

Baptism | 25th Anniversary of 9/11 | September 6th 2026

Prayer in Memory of 9/11

Heavenly Father,

We come before You at this time with heavy hearts
As we recall the tragic events of twenty-five years ago
On September the Eleventh.

We honor the memory of those who lost their lives that day
In New York City, Washington D.C, and Pennsylvania,
whether on the ground or in the hi-jacked aircraft
and we pray for their families and loved ones
who continue to grieve.

May we also remember the bravery of the first responders
and the resilience of the survivors.

Grant us the strength to stand together in Unity and Peace,
and the ability to support one another
with compassion and understanding.

Help us be instruments of Your Peace,
spreading love and kindness
in a world that so often feels divided.

May we never forget the lessons of that day
and strive to build a better future
filled with Hope and Harmony.

Amen

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

(11:1-9)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We will read Psalm 27 responsively by whole verse

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴***One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.***

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

⁶***Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.***

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸***“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.***

⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

¹⁰***If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.***

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

¹²***Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.***

¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

¹⁴***Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!***

Glory to the Father...

The Epistle is a reading from Revelation

(21:1-5)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also, he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke *(13:1-5)*

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way, they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”