

We will remember

Sunday, Sept. 5, we ask you to please join us in prayer for our nation, our leaders, and our men and women in uniform.

Sept. 11 is a date we have set aside to remember those who have given their lives in the war against terrorism that we might live as "one nation under God."

Today, we should pray for those who fight for our freedom and also for the families of those whose lives were given to pay for this liberty that we enjoy.

On Sept. 11, 2001, we watched in horror as two hijacked airliners were flown by terrorists into the twin towers of the World Trade Center. In disbelief, we watched as another airliner crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., and another into a Pennsylvania field. As a nation, we mourn the terrible loss of life. As a nation, our hearts go out to the many families that have suffered the loss of a father, a mother, a son, a daughter or a close friend. Words cannot fully nor adequately express our sorrow and grief.

Today, a new group of young men and women are answering the call of their nation to bring to justice those who perpetrated this act of terror. They are a new group of patriots that will train and fight for our freedom.

We ask that you join us in prayer for God to protect these service personnel and to comfort those families who have lost a loved one in this war against terrorism.

Pray for our men and women in uniform

Eternal God, Our Heavenly Father, please protect our sons, daughters, husbands and mothers who have answered our country's call, that they might return safely home. We also remember those who gave their all, remembering with gratitude their courage and devotion to duty. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of loved ones lost, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that they are alive now and forever in your living presence.

Now, Father, allow us to continue to serve You as one nation under God, and please, God, bless America during these difficult times. Amen.



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National September 11th Commemoration



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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A Message from

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A Day to Remember

The unprovoked attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, upon America by foreign terrorists have thrust the United States and other countries into a war it never envisioned, militarily or diplomatically.

This new great unknown and uncertainty has woven itself into all the threads of society.

The challenges facing all the civilized people of the world as they relate to the war on terrorism will not end until these fanatics are brought to justice.

America is fully committed through operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom to ensure our freedoms remain unfettered and sovereign for all generations, now and forever.

World opinion needs to remain focused upon the eradication of these inhuman acts perpetrated around the globe.

One way to accomplish this is to NEVER FORGET that those innocent victims did not die in vain.

America can fight back by reminding the world that the deaths of these people will always be remembered, and that they will be forever loved.

A noble and appropriate way to accomplish this is through the annual celebration of their lives.

This commemoration should be conducted each year throughout the land and be known as **Sept. 11, "Patriot Day."**



... Lest We Forget

The American Legion asks that on the Sunday prior to Sept. 11, in every house of worship, that time be taken to pause and remember those men and women in uniform who were killed Sept. 11, 2001, as well as those who have lost their lives in the ongoing war against terrorism.

Second, on Sept. 11, The American Legion asks for each house of worship to ring its bells at:

- 8:45 a.m. (*local time*) in remembrance of those who died when American Airlines Flight 11 struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center.
- 9:03 a.m., in remembrance of those who died when United Airlines Flight 175 struck the South Tower of the World Trade Center.
- 9:43 a.m., in remembrance of those who died when American Airlines Flight 77 struck the Pentagon.
- 10 a.m., in remembrance of those who died when United Airlines Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pa.
- Noon, in remembrance of all those lost to acts of terrorism.

For more information about the Sept. 11 Memorial Service, contact The American Legion at: