

Monday, 14 September 2020 – Weekly Inspiration from Rev. Jason

This past weekend marked the 19th remembrance of the tragedy of September 11, 2001 - both the loss of life as well as the offering and support of not just a national community but a global one. Such a remembrance marks, also, the question of looking forward with our lives: will we be defined by what has been visited upon us, or will we be defined by how we respond and who we choose to be? It's a subtle difference, yet deeply meaningful. On the one hand, we are marked and defined by violence, loss, and suffering. On the other, we are known as a people who - even with tragic events in our history - determine to be better, to grow better, to live as God's people.

King David remarked in what we know to be Psalm 20, "we will rejoice in Thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners; the Lord fulfill all thy petitions. Now I know that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God" (Psalm 20:6-8).

In this week, may we not just never forget, but may we always remember, and move forward in faith, hope, and love for the glory of God's kingdom and the good news we have received.

Merciful Lord, grant that I may live this day and each day to come as one who is committed to living in your Name, proclaiming your love in word and deed, for the greater glory of your kingdom. Amen.