

Dear Brother Knights in Christ.

Each September 11th, we should pause and remember the 3000 lives tragically lost in New York, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, PA. We pray for the souls of all who died that day, and those who died from physical and mental health issues in the months and years to follow; and we pray for the families and all who loved them.

We remember where we were when we heard the news, and how it affected us. We remember how it unified us as a nation for some period of time and how this tragedy drew so many people to a stronger relationship with God.

I found this 9/11 prayer (author unknown) and added some text to adapt it to our Knights.

A Father's Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Each September, our hearts are drawn back to the memory of September 11, 2001. Though the years have passed, the images, the sorrow, and the courage of that day remain with us. As a father, I remember the look in my children's eyes, searching for safety and hope. As a Knight of Columbus, I remember the call to be an anchor for my family, my parish, and my community in a time of fear.

Lord, we lift up to You the nearly 3,000 souls who lost their lives in New York, at the Pentagon, and in a quiet field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. We remember the firefighters, police officers, and first responders who gave everything in service to others. We honor the passengers of Flight 93 who rose up with courage and saved countless lives. Their sacrifice teaches us that even in the face of evil, love and valor endure.

During this month of remembrance, strengthen us to carry forward their legacy. May we live with greater charity, stand united as brothers and sisters, and practice the virtues of faith, hope, and love. Bless all families who still carry grief, and heal those whose bodies and spirits still bear the scars of that day.

Father, help me lead my children with faith, serve my community with humility, and live out the principles of our Order—charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. May our prayers throughout this month remind the world that Your light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.