

# **A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE**

**September 14, 2001**

## ***SALISBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

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These Bible passages and prayers are to help you direct your thoughts and prayers as we share in this national day of mourning for the tragedy that befell our nation on Tuesday, September 11.

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Psalm 11

Psalm 22

Psalm 23

Psalm 46

Psalm 121

Psalm 103.13

Isaiah 40:31

Matthew 5:1-16

Matthew 11:28

John 14:27

Romans 8:24-27

Romans 8:35-39

Ephesians 3:14-21

Hebrews 11:1-3

Revelation 21:1-4

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Holy God, Lord of life and death, you made us in your image and hold us in your care. We thank you for the lives of all those lost at work, in travel, in rescuing others. We thank you for the gift of their lives to scattered communities and families around our nation. We give thanksgiving for the mercy they knew in life, and the hope of their eternal rest. Especially we praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who died and rose from the grave to free us from evil, and give us life eternal. Grant that when our time on earth is ended, we may be united with all the saints in the joys of your eternal home, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Eternal God, our only hope, our help in times of trouble: show nations ways to work out differences. Do not let threats multiply or let power be used without compassion. May your will overrule human willfulness, so that people may agree and settle claims peacefully. Hold back those who are impulsive, lest desire for vengeance overwhelm our common welfare. Bring peace to earth, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Savior of us all. Amen.*

God of the ages, in your sight nations rise and fall, and pass through times of peril. Now when our land is troubled, be near to judge and save. May leaders be led by your wisdom; may they search your will and see it clearly. If we have turned from your way, help us to reverse our ways and repent. Give us your light and your truth to guide us; through Jesus Christ who is Lord of this world, and our Savior. Amen.

*Righteous God, you rule the nations. Guard brave men and women who risk themselves in battle for their country. Keep our sons and daughters and our brothers and sisters from hate that hardens, or from scorekeeping with human lives. Though they must be at war, let them live for peace, as eager for agreement as for victory. Encourage them as they encourage one another, and never let hard duty separate them from loyalty to your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

We pray for you, O God, in this time when your creation has suffered injustice and cruelty once again. We pray that you would lead us away from the temptations of hatred and anger, of vengeance and violence; and that you would deliver us from evil – the evil that breeds such unimaginable acts of terror, the evil that would have your people betray your love in Christ, the evil that suggests there are ways for peace other than trust and obedience to your word. We pray that you would not give up on us. Let us never forget that in life and in death we all belong to you; through the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

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May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
And be gracious unto you.  
May God give you peace in your going out and your coming in,  
This day and always.