

In Remembrance of September 11, 2001

Good Evening and Welcome! I also commend the folks putting this remembrance together this evening. A day we, as a great nation under God, came together as one. A day we all readjusted our priorities. A day we watched the world mourn with us, a day we all held our children and grandchildren a little tighter. A day we felt proud to be Americans.

On this Fifth Anniversary of those attacks, we will generate a good deal of reflection on the state of domestic security, the war on terror, international relations, and civil liberties, to name a few issues.

Of course you remember where you were; that day was a summons, a call, many answered it in different ways. We are honoring those who answered that call, and those who answer it still. To remember is to honor, Honor the memory of all we lost.

For all who lost loved ones, for all who were maimed and injured, for all those that helped after the attacks, for all those that donated their money, time and prayers, and for all who are putting their lives on the line protecting us now!

Through moments of silence and by attendance at vigils, church services, school assemblies, communities like ours are displaying their reverence for the thousands of people who died during the terrorists attacks of 5 years ago.

We are doing it because we need it as a community to declare our love and support of our Soldiers, Police, Firemen and Emergency Crews.

Did 9/11 cause you to view relationships and life priorities differently? I know they did 5 years ago and 4 years ago, but what about today? Do you tell your loved ones how much you love them and hug them as often as you did on the first anniversary?

After the attacks, and even 4 years ago you saw a flag on every house and street corner, and one on almost every car. It was very comforting to see all the flags flying, and feel the brotherhood among Americans during the months following the attacks. What about today? Are we any less in danger, or caring or loving, than 5 years ago?

Some things we have learned in the past five years, We as a Town, Village, State and Country must stay alert, be a bit wary, and watch our backs, because another attack is inevitable. I think if we all kept that mentality, it would make us stronger and less likely to succumb to terrorism again. That is proven with all the airport and travel measures that have already stopped attacks.

Freedom of speech is a wonderful thing! Let's not let the fanatics in any camp take it away from us.

May god bless the folks gathered here tonight, the friends that have been lost , their family, neighbors, co workers and our military and governments. God Bless Corinth, God Bless America.

Sincerely
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