

Dedicatory Prayer
Heroes Garden, Dresher Campus
March 11, 2003

Dear God – we stand today on hallowed ground – it is sacred because we dedicate it today as a place of memory – a place of honor that commemorates courage and self-sacrifice. And it is sacred because we call upon you to bless this garden and all who come here with a sense of your presence and the gift of your peace.

And so today we remember all those who two years ago, on this very day, gave their lives. We remember all the innocent who died and particularly today we remember and dedicate this sacred spot to those men and women of uncommon courage who sacrificed their own lives in the face of grave danger.

We pray as well for the living. We pray that we will always remember those brave souls that we honor today and find in their sacrifice a call of our own to courage and faith. We pray for those living who suffered great loss and whose lives were forever changed in the events of September 11, 2001, yet who persevere. And in particular we pray for the children, O God, who lost parents and loved ones. Bless the children, O God, so many children – may they all find gardens such as this to which they can go from which they can draw strength and courage for living, peace for their hearts, and hope for the future.

We seek your blessing today as dedicate this garden to the memory of those who sacrificed their lives on September 11, 2001.

In the name of Jesus – who gave his life that we might live – amen.

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