

9-11 Remembrance

Various Prayers

A Prayer

Merciful God, be with us and all the people of the world as we remember those who died on September 11, 2001 as a result of the dreadful and evil attacks. We pray for the blessed memory and eternal repose of the souls of the innocent victims of that barbaric attack. We remember those who unjustly lost their lives and of those who heroically fell in the line of duty attempting to help these victims.

We remember their lives and give thanks for the time that they lived among us and we pray that you will comfort their families and friends who miss them so much. On this national day of prayer and remembrance, we ask Almighty God to watch over our nation and grant us patience and resolve in all that is to come. Amen.

A Prayer

God of the ages, be near us in this age of terror and in these moments of remembrance. Continue to give grace to those who lost loved ones on that dreadful day. We thank you for all the kind and brave people who worked so hard to help others after the attacks. Thank you for police officers, fire fighters, construction workers, medical workers and all the other people who gave their time to help others during the last year. May those who are suffering physical and emotional trauma because of their work in helping with the rescue or clean-up find some relief. Watch over those who are even now guarding the gates of freedom and engaged in fighting evil. We pray in the strong name of the righteous Prince of Peace. Amen.

A Prayer

We pray for the families of the victims of the terrorist attack of September 11th, that they may be granted help and strength from above, and for those wounded by this unjust attack, for their salvation and complete restoration to health.

A Prayer

God the compassionate one, whose loving care extends to the entire world, we remember this day your children of many nations and many faiths whose lives were cut short by that dreadful, evil act, on September 11, 2001. Console those who continue to suffer and grieve, and give them comfort and hope as they look to the future. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

God of all creation, comforter of the afflicted, hear the prayer of those gathered here who know so well the depth of the tragic loss of their loved ones on Sept. 11, 2001. Help us be your arms that surround them on this 10th anniversary of this moment that changed our lives. We pray:

All respond: ***God our Comforter, hear our prayer.***

We lift those who courageously reached out to people in need – our firefighters, police, emergency services and rescue personnel. Let us also surround them with our strength and prayer as we pray for your protection over them in the face of unknown dangers. We pray:

All respond: ***God our Protector, hear our prayer.***

On this 10th anniversary, we ask you Lord to surround our caregivers and volunteers who responded through their role in relief organizations. Heal their memories and comfort them as they serve those in need. We pray:

All respond: ***God our Provider, hear our prayer.***

We lift to you our prayer for each young woman and man who has responded to the call to protect our Nation. We pray for those who seek peace with their presence and those who protect peace against aggressors in other lands. Be with them when they are far from home and hold them when they hurt. We pray:

All respond: ***God our Redeemer, hear our prayer.***

Prayer of Remembrance:

God of comfort we lift to you our prayer this day on the 10th anniversary of September 11. We ask you to surround us with comfort, protection and your Divine Providence. September 11 was a day when we as a nation lost so many. May we take this time to honor the women and men, and the boys and girls who lost their lives. When we struggle with the questions behind these events, help us to know that we are never alone. Guide us with the courage to know that when we stretch out our hands to you, we feel your embrace in the arms of our neighbor. May we always remember that we are one family in this world. Help us to know that our pain is yours; and the tears of our family fall on your heart. Guide us as a nation, and help your people to never forget how so many laid down their lives for their friends. Bring us your grace to hear the small voice of the one crying in the wilderness. Bring those who are suffering your comfort in our embrace. We ask this through the one who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**