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Labor Day: Monday, September 5, 2022
Patriot Day, Sunday, September 11, 2022





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Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)

**“To everything
there is a season,
A time for every purpose
under heaven:..”**

Dear Readers,

We are heading to all of the major holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas. It won't be long now. Just a few more weeks and we will be in a real hustle and bustle. Oh, yeah.

But, before we arrive to those holidays, we are in the Back-to-School mode, even if we don't have children or grandchildren. This time of year is an alarm to the changing seasons and other changes, too. Things don't stay the same.

My focus is on the September observances: Labor Day and 9/11- Patriot Day. Lord, help me...see, I am always disturbed or seriously upset by the people who don't respect and reverence these holidays. It gets under my skin when I hear these folks talking about getting in their *“last Bar-b-que or cookout for the year.”* They plan to shop for the meats: ribs, hot dogs, hamburger, and chicken, too. Now, they load up on all the other fixings like: potato salad, corn on the cob, slaw, and so on. And, they ALWAYS say they must have a big watermelon, because they didn't get one for the other holidays like the 4th of July and Memorial Day.

Sorry if I stepped on your toes...well, sorry but not sorry.

I am always amazed that these folks say that they were broke and had to scrape through all year. They used excuse after excuse up to this time, September, on how they didn't have a dime to donate anything to others who were having a tough time.

See, I enjoy cookouts and that food, too. As I am getting older, I can't handle spicy foods, but I do still have a nice meal.

Look, I'm concerned about the lack of true observances for Labor Day and 9/11. I feel the struggle, pain, hurt, and devastation that they both represent. Labor Day is a special time to honor and give our thanks to those who work to serve us, provide services for others, and make income for their family so they can survive in this world of challenges and demands. Getting up and going to a job is a drilling activity. One must be committed to follow the rules, regulations and requirements to keep their job. It is a rat race out there. Only the strong and dedicated can make it in the marketplace. Sometimes injustice, racism, prejudices, sexual harassment, and other bitter issues are great barriers on a job. It is tough.

As we approach the horrific and tremendous painful remembrance of what happened here in the United States of America on September 11, 2001, remember the attacks on the Twin Towers in New York...and at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. Then, there was another attack in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Oh, LORD! The lives that were taken! The burning of human bodies! The collapse of tall buildings where people worked, gathered, and handled business. Burning buildings! Smoked-filled hallways, fiery stairways, smoke and fires spreading through those death traps...Men, women, trapped...burning to their deaths. The fear! The men and women who jumped from the ledgers of their office's windows: crying, screaming, and praying as they leaped to the hard ground and died.

Remember, the burning flesh of firemen who came to help and rescue who they could. The burning flesh of brothers, sisters, fellow co-workers, lovers, janitorial staff, maintenance workers, friends, daddies, mamas, students, interns, aunties, uncles, neighbors, grandfathers, grandmothers and others.

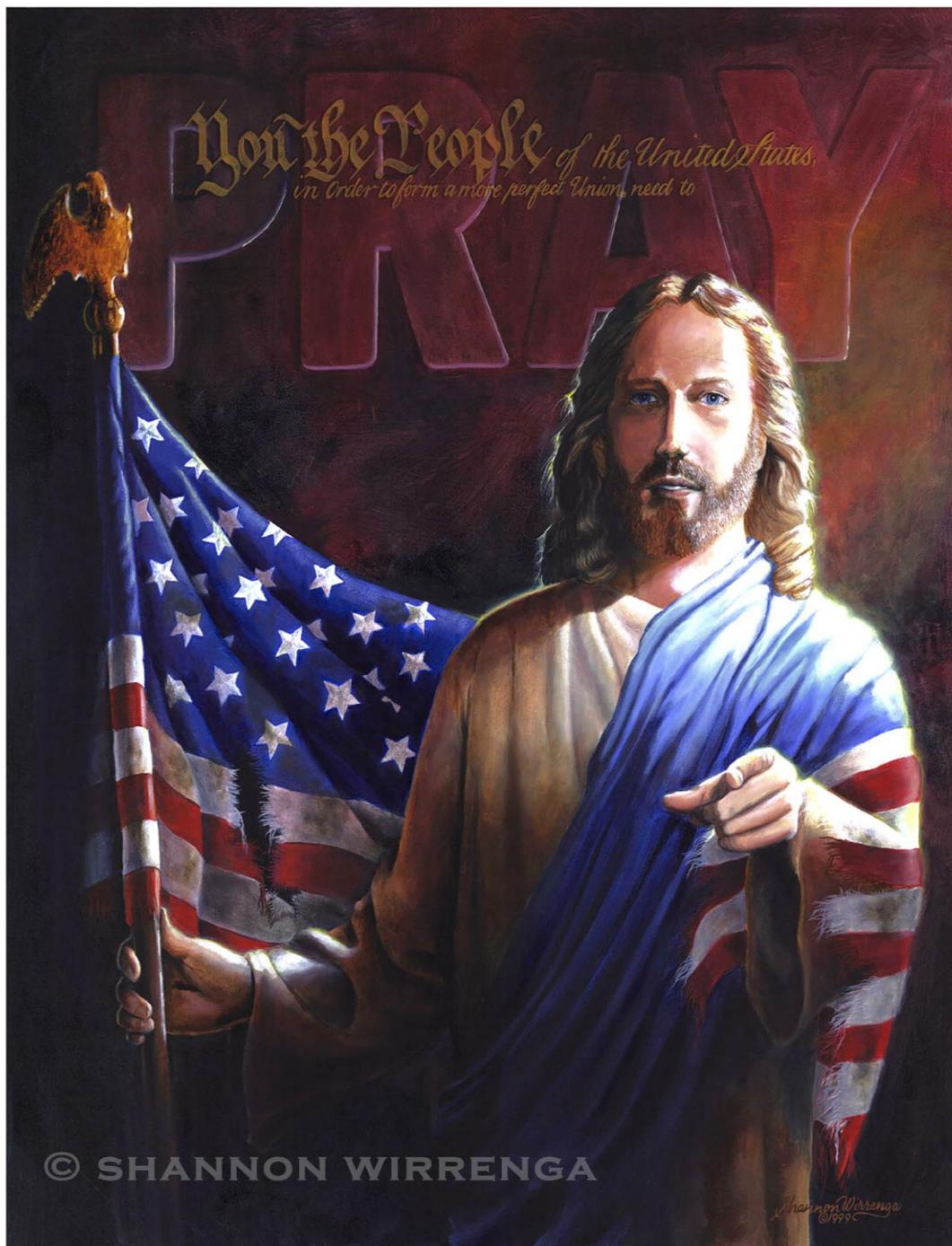
There was the fight on a plane that had people who decided to fight back at those terrorists who were evil and wanted to see destruction...and death...BUT...even though the plane fell from the sky...to crash and burn... BRAVERY PREVAILED! Those people united and let out their prayers and cries as they crashed to the ground.

There is more to be said. There is more. There was living horror that day...21 years ago on September 11, 2001.

So now...go on...have your cookouts and gatherings for the close of summer. However, please take time out and bow your heads in prayer. Ask God to protect us. Ask Him to lift the heads of the hurting, sorrowful, and grieving. Ask Him to comfort us...hold us. Thank Him for His love, kindness and protection.

Thank Him for all that He has done and will do. Thank him for His provisions and making a way through the job you have or for loved ones who are working. Ask Him to bless workers and the bosses. Thank Him for the strength that He daily gives to you, your loved ones and friends to get up and go to work to make a living.

Thank God for the coming job! Thank Him for opening the right employment doors and for shutting every door that leads to devastation. Thank our Lord.



9/11 - Patriot Day, Sunday, September 11, 2022

Several terms redirect here. For other uses, see [September 11 attacks \(disambiguation\)](#) and [9/11 \(disambiguation\)](#).

For the calendar date of 9/11, see [September 11](#) and [November 9](#).

September 11 attacks

Part of [terrorism in the United States](#)





- From top, left to right: The Twin Towers burning
- Rescue workers at Ground Zero
- Collapsed section of the Pentagon
- Fragment of the Flight 93 fuselage
- 9/11 Memorial reflecting pool and One World Trade Center

Location New York City, New York, U.S.;
Arlington, Virginia, U.S.;
Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania, U.S.

Date September 11, 2001;
20 years ago
8:14 a.m.^[a] – 10:03 a.m.^[b] (EDT)

Target World Trade Center (AA 11 and UA 175)
The Pentagon (AA 77)
U.S. Capitol or White House
(UA 93; unsuccessful due to diversion by passengers)

Attack type	Islamic terrorism Aircraft hijackings Suicide attacks Mass murder
Deaths	2,996 (2,977 victims + 19 al-Qaeda terrorists)
Injured	~25,000 ^[1]
Perpetrators	Al-Qaeda, ^[2] led by Osama bin Laden (see also: responsibility)
No. of participants	19
Motive	Several; see Motives for the September 11 attacks and Fatawā of Osama bin Laden

The **September 11 attacks**, commonly known as **9/11**,^[c] were four coordinated [suicide terrorist attacks](#) carried out by the [militant Islamic extremist](#) network [al-Qaeda](#)^{[3][4][5]} against the [United States](#).

On the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001, [nineteen terrorists](#)—directed by al Qaeda leader [Osama bin Laden](#)—[hijacked](#) four commercial [airliners](#) mid-flight while traveling from the [northeastern U.S.](#) to [California](#).

The attackers were organized into three groups of five members and one group of four, with each group including one designated [flight-trained](#) hijacker who took control of the aircraft. Their goal was to crash the planes into prominent American buildings, [inflicting mass casualties](#) and major structural damage.

The hijackers successfully crashed the first two planes into the North and South Towers of the [World Trade Center](#) in [New York City](#), and the third plane into [the Pentagon](#) in [Arlington, Virginia](#). The fourth plane was

intended to hit a [federal government building](#)^[d] in [Washington, D.C.](#), but instead crashed down in a field outside [Shanksville, Pennsylvania](#), following a passenger revolt that foiled the attack.^[6]

The first plane to hit its target was [American Airlines Flight 11](#). It was crashed into the [North Tower](#) of the World Trade Center complex in [Lower Manhattan](#) at 8:46 am. Seventeen minutes later, at 9:03 am, the World Trade Center's [South Tower](#) was hit by [United Airlines Flight 175](#).

Both 110-story towers [collapsed](#) within an hour and forty-two minutes, leading to the collapse of the other World Trade Center structures including [7 World Trade Center](#), and significantly damaging surrounding buildings. A third hijacked flight, [American Airlines Flight 77](#), crashed into the west side of the Pentagon (the headquarters of the [American military](#)) in [Arlington County, Virginia](#) at 9:37 am, causing a partial collapse of the building's side.

The fourth, and final flight, [United Airlines Flight 93](#), was flown in the direction of Washington, D.C. The plane's passengers, alerted about the previous attacks, attempted to regain control of the aircraft and prevent it from crashing into its intended target.

A struggle broke out in the aircraft and the hijackers crashed the plane in a field in [Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania](#) near [Shanksville](#), at 10:03 am. Investigators determined that Flight 93's target was either the [U.S. Capitol](#) or the [White House](#).

In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, suspicion quickly fell onto al-Qaeda. The United States formally [responded](#) by launching the [War on terror](#) and [invading Afghanistan](#) to depose the [Taliban](#), which had not complied with U.S. demands to expel al-Qaeda from Afghanistan and extradite bin Laden.

In the aftermath of the attacks the United States invoked [Article 5 of NATO](#) for the first time and called upon its allies to aid its fight against al-Qaeda. As U.S. and [NATO](#) ground forces swept through Afghanistan, bin Laden fled to the [White Mountains](#) where he was [nearly captured](#) by U.S.-led forces, but managed to escape.^[7]

Although bin Laden initially denied any involvement, in 2004 he formally claimed [responsibility for the attacks](#).^[2] Some of the motivations for the attack Al-Qaeda cited were: [U.S. support of Israel](#), the presence of [U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia](#) and [sanctions against Iraq](#). After [evading capture for](#)

almost a decade, bin Laden was located in a hideout in Abbottabad, Pakistan, and subsequently killed by the U.S. military on May 2, 2011.

The destruction of the World Trade Center and nearby infrastructure seriously harmed the economy of New York City and created a global economic recession. Many countries strengthened their anti-terrorism legislation and expanded the powers of law enforcement and intelligence agencies to prevent terrorist attacks.

The U.S. and Canadian civilian airspaces were closed until September 13, while Wall Street trading was closed until September 17. Many closings, evacuations, and cancellations followed, out of respect or fear of further attacks. Cleanup of the World Trade Center site took eight months and was completed in May 2002, while the Pentagon was repaired within a year. Design of a replacement World Trade Center complex took several years because of the many stakeholders involved. Work on the new iconic building for the site, One World Trade Center, began in November 2006, and opened in November 2014 after several construction delays.^{[8][9]}

The attacks resulted in 2,977 fatalities, over 25,000 injuries, and substantial long-term health consequences, in addition to at least \$10 billion in infrastructure and property damage.^{[10][11]} It remains the deadliest terrorist attack in human history and the single deadliest incident for firefighters and law enforcement officers in the history of the United States, with 340^[12] and 72 killed,^{[13][14]} respectively.

Numerous memorials have been constructed, including the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City, the Pentagon Memorial in Arlington County, Virginia, and the Flight 93 National Memorial at the Pennsylvania crash site.

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