

## Monday Quotes



### **Grain**

“The cross is a symbol reminding the world that God is at God’s strongest when God seems to be at God’s weakest.”

Choan-Seng Song

Submitted by Peter Bakken, Madison, WI

### **Field**

“At Ground Zero when the remains of a child of God would be found something remarkable would happen. All activity would cease. The pile would gentle down to silence. With bowed, uncovered heads everyone at Ground Zero would show their consummate respect for life as the remains would be lovingly brought out from the rubble. Let us remember, with bowed heads and respectful silence, the heroes, the servants, the extended act of giving which surrounded all of us.

And let our hearts break open to the ground zeros of today...”

The Reverend Doctor Stephen Bouman, ELCA

### **Thoughts**

Where were you on September 11, 2001? What were the first impressions and feelings you had when the news reported the surreal image of a plane crashing into the Twin Towers?

Let us create a space to pray for family members of the 2,997 people whose lives were stolen in a coordinated terrorist attack. Let us remember the heroism of public servants and others known and unknown, and the many people in a variety of professions who offered comfort and help. Let us remember the senseless tragedy and also the eruption of love.

What if we acted with intention to mark this day with prayer, compassion, and love? Resist and forgive those who may use this time as an opportunity to haphazardly create targets of blame out of entire groups of people. Let us be extra kind in honor of all who died and all who showed compassion 16 years ago.

### **Prayer**

Highly recommended.

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Many blessings upon you,

Pastor Cindy