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 so 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 this liberty.

On Sept. 11, 2001, we watched in horror as two hijacked airliners flew into the twin towers of the World Trade Center. In disbelief, we watched as another airliner hit the Pentagon. We also remember those who were taken so suddenly in their prime. Words cannot fully 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 to protect 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.

Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, please protect our sons, daughters, husbands and mothers who have answered our country’s call. Help them do the impossible and bring us out of this time of trial.

Pray for our men and women in uniform

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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 Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom to ensure our freedoms remain unfettered and sovereign for all generations, now and forever. Lest We Forget 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 commemoration of their lives. 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 inhuman acts perpetrated around the globe.

America can fight back by reminding the world that the deaths of these inhuman acts are preventable around the globe.

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- 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.

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