

Leader: in life that is more powerful than death,

People: and in love that wins.

Leader: We trust...

People: that this event does indeed shape us,

Leader: but that it does not define us.

People: We trust...

Leader: that God is in New York,

People: in Washington and Shanksville, Pennsylvania,

Leader: in Afghanistan and Iraq,

People: and wherever people cry out for your mercy.

Leader: We trust...

People: that God is here,

Leader: among and within us,

People: shaping and molding us,

Leader: teaching us to speak a new language,

People: the language of holy love,

Leader: love even of our enemies.

Together: We trust that you, God, are here.

Litany Of Remembering

Leader: We remember...

People: the fear,

Leader: the pain,

People: the feelings of loss,

Leader: the uncertainty,

People: where we were,

Leader: and what we were doing.

People: We remember...

Leader: the images of death we now live with,

People: and the panic of the days after.

Leader: We remember...

People: wondering how to respond and what to do.

Leader: We pray...

People: for all those who lost their lives,

Leader: those on the ground,

People: as well as those in the planes,

Leader: and all their families who still live with the pain.

People: We pray...

Leader: for those who witnessed the planes as they hit,

People: and those who sifted through the rubble.

Leader: We pray...

People: for all those whose lives have been affected by this event,

Leader: and for peace,

People: for the people in the United States,

Leader: and the people of Afghanistan and Iraq.

People: We pray...

Leader: for better understanding between peoples,

People: and increased Christian-Muslim relations.

Leader: We confess to you , O God, as well as each other, all of our sins, silently and aloud.

A brief period of time for the confession of sins.

Leader: We confess...

People: our anger that still lingers,

Leader: our impatience,

People: our desire for revenge,

Leader: our own tendency to be violent.

People: We confess....

Leader: our egos,

People: believing ourselves to be right,

Leader: our unwillingness to examine ourselves,

People: and our quickness to blame others.

Leader: We confess...

People: our need for you, O God, who forgives us of all our sins.

Leader: We trust...

People: in you O God,

Leader: in the power of your grace and goodness

People: that it is stronger than hatred or evil,