

2010 September 11th Memorial Service

8:30 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

Heroes' Garden

Drescher Graduate Campus at Malibu

The following prayer was led by Brittany Tomlinson, PAC Representative, Class of '11:

Triune Father, Son and Holy Spirit, benevolent Lord, creator and sustainer of us all, we come before you on the memorial of the tragic September 11, 2001 event. We want to thank you Father, for the men and women who volunteered to run IN to the crumbling, flame engulfed buildings to rescue those trapped inside. We thank you for their courage. We thank you for their demonstration of selflessness. And we thank you for the model of faith and the servant's heart that they provided for the nation. We pray for the volunteers who survived and we lift them into your more than capable hands. We ask that you continue to walk alongside them and we also pray that in their time of remembrance that they each can literally feel your arms around them. Rather than distresses about the people they could not save, I pray Holy Spirit that you fill them with your peace that transcends all understanding and instill them with pride in the courage they displayed and the service they modeled. We pray for the families of the volunteers who did not return from the building remains. We ask you to please continue to heal their hearts and are so evident even now, 9 years after the devastating event. Father, like the brave volunteers who ran to help those in need, we ask you to guide each of us to do what is needed. Inspire us as only you can and prove the way and the means. Open our hearts and use as instruments of your ways with love and support. As we stand with this awe-inspiring view of the ocean you created, I ask that we too are willing to risk our lives to save others- whether that involves running into a burning building, traveling to a place where you are outlawed to preach the life-giving news of Christ, or whatever else you have in store.

We love you. We pray all this in your awe-inspiring name, amen.