

**MASS IN COMMEMORATION
OF THE
FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF
SEPTEMBER 11TH**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Hymn: *See musical suggestions*

Greeting: *After making the sign of the cross*

 Presider: **The grace and peace of God our Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**

Introduction: *In these or similar words:*

We gather this day/night to remember the lives lost on September 11th at the hands of hatred and violence. We pray for the victims of 9/11 and for their families. Also, let us pray for their persecutors and for all who continue to experience terror and war in their lives.

Penitential Rite:

In a world plagued by hatred and violence, let us pause to ask God's mercy for the ways in which we have not sown peace and forgiveness in our own lives.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to God and one another. *Lord, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost and protects the innocent. *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness. *Lord, have mercy.*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen.*

Opening Prayer:

See Sacramentary:

In Time of War or Civil Disturbance pp. 904

Or

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time p. 320
(especially the alternative opening prayer)**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

See Lectionary Readings:

In Time of War (nos. 897 – 901, Vol. IV)

or

For Peace and Justice (nos. 887 – 891, Vol. IV)

Especially: Micah 4:1-4 (no. 897.2, Vol. IV)
Psalm 85: "The Lord speaks of peace
to his people."
[James 4:1-10] (no. 898.3, Vol. IV)
Matthew 5:20-24 (no. 901.1, Vol. IV)

Homily notes: *(See attached pages from the Catholic
Social Action Office)*

General Intercessions:

**Let us pray to the Lord God, the defender of the
weak and powerless, who delivered our ancestors
from harm.**

? For all victims of war and terror: for the families
and victims of September 11th; for those engaged in
military action; for refugees who seek safety and
shelter; and for those who seek a non-
violent end to terrorism. We pray to the Lord.

? For leaders of nations who are faced with complex and volatile conflicts. May peace through non-violence always be their goal. We pray to the Lord.

? For those whose trust in God has been shaken by recent world events, and for all whose hope has been shattered by terror and war. We pray to the Lord.

? For those who have given their lives in military service to our country and for those who grieve their loss. We pray to the Lord.

? For an end to war and violence, especially in the Middle East and Iraq, and for the victims of genocide in the Sudan. We pray to the Lord.

**Lord God,
Your own Son was delivered into the hands of the
wicked,
yet he prayed for his persecutors
and overcame hatred with the blood of the cross.
Relieve the suffering of those harmed by violence;
protect us all from the terror of others;
and keep us safe from the weapons of hate.
Restore our world to tranquility and peace that
your justice may reign for ever and ever.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts: Sacramentary p. 905 or p. 320

Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II

Or

Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions III

Prayer after Communion

See Sacramentary:

In Time of War or Civil Disturbance pp. 905

Or

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CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer over the People:

no. 2 – *Sacramentary* p. 579

or

no. 17, *Sacramentary* p. 582

Musical Suggestions:

Amazing Grace - Newton; NEW BRITAIN

Eye Has Not Seen - 1 Cor 2:9-10, Haugen

For the Healing of the Nations - Kaan; (ST. THOMAS)

God of Day and God of Darkness - Haugen (BEECHSPRING)

If You Believe and I Believe - Zimbabwean traditional

Lead Me, Guide Me - Akers

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace - Prayer of St. Francis, Temple

O God of Every Nation - Reid; (PASSION CHORALE)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past - Ps. 100 Watts; ST. ANNE

Shelter Me, O God - Ps. 63, Lk. 1:34, Hurd

Shepherd Me, O God - Ps. 23, Haugen

The King of Love My Shepherd Is - Ps. 23, Baker; ST. COLUMBA

There is a Balm in Gilead - Jer. 8:22; BALM IN GILEAD

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy - Faber; IN BABILONE

Ubi Caritas - Hurd or Taize