

Collage by Jean Robertson Watrous 9/11/2001 Sketch: Graphite/colored pencil from photos of the Twin Towers ruins. Angel adapted from 'An Angel in Green with Vielle' from the St. Francesco Altarpiece, Milan. 1490 - 1499 Oil on poplar wood by an associate of Leonardo da Vinci Message from the Pastor, September 11, 2020 Rev. Ela J. Robertson

My mother created this collage, which she called "Elegy for the Innocents," on and around September 11, 2001. She was 85 at the time and still an avid violist and artist. It was her way of processing the events of that day and memorializing and lamenting the lives of those lost.

Let us pray some prayers of that day, prayers that speak to our challenges today as well.

## Be Close to Me

Loving God, You know that I believe in you. You know that I trust in you. You know that I love you. But sometimes life is so painful, your ways impossible to understand, and your world so confusing. Sometimes I am overwhelmed with pain. Sometimes I feel tempted to despair. Sometimes I give way to hatred. Sometimes I doubt even you. In times of pain, give me comfort. In times of despair, give me hope. In times of hatred, give me love. In times of doubt, give me trust. And even when I feel far from you, be close to me, Loving God. Fr. James Martin S.J.

In these days, help us return not only to our hurt but to Your help, and let us go on to help others because of what we have been through together. Rev. Joel Hunter

"May the bad people remember the love in their hearts." A prayer by Willa, a 7 year old speaking to the Twin Towers and London bus bombings. (prayers from <u>https://www.huffpost.com/entry/prayer-for-911\_n\_955705</u>)

God strengthen and renew us this September 11 and in the coming days and months. Pastor Ela