



Why is spirituality and purpose important?

Martha has been struggling with her spirituality lately. To strengthen her connection to her purpose and values that give meaning to her life, Martha has been attending church and praying. She stays connected to nature by taking daily walks and collecting medicinal plants. She also stays connected with her community by going to lunch with her friends at the Elder Program, which gives her a sense of belonging. One of Martha's friends suggested she connect with Traditional Healing, which has since helped her plan holistic wellness goals. All these steps have helped Martha feel whole again. Spirituality is important to everyone as it provides a purpose to live a holistic life, and is central to who we are and how we identify culturally.

What can you look for?

- Loss of abilities
- Loss of sense of belonging
- Grief
- End of life issues

Spirituality is a part of who we are and expressed into every thought, feeling, and action.

Purpose often involves connection to people, nature, and our spiritual life.

Questions to ask yourself:

- Am I living a life I am happy with?
- What does spirituality mean to me?
- What is the meaning of life to me now?
- What gives my life meaning?
- What are my spiritual goals?
- Am I open to change?





What can you do?

- Spend time in the communities that give you purpose and nurture your faith and spirituality
- Share your wishes with your family and support system
- Spend time in prayer, thanksgiving, or meditation

Where can you find support?

- [ANTHC Volunteer Services Department](#) provides a list of ministry services and contacts.
- [Elder Program](#) offers services to improve quality of life and support independent living by providing an environment of quality, dignity, and pride.
- [Family Wellness Warriors](#) provides support for spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical wellness for those who may have experienced domestic violence, abuse, and neglect.
- [Health Education](#) supports healthy choices in daily life through education and outreach.

For more information, visit <https://www.southcentralfoundation.com/aging-well/>

Alaska Native Health Campus Resources

Anchorage

(907) 729-3300

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

(907) 631-7880

- ANTHC Volunteer Services Department
- Elder Program
- Family Wellness Warriors
- Health Education

Community Resources

- Cook Inlet Tribal Council
(907) 793-3600
- Catholic Social Service
- Lutheran Social Services
- Salvation Army Services

