

Today we remember the 15th anniversary of 9.11. We remember exactly where we were and what we were doing. We remember those who died in NY and DC and PA. We remember the families who have lived w/o their loved ones. Our hearts still hold the pain – for individuals, our nation, our world. My response this week could only be to pray Mercy.

This year we are immersing ourselves in a year of mercy – reflecting on, and incorporating into our lives, the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. This constant focus has the power to transform our hearts into merciful hearts, our lives into merciful lives.

Our readings today cry mercy. Moses pleads for a people who have turned their backs on their God. They were tired of waiting and God's response was not what we would expect. We can almost hear Moses pray: Mercy, Lord, mercy.

In today's gospel we see the prodigal son squander his inheritance with great foolishness. Eventually he came to his senses – and prayed Mercy from his father, and received it but not in the way he expected!

Today we are all in need of mercy - our world, our nation, our neighbors near and far, our selves. Let us join our hearts in moment of silence now and pray Mercy....Amen...