

PATHWAYS TO PEACE

In our fasting and prayer let us remember September 11, 2001

We gather in the name of the Lord, the one who brings peace and forgiveness to our lives and to our world. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray: All powerful God, through your Son you revealed the power of your love. You showed us that hatred has no power over love and that forgiveness heals the divisions in our lives. As we come together to remember September 11th send the healing power of love and reconciliation upon us that we may become a united people of hope, justice, and peace. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: *Matthew 18: 21-22*

Silent Reflection

Leader: Let this be a time for prayer:
All: For victims and families; for leaders; for the military; for an end to violence; for the Afghan people; and for our adversaries.

Leader: Let this be a time of reconciliation and forgiveness:
All: For those who attacked us on September 11.

Leader: Let this be a time for fasting:
All: For justice, peace and the protection of innocent human life.

Leader: Let this be a time for teaching:
All: To better learn Catholic teaching on war and peace.

Leader: Let this be a time for dialogue:
All: With Muslims, Jews, fellow Christians and other faith communities.

Leader: Let this be a time for solidarity:
All: With all those who lost mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, sisters and brothers; with all who live under the threat of violence and uncertainty each day.

Leader: Let this be a time for hope:
All: In God's grace, in ourselves, and in one another.

Leader: Let us pray: Lord, may we be open to your love and may we always remember that forgiveness and reconciliation requires much of us. May your grace fill us with courage as we pray, teach, engage in dialogue and urge our leaders to work together for peace and to eliminate injustice. May we become a country dedicated to the common good. And may we be open to your healing Spirit in all that we do. We give you thanks and praise for all your blessings upon us. May our feet walk in the Pathways of Peace. Amen.