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"Learn to make the whole world your own. No one is a stranger, my child, the whole world is your own."

Sri Sarada Devi (1853-1920) wife of Sri Ramakrishna

In the Wake Of September 11

In this hour of need, grief and deep shock, our prayers, support and solidarity are with the people of the United States. We offer our deepest sympathies and prayers.

May Lord Swaminarayan bless the victims whose souls have departed and give physical, emotional and spiritual strength to the survivors to overcome and recover from this catastrophe.
Pramukhswami Maharaj

We in the Chinmaya Mission are with them in their hour of grief and pray that they find the strength and courage to face this grim situation. Swami
Tejomayananda

For the time being, marks of identification, such as Hindu ladies wearing a bindi on their forehead, should be worn by Hindus to protect themselves against misdirected hate crimes. Mr. C.B. Satpathy, devotee of Shirdi Sai Baba

From this disaster we need to learn that violence is not a solution to any problem in the world. Let us have special sessions for prayer and silence with additional japa of Saumya Mantra

for peace with prayer. May the
minds prone to violence in all
parts of

the world learn the art of solving
problems through nonviolence.
May we all learn to forgive. May
we all learn to invoke peace in
our own minds and thereby
evoke it in the hearts of even
those who are our opponents.
May the gurus of humanity
continue to guide us in this
direction. Swami Veda Bharati

At this juncture our only bounden Duty is to identify our prayerful hearts with the innocent, harmless and helpless victims and their beloved ones, our tearful eyes and the bleeding hearts of the relatives and friends have already touched the Compassion Feet of our Absolute Lord Beloved Supreme. He is with His Infinity's Compassion-Affection-Love-Sweetness-Fondness taking care of His supremely chosen children who have recently arrived at His Heaven-Home. May America the

Beautiful forever shine
bright-brighter-brightest in the
Heart of God the Creator and
God the creation. Sri Chinmoy

My darling children: at this
critical time the leaders and we
need to practice discrimination
and self-restraint. If we do not
do so, many more lives will be
lost. We should all sit down and
pray for the welfare and peace
of the whole world. This is how
we can help all of our brothers

and sisters. Mata Amritanandamayi

There are two possible responses to what has occurred. The first comes from love, the second from fear. If we come from fear, we may panic and do things—
as individuals and as nations—that could only cause further damage. If we come from love, we will find refuge and strength, even as we provide it to others. And

join all those people around the world who are praying right now, adding your Light to the Light that dispels all fear. What can you do to preserve the beauty and the wonder of our world and to eliminate the anger and hatred? What you wish to experience, provide for another. If you wish to experience peace, provide peace for another. If you wish to know that you are safe, cause others to know that they are safe. If you wish to

heal your own sadness or anger, seek to heal the sadness or anger of another. Those others are waiting for you now. They are looking to you for guidance, for help, for courage, for strength, for understanding, and for assurance at this hour. Most of all, they are looking to you for love. Dalai Lama

My dear children! Today we

are in need of upliftment of human values, which is true religion. With unbarred humane outlook, through love and compassion, one can soften his heart and purify himself. Let your hearts be wide open with pure love and universal brotherhood. May the human hearts be with rich principles of unity, peace, integrity and equanimity. My blessings are always there to those who have suffered from the disaster and others who have escaped it. Let the latter

spend at least a part of their time in practicing dharma, which alone helps them realize the Truth leading to universal peace. Amma Karunamayai

It is imperative that we pray and offer solace and help to each other. But if you and I are having a single thought of violence or hatred against anyone in the world at this

moment, we are contributing
to the wounding of the world.
Deepak Chopra

We, on the holy banks of
Mother Ganga, in the lap of
the sacred Himalayas, offer
our deepest prayers that the
departed souls may rest in
peace, and that those who are
shattered, broken and
bereaved by this tragedy may
find solace and serenity.

Swami Chidanand Saraswati (Muniji)

Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man.

Rabindranath Tagore,

(1861-1941) celebrated

Bengali writer who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913.

How many vegans does it take to change a light bulb? Two, one to change it and one to check for animal ingredients.

How many meat eaters do you need to change a light bulb? None they'd rather not see how their food is made.

Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it.

Hatred darkens life; love illumines it. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.

Very refined souls are like walking intelligences, with inventive creativeness and powers of preservation, beaming with love and luminosity in their self-effulgent bodies of quantum light particles.
Satguru Sivaya
Subramuniaswami

Once a person has faith, he

has achieved everything. Sri
Ramakrishna

During a special assembly in
Mumbai on April 9, 2001, Sri
Pramukhswami Maharaj
watched a skit that
highlighted the importance
of service. The skit was
about a gathering of
devotees that had a messy
seating arrangement for

Lord Swaminarayan, the founding guru of their denomination. As part of the skit, the coordinator responsible for the gathering come in, observes the messy arrangement, and instead of neatening it himself, decides to see what the others will do. Sure enough, each one files in and none tidies the seat, so he scolds them. Then the skit ends. Pramukhswami was not satisfied, however.

He felt thatÃ— even though this was only a skitÃ— it was not proper that no one actually ever straightened out Lord Swaminarayan's seating arrangement. So

Just Reign

Tirukural 542: All the

world looks to the rain cloud for sustenance. All the people look to the king's scepter for protection.

Tirukural 546: Victory is not won by the lance, but by the king's scepter, provided it is not crooked.

Tirukural 549: No fault befalls a king who, in guarding and caring for his subjects, punishes wrongdoers— for that is his duty.

Tirukural 550: A ruler's punishing cruel criminals by execution is like a gardener's

removing weeds from
his garden.