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MEMORIAL COMPLINE
SEPTEMBER 11
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INVITATION TO PRAYER

stand

HYMN

1. O God of every nation,
Of every race and land,
Redeem your whole creation
With your almighty hand;
Where hate and fear divide us
And bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us
And heal our strife-torn world.

PSALM 4

be seated

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!
O men, how long will your hearts be closed,
will you love what is futile and seek what is false?

It is the Lord who grants favors to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.
Fear him; do not sin: ponder on your bed and be still
Make justice your sacrifice, and trust in the Lord.

"What can bring us happiness?" many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
You have put into my heart a greater joy
than they have from abundance of corn and new wine.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as always before,
so now and evermore. Amen.

REFLECTION

PRAYER

stand

God of all consolation,
shed the brilliant light of your goodness
on all those who mourn.
Dry the tears of the families and friends
of all those who have perished
in acts of terrorism and violence.
In your mercy,
forgive the sins of those who have died,
and welcome them into your tender embrace.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the World,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.

HYMN

2. From search for wealth and power
And scorn of truth and right,
From trust in bombs that shower
Destruction through the night,
From pride of race and station
And blindness to your way,
Deliver every nation,
Eternal God, we pray.

PSALM 115

be seated

I trusted, even when I said:
"I am sorely afflicted,"
and when I said in my alarm:
"No man can be trusted."

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people.
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as always before,
so now and evermore. Amen.

REFLECTION

PRAYER

stand

Just and merciful God,
soften the hearts and open the minds of your people.
When any are filled with fear or indignation,
with prejudice or harsh judgment,
with inclinations toward terror or violence,
shed the grace of the Spirit's truth on them.
May the holy truth of your love set us free.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, the Prince of Peace,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

HYMN

3. Lord, strengthen all who labor
That we may find release
From fear of rattling saber,
From dread of war's increase;
When hope and courage falter,
Your still small voice be heard;
With faith that none can alter,
Uphold us by your word.

PSALM 116

be seated

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever.

Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as always before,
so now and evermore. Amen.

REFLECTION

PRAYER

stand

God of everlasting power and might,
build the Kingdom of your Mercy
in the midst of your faithful people.
Purify every human motive.
Open our hearts to the pain and fear of others,
that compassion will rule in every heart and mind.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

HYMN

4. Keep bright in us the vision
Of days when wars shall cease,
When hatred and division
Give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious
When Christ alone shall reign
And he shall rule victorious
O'er all the world's domain.

PSALM 122

be seated

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

