

Remembering Our Brave Heroes and Those We Lost. 20th Anniversary 9/11 Remembrance Service

The Opening Dispatch for 9/11/01

Welcome Remarks

Scott Hanby, President Salem Vol Fire Dept.

Opening Remarks

Evera Sue Clary, Salem Town Supervisor

Pledge of Allegiance

Lily Waite, Salem Vol Fire Dept/ VT National Guard

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United State of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Opening Prayer

Reverend Hannah Mudge

A Moment of Silence

Litany of Remembrance

Kevin Baylor, Lt. Salem Vol Fire Dept./Retired FDNY

Kevin will share his 9/11 experiences and remember his fallen brothers that he lost that day and then offer the litany of remembrance

Litany of Remembrance

The candle is lit in remembrance for all who suffered and died on September 11, 2001, in New York, Pennsylvania, the Pentagon in Arlington, VA and for all that have died because of 9/11 injuries. We light the candle to remember those who still live and who suffer because of the events of that day.

When we remember the stockbrokers, office workers, maintenance workers, bystanders, window washers and all the others who worked so valiantly to help each other, we can say together, **we remember great courage.**

When we recall the firefighters who rushed upstairs as most everyone else was racing out, we can say together, **we remember selfless service.**

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, **we remember selfless sacrifice for the safety of others.**

When we remember the thousands of workers, women, and men, old and young, single and married, American born and those born in other countries around the world who did not escape the buildings, we can say together, **we remember selfless service.**

When we recall those citizens who rushed to help, did all they could to help, we can say together, **we remember and give thanks for dutiful commitment to those in distress.**

When we recall the people who stood in line at the nation's blood banks to make donations, we can say together, **we give thanks for those who pass on life and love.**

When we remember the millions of Americans who gave so generously of their life and labor to endow funds to help survivors and their families recover from their losses, we can say together, **we are grateful for generosity.**

Litany of Remembrance continued

Kim Gariepy

We light the candle to light the way to a better world for our children and our children's children and all the children of God.

We recall with joy the unity we felt in the outpouring of help, kindness, thoughtful words, and deeds from at home and around the world. **May we hold firmly to our unity, borne forward now not of tragedy but of kindness.**

"Where Were You"

Alan Jackson

Fireman's Prayer

Phil Rea, Salem Vol. Fire Dept

"America The Beautiful" (by K.L Bates & S. Wards)

Hannah Gongola, Emily Gongola & Stefanie McKeighan will lead us, but all are welcome to sing.

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Scott Hanby

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Closing Prayer

"God Bless the USA"

**Reverend Debbie Earthrowl
Lee Greenwood (feel free to join in)**