



# Advocate Health Care

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## **A Service of Remembrance and Hope for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 Advocate Health Care Support Centers**

### **Call To Worship:**

One: Let us focus on God's presence

**All: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst...**

One: Come worship God, who feeds the hungry.

**All: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed...**

One: Come worship God, who calls for compassion and justice.

**All: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war...**

One: Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

**All: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness...**

One: Come worship God, who gives life meaning.

**All: Come, let us worship God, whose grace and love know no end!**

### **Invocation**

O God, tender and just, we come together to commemorate the events of September 11, 2001. We come to mourn and be comforted, to reflect and to be challenged, to look toward the future and to offer our labor to your reign of peace.  
Amen

**"14 Cows for America"** by Carmen Agra Deedy in collaboration with Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah  
**A Story of Care and Generosity**

### **A Ritual of Remembrance and Hope**

*We light a candle in remembrance of all who suffered and died on September 11, 2001, in New York, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.*

*We light a candle to remember those who still live and who suffer because of the events of that day.*

*We light a candle in remembrance of those who have died in the ensuing wars.*

*We light a candle of gratitude for all who came forth from many places to provide services, support and comfort.*

*We light a candle of hope for a future where all people live together peacefully, honoring the faith and ethnicity of the other.*

*Please come forward, as you feel moved to offer words or to silently light a candle of remembrance and hope.*

## A Litany of Remembrance and Hope

One: When we remember the stockbrokers, office workers, maintenance workers, bystanders, window-washers and all the others who worked together so valiantly to help each other, we can say together,

**All: We remember great courage.**

One: When we recall the firefighters who rushed upstairs as most everyone else was racing out, we can say together,

**All: We remember selfless service.**

One: When we recall the police officers who stood to protect and defend the people and performed their duties until the towers came crashing down on top of them, we can say together,

**All: We remember selfless sacrifice for the safety of others.**

One: When we recall the thousands of workers, women and men and, old and young, single and married, American-born and those born in countries around the world who did not escape the buildings, we can say together,

**All: We remember the loss of human life.**

One: When we recall those citizens who rushed to help, did all they could to help, we can say together,

**All: We remember and give thanks for dutiful commitment to those in distress.**

One: When we recall the people who stood in line at blood banks and the millions of people who gave so generously to endow funds to help the survivors and their families, we can say together,

**All: We give thanks for those who live on to pass on life and love.**

One: When we remember the story of the 14 cows from the Masai and the countless gifts and well wishes and prayers from people around the world, we can say together,

**All: We are grateful for extravagant generosity.**

One: When we recall with joy and gratitude the unity we felt 10 years ago in the outpouring of help, kindness, thoughtful words and deeds from America and around the world, we can say together,

**All: We must hold firmly to our hope and unity, borne forward now not of tragedy, but of loving kindness.**

### “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth;  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God as Creator, we are family.  
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me;  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.

## Benediction

*Litany adapted from a Litany written by Rev. Eileen W. Lindner and Rev. Marcel A. Welty of the National Council of Churches.  
Let There Be Peace on Earth, lyrics adapted from a song by Jill Jackson/Mark Miller*