

Subject: Blessings Post-Tragedy

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Note: This service was used as a blessing at “Ground Zero” in NYC. However, it can be adapted for healing after any tragic event: i.e. murder, suicide, accident – at the location of the site.

Blessing Ground Zero

Need bowl & water- flowers and candles and lighter

We join together today in a consciousness of peace. We bring our love filled hearts and our peace filled minds to this place that has witnessed such great tragedy and trauma. We stand together with a willingness to express forgiveness and love to those misguided people who caused this tragedy – not only this tragedy but all the needless killing and violence that has happened in the name of God, throughout the ages across the planet. For we know that forgiveness and love are what heals and we are willing to have healing and a revealing of truth.

We raise ourselves up this day in the presence of great loss and grieving hearts – we bless those who perished from their earthly existence, knowing that each and everyone of the nearly 3000 who died here and in Washington and Pennsylvania – did not lose their eternal lives but indeed do live in the continuum of God’s life. For in my father’s house are many mansions – many levels of life expression and fulfillment.

No soul is lost in God – all are found in God’s loving care and keeping. Would you each take a flower symbolic of renewal and signs of spring? And in a minute of silence reflect on releasing the pain, fear and violent energy of this place – so that all who come here now and in the future may help bring renewal and signs of a spiritual spring to the

generations to come. When you feel a shift in your energy toward release and renewal, offer your flower to symbolically cleanse this site.

Let us today accept that a great shift is now balancing any distortions of life's perfect purpose, diffusing the need for war, anger, hate, retaliation or antagonism of any sort, banishing all from the face of the earth.

Limitation has seen its day, and the life energy is now being directed into magnificent, constructive, unifying directions – finding outlets by means of all countries and people.

We establish our universe now in the vibrant harmonic whole body of dynamic love and creativity, honor, respect and peace.

The God power within has risen supreme. The God people of the earth now reach out to each other, exercising the unassailable right to unite under one law, one light, one power and one grace. Peace is our way.

Water is what sustains all life on the earthly plane. It cleanses and replenishes – it grows and sustains all life on this earthly plane. As we give attention and thanksgiving for the water of life – we bless it and make it holy. Would you each put your fingertips in this holy water and as you let the drops that fall from your hands fall to the earth and turn ground zero into holy ground.

Will you repeat after me:

I bless my hands that they may perform actions of peace

I bless my eyes that they may see peace
I bless my ears that they may hear peace
I bless my mouth that it may speak peace
I bless my mind that it may know peace
I bless my heart that it may guide me in peace
I bless others that they may be filled with peace
I bless the world that it may be at peace

Peace is a quality of God and it is a quality of God that resides within each of us. (Light God candle.) We each are representatives of God's light in this world. Let us amplify our own light by symbolically lighting our candles from the God candle. As you light your candle, please state your own affirmation of blessing –
(I light my candle)

I bless each person who lost a loved one on September 11th knowing the love of God fills their grieving hearts.

(Everyone follows)

And now in closing please join me in singing let there be peace on earth.

As you blow out your candle, embrace the light within you and carry this light for our world.

Join me in a benediction prayer. Knowing that God is all there is and that we are united in God's peace - I make a claim on behalf of all for a great current of divine awareness which now ripples throughout humanity. Our prayer stimulates the truth of the spiritual beingness of everyone - at every point in God's earth. I make a claim for new God directions and vibrant life. A divine impulsion moves in and out of all – it moves through us all now, prompting us to forsake and dissolve all forms of separation – moving us to restore and replenish, to nurture and to love. We make a claim that world peace is

indeed taking place everywhere. Everywhere all over the earth we claim that world peace reigns supreme. Please repeat after me - peace is our path. Peace is our way. And so it is. Amen