

SUPPLICATION

Almighty God,

Those of us gathered here today reflect the diversity of Your creation. We call upon You with confidence that Your wisdom sees beyond what divides us, even if as forgetful human beings we sometimes lose sight of our essential unity. Today we have joined together to remember those slaughtered senselessly ten years ago and to ask You for mercy, for guidance, and for courage today and in the years to come.

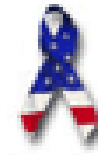
We pray for the victims who lost their lives on September 11 – in the planes, in the towers, during courageous efforts to save others. We pray for those closest to them who remained behind in grief. We pray also for those of us whose families were not directly touched by death that day but who nonetheless lost our sense of security and stability. And we pray for those within our nation's borders and those outside them for whom such security has too rarely existed, whether because of poverty, instability, or violence – violence which has been exacerbated over the last decade in sometimes ill-judged reprisals for the attacks. We pray for safety for all those whose lives have been uprooted and endangered by war.

We pray for safety for those we love, both here and abroad. We pray for Your assistance and guidance as we strive to make the world a safer place for all human beings, with security based on understanding, trust, and cooperation. Establishing this kind of world will not be an easy process. The Qur'an calls on those who believe to "stand for justice" even if it requires bearing witness to You against ourselves or our kin, and to remain unswayed by whims or passions which might lead us to distort what justice means or shirk the responsibility to advocate it. (Q. 4:135)

We pray, then, for the courage to acknowledge the responsibility we bear as privileged members of a democratic nation. We are free to speak up against those of whatever political persuasion who would stir up animosity against members of other groups based on race or religion. We pray for the courage to do so. We pray for Your guidance as to how best to stop the cycle of hatred and violence, which is doomed to end in more wasted lives. And we pray for Your guidance as to how to disagree most beautifully – and productively – with those who disagree with us.

Even as we ask all this of You, we acknowledge all that You have already given us, including the blessings of community. For this and more, we are thankful. Ameen

The Islamic Center of Boston and Wayland Clergy Association



10th Anniversary of September 11 Interfaith Remembrance Service

Sunday, September 11, 2011

Islamic Center of Boston
126 Boston Post Road
Wayland, MA 01778

Interfaith Messages from Holy Scriptures

*"The cry of violence shall no more be heard in your land,
Nor will wrack or ruin be heard within your borders.
You shall name your walls "Victory"
And your gates "Renown."*

*"No longer shall you need the sun for light by day,
Nor the shining of the moon for radiance by night;
For the Lord shall be your light everlasting,
Your God shall be your glory.
Your sun shall set no more, your moon no more withdraw;
For the Lord shall be a light to you forever,
And your days of mourning shall be ended."*

Isaiah: 60:18-20

*"[Beloved,] live in harmony with one another...Do not repay
anyone evil for evil...So far as it depends on you, live
peaceably with all...Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good."*

St. Paul, Romans: 12:16-21

*"To each among you God has prescribed a law and an
Open Way. If God had so willed, He would have made you
a single people, but His plan is to test you in what He has
given you. So strive, as in a race in all virtue. The goal of all
of you is to God. It is He who will show you the Truth of the
matters in which you dispute."*

Qur'an: 4:48

PROGRAM

- 4:30 PM Welcome & Program Introduction
Muneeb Khan
Secretary, Islamic Center of Boston
- 4:35 PM Qur'anic Recitation & Translation
Bilal Mirza and Muneeb Khan
Islamic Center of Boston
- 4:45 PM **Reflections and Lessons Learned**
Dr. Ghiath Reda
Imam, Islamic Center of Boston
- 5:15 PM Civic Leaders' Messages
 - Chief Robert Irving,
Wayland Police Department
 - Rep. Tom Conroy
State Representative, Wayland
- 5:30 PM Interfaith Leaders Prayers / Messages
(Introduction by Fred Moser of
Wayland Clergy Association)
 - Rabbi Neal Gold,
Temple Shir Tikva
 - The Rev. Ken Sawyer,
First Parish
 - The Rev. Bruce Pehrson,
Community United Methodist Church
- 6:00 PM Discussion / Q & A
- 6:15 PM Supplication
Dr. Kecia Ali, Islamic Center of Boston
- 6:30 PM Snacks
- 7:00 PM *Maghrib* (evening) Prayers
All are welcome to observe / attend