

A Litany of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

P: Events of daily life, of September 11, 2002, the highs and lows of our lives cause us to pause and seek again the loving arms of our Lord. For all who with their own eyes, on television, on radio, person to person, experienced the terrible attacks on New York, Washington, and our entire country, we remember with hurting hearts but with thanksgiving for God's faithfulness.

C: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea." Psalm 46:1-2

P: Events of this past year have caused many to lose hope, a country to lose it's innocence and for the faith of God's people to be shaken to it's very core. The Lord truly is our refuge and strength. We remember the faith of those who have gone before us, especially those whom we have lost so tragically this last year. For their faith we give God thanks.

C: "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!" Job 19:25

P: And God continues to be faithful. We remember his faithfulness to his servant, Joshua. We remember all who have faithfully served beyond the events of September 11. We remember the firefighters who raked through debris, we remember chaplains offering support and God's presence in

the midst of the recovery effort. We remember the families who mourn the loss of their loved ones. We remember the friends and coworkers who were permitted to escape and live to this day. We give thanks to God for His presence.

C: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

P: We remember all who have been brought low. We remember all who have experienced pain yet have turned their hearts towards God once again. For eyes of faith, we give God thanks.

C: "I lift up my eyes to the hills--where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

P: Finally we remember, yes we remember with thanksgiving, that Christ will come again. He will come to raise all who died with faith and raise them to life eternal. Yes, we remember, yes we remember and give thanks that He will come again.

C: He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen." Revelation 22:21

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