

America Will Overcome

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The events of Sept. 11 have tragically affected the citizens of our nation. We've been bloodied by an attack on our national treasures and our people. As we remember these fallen buildings and fallen citizens, we reflect on our common loss. As we join hands and hearts in prayer, we console not only those who've lost loved ones, but ourselves as well. This deep wound which has been opened won't easily close.

As we continue to support those who are on the front lines of the chaos, we must remember we do it for family, friends, and fellow countrymen. As the wreckage is cleared and the hope for survivors continues, we lift our eyes skyward. Our creator knows the purpose for which we toil and strengthens our hands for the work ahead of us.

Many are working so justice may be brought upon those who've so savagely attacked us. We must remember our anger can't console us forever. Although justice

will be served for this outrage, we must maintain our values and faith, which has made us the nation we are.

It's our common grief that will bring us peace as time presses on. As we seek to rebuild, we remember time heals all wounds. Please join us today in praying for those left behind who have lost family and friends. Please lift up those who work to recover survivors. Please pray for those who work to mete out justice to those who have harmed us.

Although our lives have stopped in many ways, our God's hasn't. We may not have noticed, but his hand was yet at work.

As we leave, notice the leaves. As we have changed, so have they. The vibrant colors, which brought joy in past years, bring us solace now.

The leaves change, they will fall and winter will come. As the silence of winter snows blanket our nation, we will grieve. We will sleep, we will eat, and we will rest. Spring will come—flowers will bloom and the leaves, they will return. They will be green, and the laughter of our children will fill our ears. We, the people, will have survived and overcome a tragic loss.

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As the initial shock slowly disappears and we begin to recover from the most horrific incident in recent world history, I feel it's extremely important for teachers, writers, families, business owners and entertainers to get back to the things they did prior to Sept. 11 in order to help America get back on its feet.

Under the leadership of President George Bush and our elected officials, agencies such as the U.S. armed forces, police, and the FBI will do their very best to ensure the security of our nation.

We must not allow these evil acts to cripple our lives and make us fearful to move freely in our country. American citizens can demonstrate their support and lend a huge hand to President Bush as he leads us back to normal by doing things such as going to the movies, planning weddings, shopping, displaying the American flag and getting back in the gym.

This will show without a doubt that America and Americans can't be stopped and we're recovering, but not forgetting.

It's important to recognize what's occurred; however, we can't get stuck in the state of depression or lose our motivation to excel.

America is responding in a positive fashion to this tragic event, and I have no doubt that we'll prevail.

And finally, to quote Colin Powell, secretary of state, "We're Americans. We don't walk around terrified."

I've never been more honored to be in the military, and most important, to be an American.

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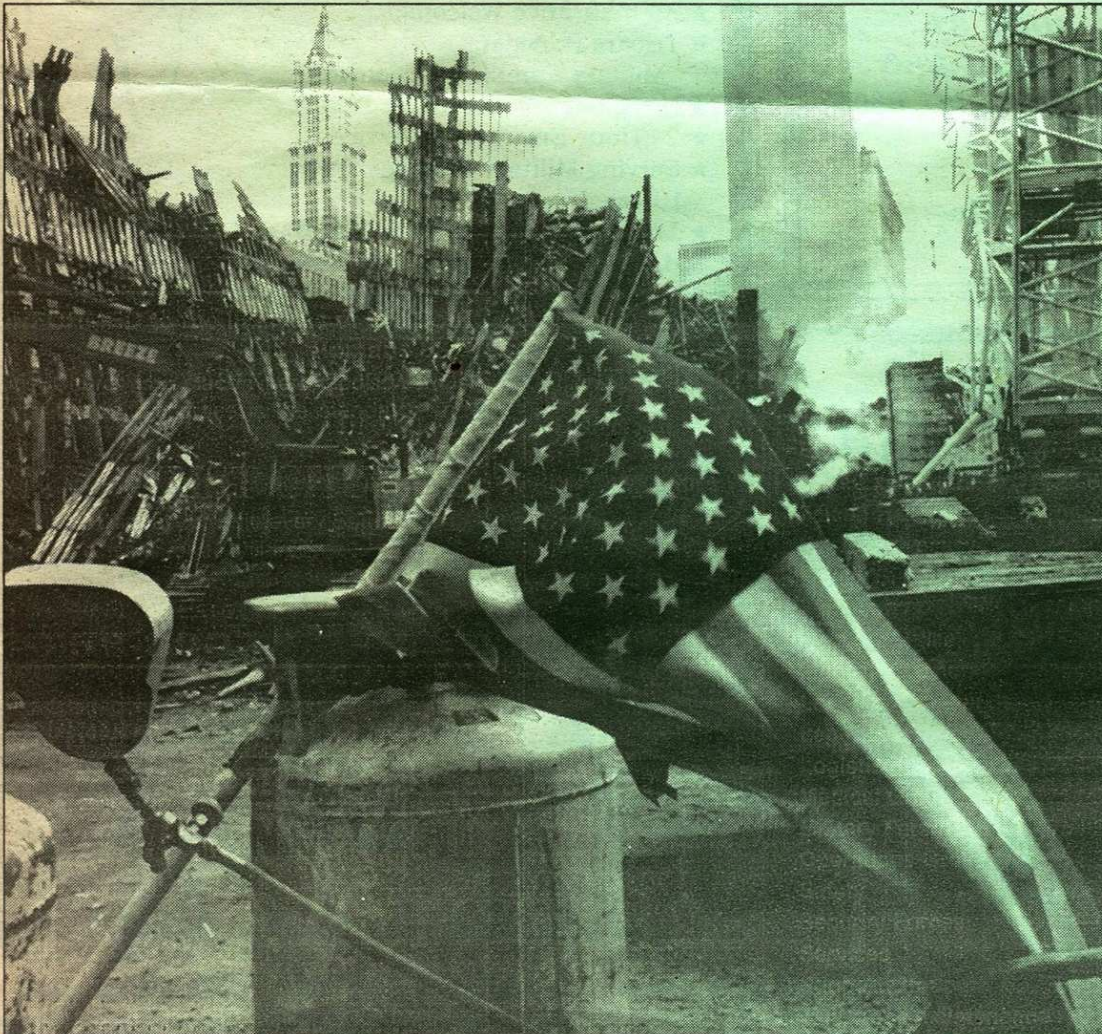


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