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Hope AND healing

THE WORLD TRADE CENTER sat on 16 acres in lower Manhattan in New York City until the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Now, Studio Daniel Libeskind, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Silverstein Properties and the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. oversee the reconstruction of the site.

Soon after the Sept. 11 attacks, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Gov. George Pataki and President Bush vowed to rebuild the World Trade Center. On the day of the attacks, Giuliani proclaimed, "We will rebuild. We're going to come out of this stronger than before, politically stronger, economically stronger. The skyline will be made whole again."

In the months following the attacks, architects and urban planning experts held meetings to discuss ideas for rebuilding the site. In January 2002, 50 concepts and renderings from artists and architects were solicited and put on exhibit.

In August 2002, there was a design study for the World Trade Center site. Seven architecture firms presented plans, which were then presented to the public. On Feb. 27, 2003, Studio Daniel Libeskind was made the master planner for the World Trade Center redesign.

Libeskind's original proposal, which was titled Memory Foundations, underwent extensive revisions. Though Libeskind designed the site, the individual buildings have been designed by different architects.

The Freedom Tower, named by Pataki, is the centerpiece of Libeskind's design. The building will rise 1,362 feet, the height of the original World Trade Center south tower, and its antenna will rise to the symbolic height of 1,776 feet, in honor of the year, 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed.



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A rendering of the Freedom Tower, the centerpiece of Libeskind's design.



From Japan
I am praying for you in one heart and prayer.
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ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL



After the Sept. 11 attacks, flowers, flags and messages of support were placed on or outside St. Paul's chapel fence.

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Benjamin Water watches the flags his mother Amanda Water and others set up in Sandy, Sept. 10, 2002.

Unwavering spirit

Located directly across from the World Trade Center site, St. Paul's Chapel, an Episcopal church, was home to an extraordinary eight-month volunteer relief effort after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

St. Paul's is the oldest public building still in continuous use in Manhattan and the city's lone remaining Colonial church. Completed in 1766, it was known primarily, before Sept. 11, as the place where George Washington prayed on April 30, 1789, the day he was inaugurated as president.

St. Paul's became a sanctuary for thousands of volunteers, police officers, firefighters and others who frequently made stops at the church, some after searching for bodies and some to pray and seek comfort.

In the weeks that followed the attack, well-wishers created a makeshift memorial along the iron gates that surrounded St. Paul's by leaving thousands of pictures, notes, cards and flowers dedicated to those who lost their lives. Many of those items were saved and today are still on display inside the chapel. Banners made by school-children hang from the chapel's rafters.

'MILESTONES OF FREEDOM' 9/11 FLAG DISPLAY

SANDY — The Colonial Flag Foundation will present its seventh annual Healing Field display Sept. 10-15 at Sandy City Hall to commemorate victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Milestones of Freedom" will feature 1,776 flags as well as patriotic displays from the community, said Fumiko Iwasaki of the Colonial Flag Foundation, sponsor of the Healing Field event.

The public is invited to walk through the flag display at no cost. However, the nonprofit foundation is hoping to gather donations.

A memorial ceremony and dedication will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 11 at City Hall, 10000 S. Centennial Parkway.

For more information, visit healingfield.org or colonialflagfoundation.org.

★ PATRIOT DAY ★ ★ ★ ★

President Bush proclaimed Sept. 11 as Patriot Day in memory of the nearly 3,000 who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Initially, the day was called the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

On this day, the president has directed that flags be flown at half-staff and that a moment of silence be observed beginning at 8:46 a.m. marking the time of the first plane crash on Sept. 11, 2001.

A PROCLAMATION

PATRIOT DAY SEPTEMBER 11

By the President of the United States of America

More than 3,000 innocent people lost their lives when a calm September morning was shattered by terrorists driven by hatred and destruction.

On that day, and in its aftermath, we saw the greatness of America in the bravery of victims; in the heroism of first responders who laid down their lives to save others; in the compassion of people who stepped forward to help those they had never met; and in the generosity of millions of Americans who enriched our country with acts of service and kindness. Since that day, we have seen the greatness of America further demonstrated in the courage of our brave men and women in uniform who have served and sacrificed in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and around the world to advance freedom and prevent terrorist attacks on America.

As we remember September 11, 2001, we reaffirm the vows made in the earliest hours of our grief and anger. As liberty's home and defender, America will not tire, will not falter, and will not fail in fighting for the safety and security of the American people and a world free from terrorism.

We will continue to bring our enemies to justice or bring justice to them. This Patriot Day, we hold steady to this task.

By a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), the Congress has designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2003, as Patriot Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including remembrance services and candlelight vigils. I also call upon the Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, as well as appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on Patriot Day. In addition, I call upon all Americans to display the flag at half-staff from their homes on that day and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time to honor the innocent victims who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

GEORGE W. BUSH