



## **SEPTEMBER 11 AND VICTORIAN EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMEMORATION**

**IN MEMORIAM OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11  
AND COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF  
VICTORIA'S EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL**

**SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**SERVICE TO COMMENCE ONLINE FROM 8:46AM**

**WE WILL NEVER FORGET - WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER**



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## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Presented by the  
Australian American Association (Victoria)**



## **PARADE OF NATIONAL FLAGS & VICTORIAN EMERGENCY SERVICES FLAGS**

*Victoria Police Pipes and Drums*

*Victoria Police Flag Party*

## **SINGING OF NATIONAL ANTHEMS (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA)**

*Royal Australian Navy Band*

## **WELCOME**

*Ms Cheryl Lacey, Vice President, Australian American Associations (Victoria)*

## **OPENING PRAYER**

*The Very Reverend Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean St Paul's Cathedral*

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness,  
no strength know but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit,  
that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace,  
as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, VICTORIA**

*Mr Sam Muscat, President, Australian American Association*

## **MESSAGE BY THE UNITED STATES CONSUL GENERAL**

*Consul General Kathleen Lively, United States Consulate General Melbourne*

## **MESSAGE OF PEACE AND GREETING**

*The Hon. John Howard, former Prime Minister of Australia*

*The Hon. Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia*

*Senator Kimberley Kitching MP, Co-Chair Australian – United States Parliamentary Friendship Group*

*Ms Katie Allen MP, Federal Member for Higgins*

*Mr Michael O'Brien MP, State Member for Malvern*

## **MESSAGE OF THANKS TO VICTORIAN EMERGENCY SERVICE WORKERS**

*Mr Paul Edbrooke MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Police and Emergency Services*

## **SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FIRST RESPONDERS**

*Deputy Commissioner, Jay Jonas, New York Fire Department*

*Officer Dan Steffens, New York Police Department*



## PRAYERS OF THE INTERCESSION

*Chaplain James Ward (SQNLDR)*

Lord, we pray for our Police Officers as they continually care for our communities.

We ask that you protect our Ambulance Services as they daily seek to rescue lives with urgency throughout our neighbourhoods.

We pray for your protection of our Fire Services as they so often risk their own safety.

We also give you thanks for the many Volunteers who give of their valuable time, sacrificially serving the communities that they love.

We pray for our many Defence Personnel who serve this Country with such pride, devotion and commitment.

Lord, we ask pray, that you will lead and direct them all to safety, as you continually watch over and protect their families and their loved ones.

We ask this through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

*Fire Rescue Commissioner Ken Block, Fire Rescue Victoria*

We pray for those who respond to calls of fire and rescue.

Grant them the courage, safety and skill to keep our communities safe, to rescue those in need, and to return safely home.

Watch over their loved ones too, and give them solace in knowing those who fight fire are held in your loving care.

**RESPONSE: Lord, watch over our First Responders and Defence Personnel save them from harm and support them in times of fear and danger.**

*Assistant Commissioner Michael Grainger APM, Victoria Police*

Mighty God, thank you that you are the wellspring of eternal life. Today, we pray for our Police Officers who bravely protect and serve our communities.

Keep them safe in these times of trouble. Give them strength when weary.

Give them joy in times of sorrow. Give them hope in times of despair.

**RESPONSE: Lord, watch over our First Responders and Defence Personnel save them from harm and support them in times of fear and danger.**



*Chaplain Graeme Scorringe, Ambulance Victoria*

Heavenly Father, thank you for the Paramedics that you have placed in our midst.  
We are grateful for their abilities, knowledge and expertise.

We ask that you continue to cover and bless them, as their service is challenging,  
risky and demanding. Help us remember to offer thanks to you, for their  
daily sacrifices and service to our communities.

**RESPONSE: Lord, watch over our First Responders and Defence Personnel save them  
from harm and support them in times of fear and danger.**

*Commodore Greg Yorke RAN, Senior Naval Officer Victoria*

Eternal God, the only source of peace. We pray for all who serve in the defence of this land.

Give them courage and comfort in danger, patience in waiting, and  
discipline in the just use of force. Help us to seek for all people, the freedom  
to serve you and each other, in compassion and in peace.

**RESPONSE: Lord, watch over our First Responders and Defence Personnel save them  
from harm and support them in times of fear and danger.**

*Mr Tim Wiebusch, Chief Officer Operations, State Emergency Services, Victoria*

Heavenly Father, thank you for the Emergency Services and the many volunteers that  
you have placed here on earth. We are grateful for their abilities, knowledge and expertise.

We ask that you continue to cover and bless them, as they face the  
challenges and risks that their duty demands.

**RESPONSE: Lord, watch over our First Responders and Defence Personnel save them  
from harm and support them in times of fear and danger.**

*Chief Officer Jason Heffernan, Country Fire Authority*

Father, we are so blessed and thankful to have men and women  
who volunteer and work diligently for our safety and well-being, even  
when their service is most difficult and often thankless.

Give them wisdom and keep them safe for the glory of your name!

**RESPONSE: Lord, watch over our First Responders and Defence Personnel save them  
from harm and support them in times of fear and danger.**

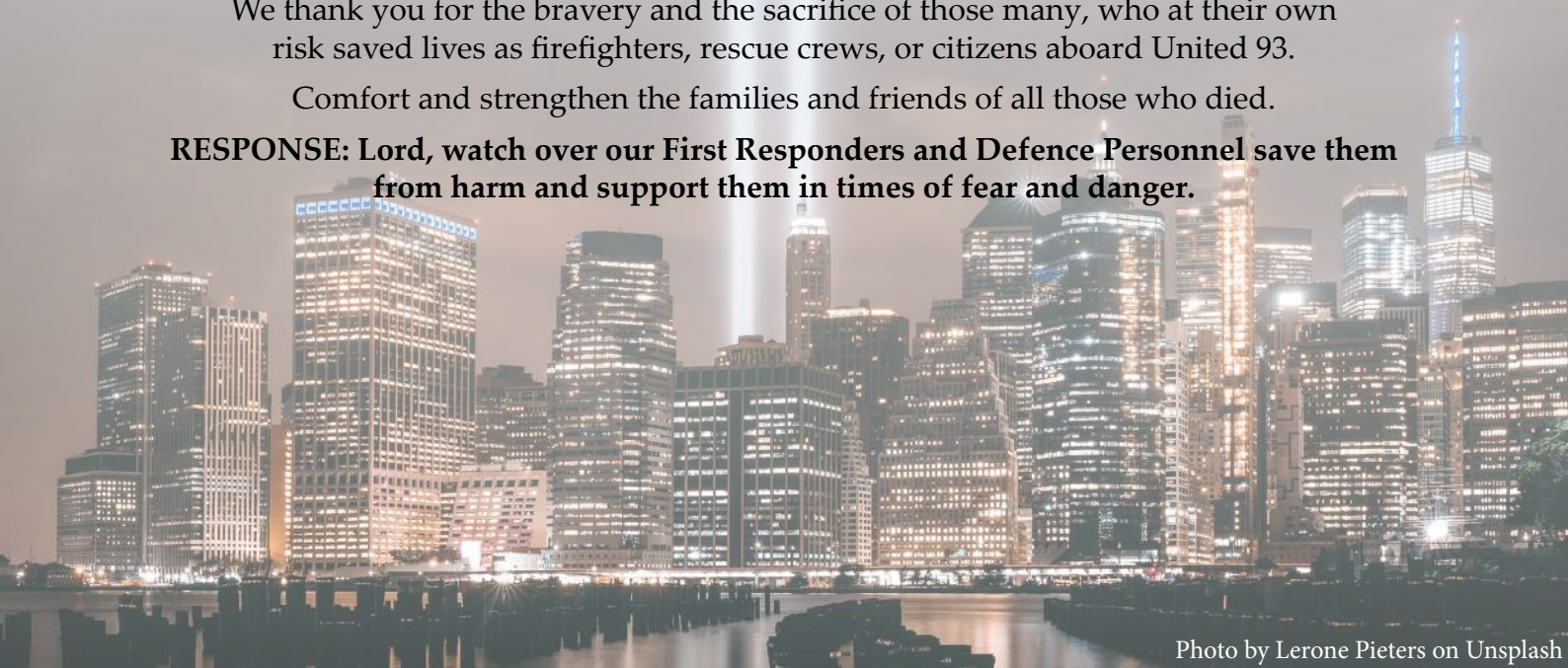
*Mr Sam CJ Muscat, President, Australian American Association*

Powerful God, our Refuge and our Strength, we turn to you for peace  
and security as we recall the events of the 9/11 attack.

We thank you for the bravery and the sacrifice of those many, who at their own  
risk saved lives as firefighters, rescue crews, or citizens aboard United 93.

Comfort and strengthen the families and friends of all those who died.

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## PRAYER

*Chaplain James Ward (SQNLDR)*

Lord, every day First Responders have to make difficult and complex decisions.

Please help them to choose wisely in each and every situation.

Give them clarity and help them to remain calm and collected in the tense moments that they face.

Help them call out to you whenever they do not know what to do.

May they always keep their eyes fixed upon you.

Father, as First Responders watch over us and grapple with the urgent needs in our community, please keep them to remain alert and always ready to respond.

Keep them sharp, confident, and prepared in every way.

May they place their hope in your Word and wait upon you.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## RINGING OF THE FIRE BELL

*Fire Rescue Victoria*

## TWO-MINUTE SILENCE

## AMAZING GRACE

*Victoria Police Pipes and Drums*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Ms Cheryl Lacey, Vice President, Australian American Associations (Victoria)*

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil

For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever Amen



## CLOSING PRAYER

*Chaplain James Ward (SQNLDR)*

O God, our Hope and Refuge, in our distress, we come quickly to you.

The shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided, replaced now with an emptiness, and a longing for an innocence lost.

We come before you remembering those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.

We are ever mindful of the ultimate sacrifice of all those many First Responders, those Public Servants and bystanders who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their own lives for their friends.

We commit their souls to your eternal care and we celebrate their gifts to fallen humanity.

Today, we also remember our own Victorian First Responders and our Defence Personnel.

Those who have lost their lives in the line of duty, and the many who continue daily to put themselves in harm's way, in order to protect our communities, our freedoms and our liberty.

We come remembering, and we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in you Lord.

As the foundations, that we all thought so secure, now so shaken, we are ever mindful of the illusion of security.

In commemorating 9/11, we give you thanks for your presence in our times of need, as we seek to worship you in spirit and in truth, you are our guide and our guardian.

Amen.

## 'A FIREFIGHTERS DREAM'

*Mr Rupert McCall*

Written and recited by Mr Rupert McCall at Ground Zero for the New York Fire Department on the 10th Anniversary of 9/11.

## PARADE OUT NATIONAL FLAGS AND VICTORIAN EMERGENCY SERVICES FLAGS

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**WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE CONTINUED  
SUPPORT OF THE VICTORIAN EMERGENCY SERVICES,  
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE, AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL AND  
VICTORIAN GOVERNMENTS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
CONSULATE MELBOURNE, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION (VICTORIA)**

**THIS REMEMBRANCE COULD NOT HAPPEN  
WITHOUT OUR SUPPORTERS**



Rescuing God, you left the safety and beauty of heaven to come and save us.

You gave your very life to deliver us from death forever, and to bring us into fullness of life.

We thank you for all who take risks and make sacrifices for others in their daily work, and especially for the men and women who work in our Emergency Services and Defence Forces.

Help us to honour and appreciate our police, fire-service, paramedics, and defence personnel and to bless them through our interactions with them, our support of those known to us personally, and our prayers for them.

Be with them all today, enabling them to rescue all they seek to help.

Restore a culture of respect and appreciation in our nation, and inspire those who work in our emergency services and defence forces to excel and care in equal measure.

May we be quick to thank and slow to criticise those who risk so much for our safety.

Safeguard and release resources to all areas of our emergency service, defence forces and lead all those involved in reform – whether in Government or service management – in wisdom, humility and creativity.

We bless our police service to have insight, compassion and breakthrough in resolving crime so that our streets become safe, our young people are empowered and our communities become stronger.

We bless our fire service to experience your protection and to be filled with courage. We bless their equipment to function well and their expertise to combine with your favour, so that fires are brought under control quicker and more effectively than ever.

We bless our paramedics with clear minds to make quick, accurate decisions, so that through their skills and gentle care, they may bring your healing and comfort to all.

We bless our defence force personnel, we pray, your almighty arm to strengthen and protect our service men and women.

Support them in times of conflict, and in their rest and training keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach.