



This Sunday's Gospel
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
(Matthew 18: 15-20)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



This is the Gospel of the Lord

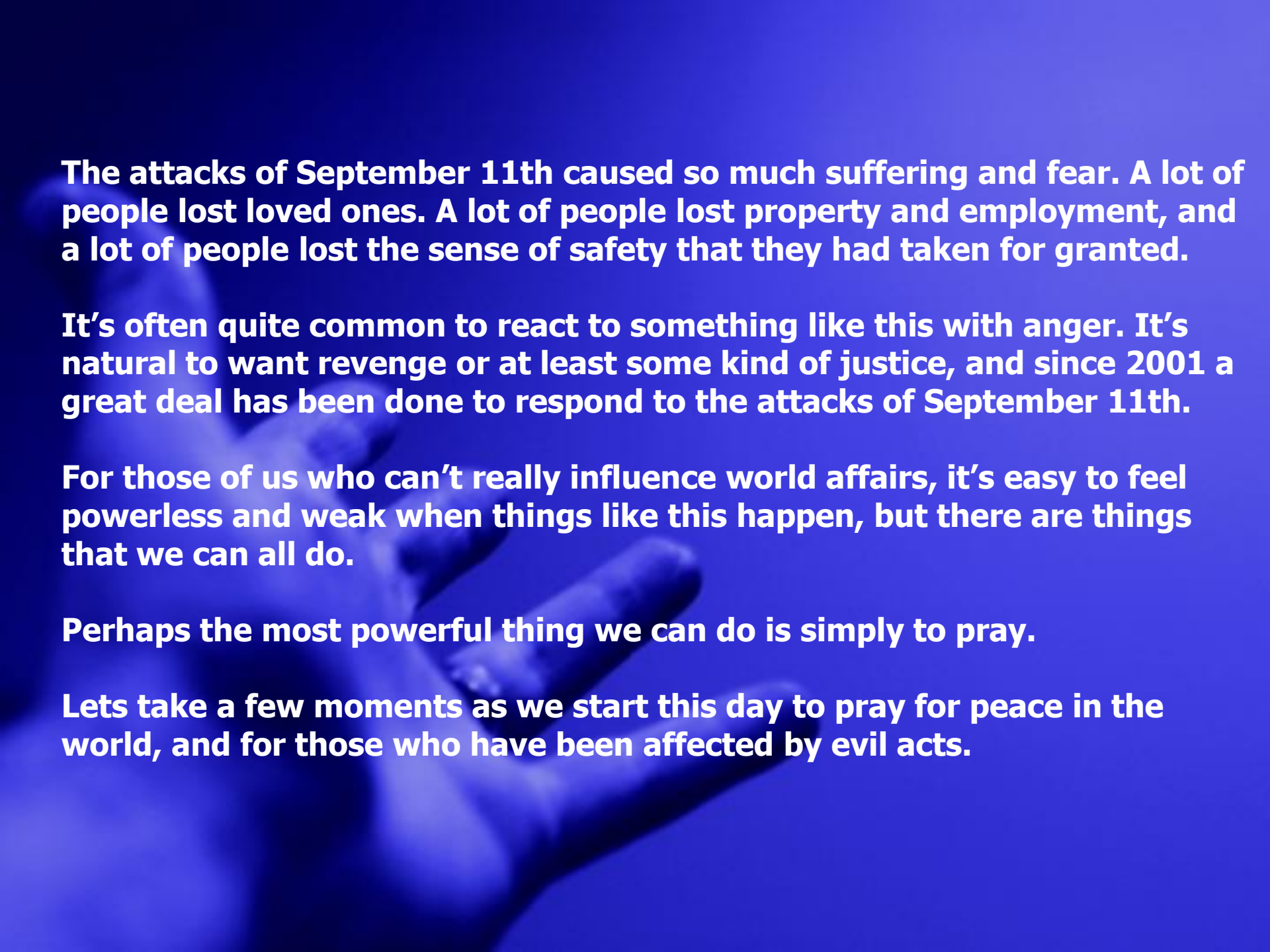
Prayer One

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection:

September 11th is a date that many of us link with suffering. During this week in 2001, thousands of people died in New York and Washington at the hands of 19 hijackers.



The attacks of September 11th caused so much suffering and fear. A lot of people lost loved ones. A lot of people lost property and employment, and a lot of people lost the sense of safety that they had taken for granted.

It's often quite common to react to something like this with anger. It's natural to want revenge or at least some kind of justice, and since 2001 a great deal has been done to respond to the attacks of September 11th.

For those of us who can't really influence world affairs, it's easy to feel powerless and weak when things like this happen, but there are things that we can all do.

Perhaps the most powerful thing we can do is simply to pray.

Lets take a few moments as we start this day to pray for peace in the world, and for those who have been affected by evil acts.

Final Prayer

God our Father,

We know that You can heal all wounds, and so we ask You to bring peace to our world.

We pray for those who have been affected by acts of terror or violence, help them to forgive and help them to find healing where they need healing.

We pray for all those who feel moved to commit evil acts. Work within their hearts and help them to find a better way.

Our Father, who art in heaven...

In the name of the Father and of the Son...



Prayer Two

The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reflection:

***Our theme this week is COMMUNITY, and it's
theme that's based on the time of year we are
in...***



At the start of term, it is a good idea to think about what it means to be part of a community. What do we get from community life? And what do we contribute to it?

This week's Gospel reading talks about Jesus and about his mission to the world. His mission was the Salvation of the world.

In other words, he came - and ultimately died on the cross - so that as many people as possible might have the chance to live with God for ever in heaven.

As a Christian community, this faith in the mission of Christ will always be at the heart of what we do.

Final Prayer



LOVING FATHER...

Help us to stay close to you and to learn from you who we were created to be and how we are meant to live. In all things, show us your amazing love and stay by our side.

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN**

Prayer Three

The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reflection

*Lets think more about our theme, Community,
what it means to us and what our role within the
school community is...*



Prayer Three

Being part of a family, a community, a school, a groups of friends, or of any other kind of group gives us amazing thing for our lives. In fact, few of us could survive or find any sort of happiness without these inter-dependent relationships with others.

As we think about our theme of COMMUNITY, take a moment to think about the groups you are involved with, and think about what you get out of them.

It's worth remembering that communities are made up of people who agree to play their part. Being part of a community is never a spectator sport. We all have to commit to making it work and we all have to take responsibility for the happiness and well-being of others, just as they take responsibility for us.



Final Prayer

LOVING FATHER...

May we always be active, generous and loving parts of our school, our families, our friendship groups, and of anything else we are involved in.

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN**



Final Thought...



*Next Week: **Forgive***