

## Prayer for 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11



Almighty God, Lord of all compassion,  
We remember the terrible events  
of this day in America ten years ago.  
We are reminded that we live in a broken  
and grievously divided world,  
where some are bent on terror and destruction.  
We recall that day when planes speared into the twin towers  
in New York, that later collapsed in dust and fire to rubble;  
another hit the Pentagon, and a fourth crashed  
because brave men fought to stop it reaching its target.

In a world where some are willing to die  
in the name of their religion,  
killing and maiming thousands of innocent people,  
we struggle to understand and combat terrorism.

As Jesus commanded, we pray for our enemies;  
for an end to the hatred, the wrong teaching and beliefs,  
and the recruiting of suicide bombers,  
some no more than children.

We pray for the victims of this day in 2001 and other atrocities.  
We pray for the children left orphaned; for bereaved parents;  
for people still suffering from injuries and terrible memories.

We pray for those who work to relieve and heal the suffering.  
Pour your Spirit upon us to enable us and all your people  
to work for justice and true peacemaking,

In the name of Jesus Christ, King of peace and Lord of Lords,

Amen.