20th Anniversary of 9/11 - A Prayer Prayed by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis On Their Visits to Ground Zero

*O God of love, compassion, and
healing, look on us, people of many
different faiths and traditions,
who gather today at this site,
the scene of incredible violence and
pain.*

*We ask you in your goodness
to give eternal light and peace
to all who died here—
the heroic first-responders:
our fire fighters, police officers,
emergency service workers, and
Port Authority personnel,
along with all the innocent men
and women who were victims of
this tragedy simply because their
work or service brought them here
on September 11, 2001.*

*We ask you, in your compassion
to bring healing to those who,
because of their presence here that
day, suffer from injuries and
illness.
Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving
families and all who lost loved ones
in this tragedy.
Give them strength to continue
their lives with courage and hope.*

*We are mindful as well
of those who suffered death, injury,
and loss on the same day at the
Pentagon and in Shanksville,
Pennsylvania.
Our hearts are one with theirs
as our prayer embraces their pain
and suffering.*

*God of peace, bring your peace to
our violent world:
peace in the hearts of all men and
women and peace among the
nations of the earth.
Turn to your way of love
those whose hearts and minds
are consumed with hatred.*

*God of understanding,
overwhelmed by the magnitude of
this tragedy, we seek your light
and guidance as we confront such
terrible events.
Grant that those whose lives were
spared may live so that the lives
lost here may not have been lost in
vain.*

*Comfort and console us,
strengthen us in hope,
and give us the wisdom and
courage to work tirelessly for a
world where true peace and love
reignamong nations and in the
hearts of all.*