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## Presiding Bishop's Letter of Remembrance of a National Tragedy

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me. But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes. But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped. (Psalms 63:7-11)

Fourteen years ago, the American nation was brutally and viciously attacked by Islamic terrorists whose cowardly nature is to avoid combat against an armed foe, but rather prefers to target unarmed women and children in the name of a false god called Allah. This god is defined by the character of his adherents who serve under a better title of demons to a satanic religion.

Our national leadership today is even sympathetic to this religion of ruin and death. It is time for America to turn her face back to the True God who has presided over our national character and well-being for more than two hundred years - the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Without repentance and humility, we shall suffer the fate of the long-forgotten nations of the dustbin of history.

Let us resolve to fight against every wicked and evil religion that justifies the beheading of babies, men, and women simply as a perverse and sensuous satisfaction. If I were the devil, could I choose any other religion more adaptable to my plan of destruction of the works of Almighty God?

Let us pray the imprecatory prayer of David the King that God will bring a deserved and eternal ruin to this religion and its cowardly adherents, and turn our hearts again to the God of Love and Justice. Let us pray:

Dear Lord and Father of Lights - Father of our Lord Jesus Christ - of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - please turn your face again to the heaven-blessed land that once sought your guidance and counsel in all matter of life and government. Cause our hearts to dawn with the Light of Love and Truth that only comes from you. Bless those families who lost innocent loved ones in the bombing of the World Trade Center, and those good Christian people who are suffering atrocities today at the hands of the adherents of Islam. Turn our hearts and minds back to that Divine Benefactor of our Founding - the Lord Jesus Christ, for it is in His Name that we ask these things. Amen

In Christ,

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