Sacred oil (canteen purchase only, approved type, approved quantity, and in plastic container only)

Hinduism

Bowl
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place
Rice
Statue of Hindu god/goddess (maximum of 2 statues, max. 8” high)
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Islam

Group prayer rug (max. 6’ x 8’ approved design only)
Incense

Individual prayer rugs (max. 4’ x 6’, approved design only)
Prayer oil (canteen purchase only, approved type, approved quantity, and in plastic container only)
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

Jehovah’s Witness

None

Judaism

Hanukkah menorah (candle holder) and candles (maximum 10)
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place
Shofar (ram’s horn) (max. 20”)

Native American

Bear root
Cedar
Cloth shield
Drums (maximum 2) and drumsticks (max. 18”)
Eagle feathers (requires federal government documentation)
Flag root
Flute
Individual prayer blankets (max. 4’ x 6’, approved design only)
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place
Sacred pipe
Sage
Smudge bowl
Sweet grass
Talking stick (max. 18”)
Tobacco
Tribal attire (may not obscure the prisoner’s face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)
Turtle rattle (max. 18”)

Odinism

Altar cloth
Bowl
Candle holders and candles (maximum 10)
Cloth Banners
Crackers
Cups (two)
Grape juice
Incense sticks and holder with sand
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Mead horn (bone) (max. 12”)
Pentagrams and pentacles
Plate
Prayer oil (canteen purchase only, approved type, approved quantity, and in plastic container only)
Religious symbol to be placed on wall when group ceremony takes place
Rune cards
Runic wand (max. 20”)
Salt and small shell
Set of Runes
Shrouds (may not obscure the prisoner’s face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)
Speaking staff (max. 12”)
Statue of Odin (max. 14”)
Thor’s Hammer

Pagan

Altar cloth
Bell
Besom (broom) (max. 36”)
Candle holders and candles (maximum 10)
Cardboard Athame
Cardboard moon quarter designations
Chalice
Cloth banners
Crackers
Cups (two)
Gavel
Grape juice
Incense sticks and holder with sand
Pagan wheel, paper
Plate
Prayer oil (canteen purchase only, approved type, approved quantity, and in plastic container only)
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place
Robes (may not obscure the prisoner’s face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)
Salt and small shell
Speaking staff (max. 12”)
Tarot Cards
Vord (half-horse/half-man statue)
Wand (max. 20”)

Santeria

Alter (as approved)
Alter Cloth (2” x 2”)
Candles (maximum 5)
Cowrie shells
Fresh fruit
Herbs (approved) & water
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Incense
Mortar & pestle (plastic)
Orisha statue (max. 8” high)
Prayer oil (canteen purchase only, approved type, approved quantity, and in plastic container only)
Spiritual Cleansing Soap
White Clothing (may not obscure the prisoner’s face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)

Wicca

Altar cloth (2” x 2”)
Bell
Besom (broom) (max. 36”)
Candles holders and candles (maximum 10)
Cardboard Athame
Cardboard moon quarter designations
Chalice
Cloth banners
Crackers
Cups (two)
Gavel
Grape juice
Incense sticks and holder with sand
Ogham sticks
Pagan wheel, paper
Pentagrams and pentacles
Plate
Prayer oil (canteen purchase only, approved type, approved quantity, and in plastic container only)
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place
Robes (may not obscure the prisoner’s face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)
Salt and small shell
Set of Runes
Speaking staff (max. 12”)
Tarot Cards
Vord (half-horse/half-man statue) (max. 8”)
Wand (max. 20”)

Allowable Group Religious Ceremonial Items

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