



Thank you for answering our call to participate in the: Three Days of Prayer and Unity

At Pave the Way Foundation, we understand that only people of good will, coming together in a united voice, can stop those from using the name of religion to bring about violence and terrorism.

No matter what your religion is (or even if you have no religion at all), you are welcome. Many of our members and our friends from different religions and groups have offered comments and suggested prayers for September 9th, 10th, and 11th.

Judaism: “On September 10th, we will be looking hopefully toward the future, remembering these words from Isaiah ‘they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.’” Rabbi Joseph Potasnik

Adonai, who may abide in Your House? Who may dwell in your holy mountain?

Those who are upright; who do justly; who speak the truth within their hearts;

Who do not slander others, or wrong them, or bring shame upon them;

Who scorn the lawless, but honor those who revere God;- Rabbi Diane Monheit

Catholic: I am offering this prayer on September 11th, to my congregation and to persons of other faiths, in a spirit of reconciliation. –Hector Lachapelle, Catholic Priest, North Carolina

Dear God, On our own we know that we are weak and timid: but your promises, coming to us from Christ, give strength and courage. We need courage. Everyday crises are enough for us, and hidden fears threaten to undermine us. We find ourselves praying that certain tests should not come

our way, and hope to escape many questions. We settle for a superficial routine, and pretend that the deeper issues do not exist.

Lord Jesus, you accepted the gift of life in faith, and lived it out with courage. You held fast even at the time of dereliction. Surely, you can speak as no other at this anxious time, the anniversary of 9/11, and teach us all that courage comes in waiting patiently. Please give us that strength and courage, for are you not with us wherever we must go?

Please be with the anxious, who begin to despair. Please be with those who are brought to the test. Please be with the bereaved, who are face to face with the grim reality of death, and give them the generosity of spirit to entrust their lost ones to your loving care.

Please be with all people who must live out their lives facing challenge as it comes, and speak strong words of courage to their troubled minds, that they may finish their course. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Christian: “On Sunday, September 11th, my congregation will come together in fellowship to ask God for guidance and strength,” said Michael Davis of Mount Olive Ministries in Tarpon Springs, Florida, “We will pray for the strength to join our Muslim and Jewish brethren in speaking out against violence in the name of any religion.”

Mighty God, in the name of Jesus we come to thee to give you praise and thanks for being an awesome God, holy and magnificent. You know all things we ask Lord that you would give strength to the family members of all those who have lost loved ones to the terrorist acts committed by those who think they are doing you justice by committing these acts of violence in your name.

We know that in reality Father God your word says in John 3:16:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"

You also said in John 3:17:

“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved”

So Father we don't condone these acts of violence in your name. We feel they are an abomination to you because your word has declared in John 13:34:

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“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another”

Father we feel that this is just man’s destructive nature at work so we pray for their souls as well to change and be conformed to the image of your son and to stop these unnecessary acts of violence in your name.

This we pray in Jesus name.

A Prayer For 911

Almighty God, Creator of all that is, We have come in prayer on this special day, A day great violence was done. Not only to those whose lives were taken, Not only to a building, Not only to a city, Not only to a nation, But To your Holy name, For whom they claim it was done. We come to pray that people of all faiths will rise up as one to speak out Against all who commit acts of violence, And then allege divine approval.

Amen

Reverend Lawrence Swenson- People’s Interdenominational Protestant Church

Islam: May Allah, the most beneficent and merciful, bless the souls of all those who lost their precious lives in the most horrific tragedy of September 11, 2001. May Allah, the Almighty, grant patience. Solace and courage to the families and the loved ones of the deceased who were so innocent and yet were murdered by the enemies of humanity. Most importantly, may Allah, The Almighty, guide to the right path those hate mongers and terrorists who perpetrate one genocide after another against fellow human beings in the name of religion. And finally, may Allah, The Almighty, establish peace, harmony, and brotherhood amongst all people of this universe who belong to various tribes and numerous faiths.

As followers of Islam, a peaceful religion, we the Muslims universally believe that all humans are equal creatures of Allah The Almighty. Who is right and who is wrong is the decision, which will be made on the day of judgment and not before. And that judgment can only be made by Allah, The Almighty.

May Allah, The Almighty, bless us all.

Scientology: “September 11th 2001 was our wake-up call. And that call brought us to the realization that there are a myriad of challenges today that require all humanity to work together for the survival of this planet. Natural disaster or man-made – the requirement is the same. Only by recognizing our brotherhood will we work together to overcome obstacles and face a better day.” - Rev. Pat Harney, Church of Scientology

On September 11th 2005, may we all work together in a spirit of unity as called for in the words of L. Ron Hubbard, in this excerpt from *What is Greatness?*:

“The hardest task one can have is to continue to love his fellows despite all reason he should not...

“Never use what is done to one as a basis for hatred. Never desire revenge...

“It requires real strength to love man. And to love him despite all invitations to do otherwise, all provocations and all reasons why one should not...

“Happiness and strength endure only in the absence of hate. To hate alone is the road to disaster. To love is the road to strength. To love in spite of all is the secret of greatness. And may very well be the greatest secret in this universe.” –L. Ron Hubbard

Non-Religious: Religion has no monopoly on good people, those who truly want peace and understanding amongst their fellows.

With or without a belief system or any specific practice, there exists a code of human behavior, morals, and ethics, which define how people should treat one another.

This code of human behavior has codified in many religions, in documents like The Ten Commandments, The Golden Rule. Even the United States Constitution contains some of this truth, embodied in this statement: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed...with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

While the exact form may differ, these documents contain certain universal truths, including the following:

- You should not kill others
- You should not kill yourself
- You should take some responsibility for your fellow man

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September 11th 2005 can be the dawn of a new day, where men of good will, no matter their race, color, or creed, can come together and demonstrate that there is hope for man, that we don't have to destroy one another because of our differences.

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We will be adding blessing and prayers as they are offered to us. If your religion is not listed please email us the prayer which opposes the use of religion for violence.

Pave the Way Foundation will provide special recognition for any community wherein members of the Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and other groups embrace their similarities and savor their differences with gestures of good will. Please share this message with all institutions in your community and please email us at pavetheway@optonline.net so your community can be recognized.

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