

# Public invited to commemorate “A Day of Remembering...” at Benedictine

**Lisle, Illinois** - With the 10-year anniversary of September 11, 2001 approaching, Benedictine University is inviting the public to join students, faculty and staff in a remembrance of those who were victims of attacks against the United States by foreign and domestic terrorists since 1983.

“A Day of Remembering, Healing and Forgiving” will be held beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13 in the “Quad” area bordered by Jaeger, Krasa, Lownik and Kindlon Halls on the Benedictine University campus.

The commemoration will include an audio-visual prelude, a presentation of the colors by the Lisle-Woodridge Fire Department, readings by students to remember 22 events since 1983, a moment of silence and music to commemorate the victims.

The event will focus on remembrance and forgiveness rather than a need for retribution or revenge.

“We want to focus on peace, forgiveness and healing and the need to better understand one another,” said Rev. Linda Owens, Associate Dean for Student Development at Benedictine University. “Understanding leads to an awareness of the things that make us the same and an appreciation of the things that make us different.”

Among the events that will be remembered during a reading by students is the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. by 19 terrorists who commandeered four commercial airliners. The attack claimed nearly 3,000 lives.

Another event that will be remembered is the Oklahoma City Bombing on April 19, 1995, which was one of the most gruesome attacks on Americans in the late 20th century. The car bomb attack on The Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building claimed 168 lives, including 19 children under the age of 6, and injured more than 680 people.

The October 23, 1983 attack by two truck bombs on an American Military housing unit and a French Military housing unit in Beirut, Lebanon will also be remembered. Two hundred twenty U.S. Marines, 18 Naval men and three Army soldiers were killed in the attack. This attack represents the deadliest single-day death toll for the United States Marine Corps.