



**A Prayer Vigil for Remembering and Grieving the Events and Loss of Life  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11, 2001**

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*Officiant:* O God, make speed to save us.  
*People:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

### **Versicle and Response**

V. Remember my affliction and my wandering;  
**R. The bitterness and the gall.**  
V. I well remember them  
**R. And my soul is downcast within me.**  
V. Yet this I call to mind;  
**R. And therefore I have hope:**  
V. Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed;  
**R. For his compassions never fails.** (Lamentations 3:20 – 22)

### **A Litany on the 20<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Events of September 11, 2001**

O God, our mighty tower, and creator of Heaven and Earth,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God, our Redeemer, who died and rose again,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God, our comforter, who fell as a dove at the Baptism of Jesus, and strengthens  
all the faithful,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Holy Trinity, undivided, One God,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

By the establishment of the firmament, and the speaking of light into the darkness,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

By the blessing and sending of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob  
and Rachel,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

By the liberation of the children of Israel from Pharaoh's hand and the renting of  
the Sea,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

By the witness and courage of your holy prophets of old,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

By the calling of our sister Mary, and the Incarnation of the Word into the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

By the ministry of Christ, the preaching of the Good News, the healing of the sick,  
the casting out of evil, and the raising of the dead,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

By the agony of the cross, and the victory of the Resurrection,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

From the forces of evil, and from deadly acts of terrorism,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From the fear that grips us as individuals and as a people,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From the senseless hatred that hardens hearts and minds,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From war and violent conflict of all stripes,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We do beseech you to hear us, good Lord, that on this twentieth anniversary of the  
terrorist attacks on America, that you would rule and govern our hearts, and the  
powers of this world,  
*We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

That it would please you to protect this nation, and the peoples of the whole world,  
*We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

That it would please you to uphold the military of this nation, and all nations, who  
strive to bring peace and freedom to all your children,  
*We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

That it would please you to root out the causes of terror and war in all places and among all people,

***We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.***

That it would please you to look upon those who would seek to do us harm, and turn their hearts from the ways of hatred and violence,

***We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.***

That it would please you to rain down grace and mercy upon us all, that your peace, which passes all understanding, would overtake us all,

***We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.***

That it would please you on this day to uphold all those who lost people dear to their hearts during the attacks, and in the conflicts which have followed in their wake,

***We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.***

That it would please you to surround widows and children, parents and loved ones, the injured and maimed with a hope in your trust, your abiding Presence, and life everlasting,

***We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.***

That it would please you to uphold all those who maintain peace and safety in our local communities and abroad,

***We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.***

That it would please you to shine your light into the darkness, that all would see and know you, and your ways.

***We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.***

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

***Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.***

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

***Have mercy upon us.***

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

***Have mercy upon us.***

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

***Grant us your peace.***

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, whose heart is glad when all your children live together in unity; we lift to you the grief of our hearts, hoping that you will not only comfort those hearts, but change them; that we may be the people you have created, and called us to be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*(Originally drafted for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 by The Reverend Rick Morley, Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, this Litany was modified for use to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with his permission).*

**(Silence)**

**8:46:40: Flight 11 crashes into the north face of the North Tower (1 WTC) of the World Trade Center, between floors 93 and 99.**

**(Silence)**

### **Canticle – A Song of Lamentation (Enriching Our Worship)**

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?\*

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

Which was brought upon me,\*

Inflicted by God's fierce anger.

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears,\*

For a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage.

Remember my affliction and my bitterness,\*

Wormwood and gall!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,\*

God's mercies never end.

They are new every morning;\*

Great is your faithfulness.

“God is my portion,” says my soul,\*

“therefore I will hope in God.”

It is good that we should wait quietly\*

For the coming of God's salvation.

**(Silence)**

**9:03:02: Flight 175 crashes into the south face of the South Tower (2 WTC) of the World Trade Center, between floors 77 and 85.**

(Silence)

**Canticle 10 - The Second Song of Isaiah**      *Quaerite Dominum*  
**Isaiah 55:6-11**

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
    call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
    and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
    and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
    nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
    so are my ways higher than your ways,  
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
    and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
    seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
    it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
    and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

**9:37:46: Flight 77 crashes into the western side of The Pentagon and starts a violent fire.**

**Psalm 130 – De Profundis**

1     Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
        LORD, hear my voice; \*  
        let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O LORD, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.  
I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**9:59:00: The South Tower of the World Trade Center collapses, 56 minutes after the impact of Flight 175.**

**(Silence)**

**10:03:11: Flight 93 is crashed by its hijackers as a result of fighting in the cockpit 80 miles (129 km) southeast of Pittsburgh in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.**

**(Silence)**

**Psalm 23 - *Dominus regit me***

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

- 4     Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
        I shall fear no evil; \*  
        for you are with me;  
        your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5     You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
        who trouble me; \*  
        you have anointed my head with oil,  
        and my cup is running over.
- 6     Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
        of my life, \*  
        and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**(Silence)**

**10:28:22: The North Tower of the World Trade Center collapses, 1 hour and 42 minutes after the impact of Flight 11**

**Psalm 80 - *Qui regis Israel***

- 1     Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
        shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2     In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
        stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3     Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
        show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4     O LORD God of hosts, \*  
        how long will you be angered  
        despite the prayers of your people?
- 5     You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
        you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6     You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
        and our enemies laugh us to scorn.



7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**10:50:19: Five stories of part of the Pentagon collapse due to the fire.**

**Psalm 46 - *Deus noster refugium***

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the  
depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**(Silence)**

**5:20:33 p.m.: 7 World Trade Center, a 47-story building, collapses.**

**(Silence)**

**Psalm 67** *Deus misereatur*

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## Members of the Diocese of New Jersey Lost on September 11, 2001

**Colleen A. Meehan Barkow**  
**Jane Beatty**  
**David O. Campbell**  
**Dean P. Eberling**  
**John C. Hartz**  
**Stephen Joseph**  
**Allison Hortsmann Jones**  
**Edward H. Lockett, II**

**Charles W. Mathers**  
**Karl T. Smith**  
**Edward T. Strauss**  
**Robert R. Talhami**  
**Sal Tieri**  
**Police Officer Mark Ellis**  
**Police Officer Raymond Suarez**  
**Janine Damiani Jones**

### Closing Prayers

God the compassionate one, whose loving care extends to all the world, we remember this day your children of many nations and many faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred. Console those who continue to suffer and grieve, and give them comfort and hope as they look to the future. Out of what we have endured, give us the grace to examine our relationships with those who perceive us as the enemy, and show our leaders the way to use our power to serve the good of all for the healing of the nations. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord who, in reconciling love, was lifted up from the earth that he might draw all things to himself. **Amen.**

*(Source – The Most Reverend Frank Tracy Griswold)*

May we remember with love and compassion this day.  
May we grieve with those who still mourn,  
And share memories with those who cannot forget.  
May we draw strength from those who bravely responded,  
And gave their lives to save others.  
May we stand with strangers who became neighbours,  
And give thanks for their generosity and hospitality.  
May we remember all who have lost loved ones to terrorism and violence,  
And be filled not with a call to war but with a longing for peace.  
May we seek for understanding and reconciling,  
And not turn from your kingdom ways.  
Above all God may we remember your faithfulness,  
And learn to trust in your unfailing love.  
**Amen.**

*From Christine Sine and the Godspace Blog found at [About – Godspacelight](#)*

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People:* ***Thanks be to God.***



Trinity Cathedral is proud to be the recipient of a votive table commemorating those killed on September 11, 2001. The votive table sculpture was commissioned by the Assisting Bishop of the Diocese in 2001, the Rt. Rev. David Joslin, on behalf of the Diocese and Trinity Cathedral, as a memorial to the members of our Diocese who were tragically lost in the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. It was designed through a simplification to scale of a lower Manhattan skyline as seen from New Jersey. The intention is to be at once obvious and serene; to be readily accessible and invoke prayer from within the viewer. Welded by liturgical artist, Philip Bohdan Carr-Jones, of Lebanon, NJ, the table is made from various dimensional steel tubing, angle and flat stock. Normally, votive tables are filled with sand. This one is filled with crushed concrete and dust. (*The Rev. Philip Carr-Jones works in varied mediums including metal, ceramic, glass, fabric, wood and words. He moonlights as a peddler of words (priest) at Church of the Holy Spirit, Lebanon.*)