

THE *TABLET*

walking

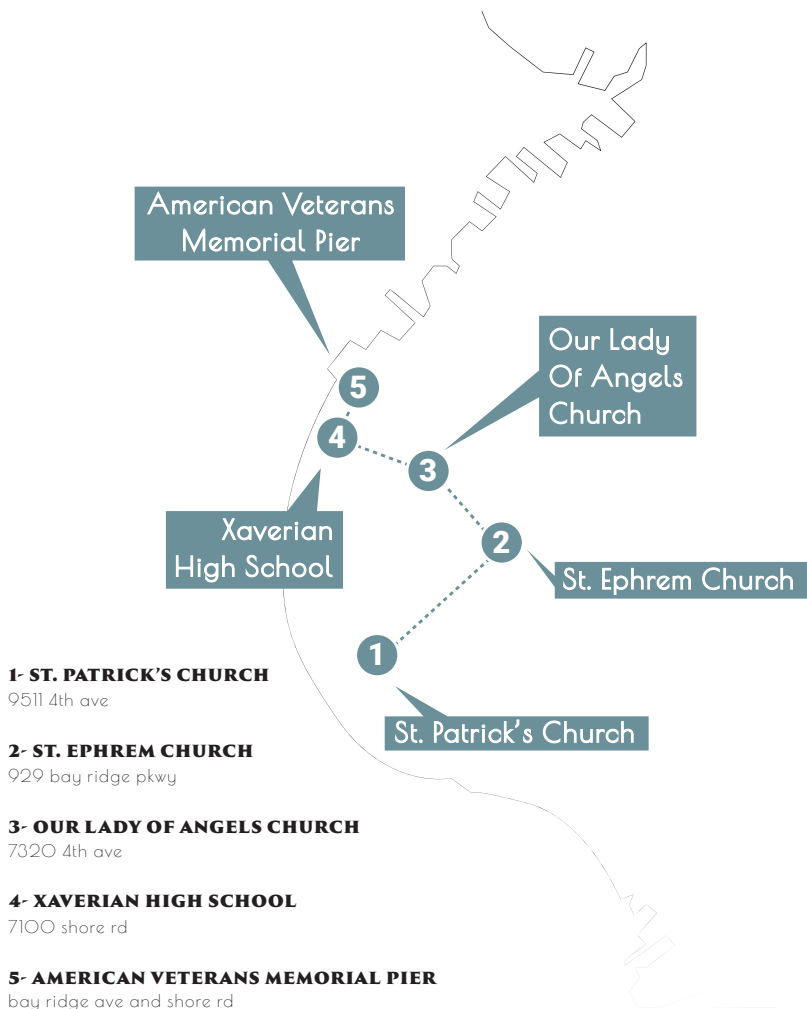
IN REMEMBRANCE

25 YEARS LATER

A PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER, HOPE, & HEALING



our journey in faith



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS LATER, WE GATHER TO HONOR
THOSE WE LOST, REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED,
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO STILL SUFFER, AND CARRY FORWARD
A MESSAGE OF PEACE.

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ST. PATRICK'S *first responders*

WE BEGIN WITH ST. PATRICK'S NEARLY 100-YEAR-OLD MONSTRANCE, REDESIGNED IN TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11. HERE, WE REMEMBER THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO RAN TOWARD DANGER — AND THE FAITH THAT SUSTAINED A CITY IN THE AFTERMATH.

PRAYER

GOD OF COURAGE AND STRENGTH, WE REMEMBER THE FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS, EMTs, CHAPLAINS AND RESCUE WORKERS WHO ANSWERED THE CALL ON SEPTEMBER 11. WE HONOR THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES AND THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO CARRY THE WOUNDS OF THEIR SERVICE. BLESS ALL WHO PROTECT AND SERVE, AND MAY THEIR COURAGE INSPIRE US TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

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ST. EPHREM *victims & 9/11 illnesses*

BEFORE CHRIST CRADLING THE TWIN TOWERS, WE REMEMBER THE PARISHIONERS WHO DIED ON SEPTEMBER 11 AND THOSE STILL SUFFERING FROM ITS LASTING EFFECTS.

PRAYER

GOD OF MERCY, COMFORT THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO SUFFER FROM THE WOUNDS OF SEPTEMBER 11. WE ENTRUST THE MEMBERS OF THIS PARISH AND ALL WHO DIED TO YOUR LOVING CARE. MAY THEY REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

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OUR LADY OF ANGELS

the survivors

IN FRONT OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER STEEL BEAM SHAPED AS A CROSS, WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SURVIVED AND THE BAY RIDGE RESIDENTS WHOSE NAMES ARE MEMORIALIZED HERE.

PRAYER

GOD OF HEALING, BE NEAR ALL THOSE WHO SURVIVED SEPTEMBER 11 AND THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO CARRY ITS MEMORIES. COMFORT THOSE WHO LOST LOVED ONES AND HEAL WOUNDS BOTH SEEN AND UNSEEN. MAY THIS CROSS REMIND US THAT EVEN IN SUFFERING, YOUR LOVE REMAINS.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

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XAVERIAN

the children & legacy

AT THE WALL OF REMEMBRANCE AND ETERNAL FLAME, WE REMEMBER THE ALUMNI WHO DIED IN THE WORLD TRADE CENTER ATTACK AND THE HEROES WHO EMERGED FROM THE XAVERIAN COMMUNITY.

PRAYER

GOD OF HOPE, BLESS THE CHILDREN AND GENERATIONS WHOSE LIVES WERE CHANGED BY SEPTEMBER 11. MAY THE STORIES OF THOSE WE LOST NEVER FADE. HELP US PASS THEIR LEGACY OF COURAGE, SERVICE AND LOVE TO THOSE WHO COME AFTER US, AND GUIDE US TOWARD PEACE.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.



THE TABLET

VETERANS PIER

unity & peace

WE CONCLUDE BY OVERLOOKING LOWER MANHATTAN WITH CANDLES LIT AND ROSES IN HAND. WE REMEMBER THE FALLEN AND PLACE OUR HOPES FOR PEACE INTO GOD'S HANDS.

FINAL PRAYER

AS WE COME TO THE END OF THIS JOURNEY, WE PAUSE TO REMEMBER ALL WE HAVE SEEN, ALL WE HAVE HEARD, AND ALL THOSE WHOSE LIVES WERE CHANGED FOREVER.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED THAT DAY, THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES SERVING OTHERS, THOSE WHO SURVIVED, AND THE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE CARRIED THEIR LOSS FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

LORD, RECEIVE THEM INTO YOUR ETERNAL EMBRACE. COMFORT THOSE WHO STILL GRIEVE. STRENGTHEN THOSE WHO STILL SUFFER. HEAL THE HEARTS THAT CONTINUE TO CARRY THE WOUNDS OF SEPTEMBER 11.

AS WE RELEASE THESE ROSES INTO THE WATER, MAY EACH ONE REPRESENT A LIFE REMEMBERED, A NAME NEVER FORGOTTEN, AND A PRAYER FOR EVERY FAMILY WHO CONTINUES TO CARRY THEIR LOSS.

MAY THE WATER CARRY THESE ROSES AND OUR PRAYERS TOWARD THE PLACE WHERE SO MANY LIVES WERE TAKEN.

MAY THE CANDLES WE CARRIED REMIND US THAT LIGHT CAN OVERCOME DARKNESS.

MAY THE CROSSES WE SAW REMIND US THAT LOVE CAN ENDURE EVEN IN THE FACE OF UNIMAGINABLE LOSS.

AND MAY WE REMEMBER — NOT WITH HATRED, BUT WITH LOVE;
NOT WITH FEAR, BUT WITH FAITH; NOT WITH DIVISION, BUT
WITH UNITY.

LORD, HELP US CARRY THIS MEMORY FORWARD. LET THE LIVES
WE REMEMBER TODAY INSPIRE US TO CHOOSE COMPASSION
OVER ANGER, UNDERSTANDING OVER DIVISION, AND PEACE
OVER HATRED.

MAY WE REMEMBER THOSE WE LOST.
MAY WE HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED.
MAY WE STAND WITH THOSE WHO STILL SUFFER.
AND MAY WE WORK TOGETHER FOR A WORLD WHERE PEACE IS
STRONGER THAN HATRED AND LOVE IS STRONGER THAN FEAR.

WE PLACE THESE ROSES, THESE PRAYERS, AND THESE MEMORIES
INTO YOUR HANDS.

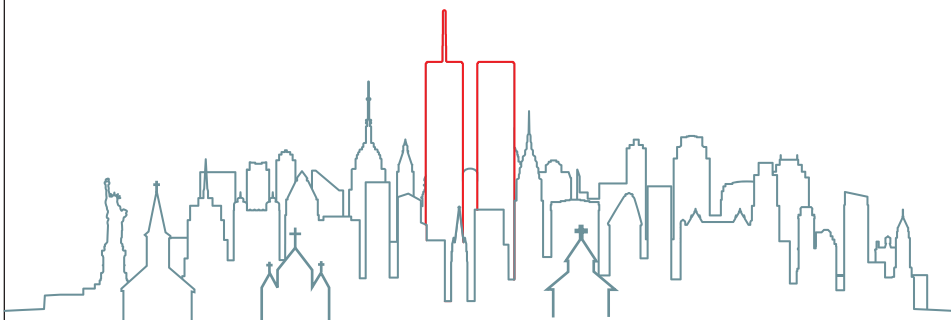
MAY THOSE WE LOST REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.
MAY THEIR MEMORY ALWAYS BE A BLESSING.
AND MAY THEIR LIGHT CONTINUE TO SHINE.

AMEN.



acknowledgements

THANK YOU TO THE PASTORS WHO WELCOMED US,
OPENED THEIR DOORS AND HELPED US REMEMBER.
TO THE PARISHIONERS WHO SHARED THEIR STORIES, THEIR
MEMORIES AND THEIR PRAYERS. AND TO THE FRIENDS OF
THE TABLET WHO WALKED ALONGSIDE US TODAY.



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS LATER, WE KNOW THAT REMEMBERING
IS NOT SIMPLY LOOKING BACK. IT IS A PROMISE —
TO HONOR THOSE WE LOST, TO STAND WITH THOSE WHO
STILL GRIEVE, AND TO MAKE SURE THEIR STORIES ARE
NEVER FORGOTTEN.