



# Christian Brothers University

## SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 REMEMBRANCE

### A PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE CBU COMMUNITY

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*Leader:* As we gather this day, let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God. *(pause)*

*Leader:* We most likely remember that crisp, clear morning of September 11, 2001, when our world was changed so significantly. Today, we begin our prayer by remembering that day and with prayer for those who were most especially impacted by the events of September 11, 2001.

*Leader:* When we remember the stockbrokers, office workers, maintenance workers, bystanders, window-washers and all the others who worked together so valiantly to help each other, we can say together,

**All: We remember great courage.**

*Leader:* When we recall the firefighters who rushed upstairs as most everyone else was racing out, we can say together,

**All: We remember selfless service.**

*Leader:* When we recall the police officers who stood to protect and defend the people and performed their duties until the towers came crashing down on top of them, we can say together,

**All: We remember selfless sacrifice for the safety of others.**

*Leader:* When we recall the thousands of workers, women and men, old and young, single and married, American-born, and those born in other countries around the world, who did not escape the buildings, we can say together,

**All: We remember the loss of human life.**

*Leader:* When we recall those citizens who rushed to help, did all they could to help, we can say together,

**All: We remember and give thanks for dutiful commitment to those in distress.**

*Leader:* When we recall the people who stood in line at the nation's blood banks to make living donations from their very bodies, we can say together,

**All: We give thanks for those who live on to pass on life and love.**

*Leader:* When we remember the millions of Americans who gave so generously of their life and labor to endow funds to help the survivors and their families recover from their losses, we can say together,

**All: We are grateful for generosity.**

*Leader:* Remembrance begins with deep, personal identification. It begins with remembering the affliction of our brothers and sisters, and marking their pain as our own. Let us pause and remember that day ten years ago. We remember where we were at that moment in time, when in real ways, “the world stopped turning.”

### Period of Quiet Prayer

*(The song, “Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning?” by Alan Jackson, would be an appropriate song to play here. The song is available on youtube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FyPtqvaKAfU>)*

### Scripture Readings

*Leader:* We now listen to two short readings from the letter of Paul. The first we will hear is from the letter to the Christian community of Philippi in Greece; the second is from the liturgy of September 11, 2011, and is addressed to the Christian community in Rome.

**(Philippians 4: 6-7) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

**(Romans 14: 7-9) None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. For that is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.**

### Period of Quiet Prayer

### Opportunity for Shared Prayer/Intercessions

#### Closing Prayer:

Lord God, we thank You for the grace of this moment together as a community. We continue to remember the tragedy of 9/11, and the many signs of humanity that have come forth, even in such loss of human life. Help us to honor the dead by working resolutely to bring peace to our own lives, our community here, and our Lasallian workplace. Help us to be a voice even beyond these settings, so that we work to create the peace that we desire for our world – and the peace that You have come to build. Bless all of us on this day of remembrance, and bless all those who live in the threat of terror. You have entrusted this world to us. May we uplift all we meet this day. AMEN.

