

9/11 Reflection – How about a new beginning?

I remember very well on this day (year 2001) while driving towards home from my trip, when I received my husband's frantic call from work. He asked where I was, if I'm okay. I said, "Yes." I heard a sigh of relief and said, "*Take care. Go straight home, just stay there and turn on the television.*" I watched what was going on. Today, as for all the past years, we commemorate the day we call **9/11**, the event that brought horror to everyone around the globe who watched the tube over and over again... the event that made such a significant impact to our nation, in fact, to the whole world to this day. Then, we reflect...

Will terror be eliminated by more terror? Will a war be resolved by more wars? Will hatred be solved by more cycle of revenge? Will we solve our problems if we are not seeking better solutions? Will we meet our true needs if we even stopped caring to seek means to meet those longing needs? Today, as I reflect on how I can best spend this day, I admit (and please pardon me as I seek your understanding) I no longer want to remember the pain, the horror that for days, months, years lingered in me, on many. After long seven years, we've watched, and now experiencing what this one day event had caused/cost many of us in the US and also around the globe.

My prayers and respect continuously go to those gravely affected. But for me (and for others who will care to listen and consider), I decided that beginning today, I say "NO MORE!" to gloom and doom. I am no longer allowing the heads of darkness steal my *peace* nor affect the *joy* I have. I say it is time to WAKE UP and RISE to our true potential. May I recommend that IT IS TIME that we start declaring true FREEDOM from fear, distress, feelings of emptiness and hopelessness, and instead be part of the SOLUTION... for EACH of US to SHINE, to CARE again, and to carry the LIGHT of **HOPE** everywhere!!! I believe that when we bring out our LIGHTS of HOPE and LOVE together, it will have its POWER to OVERCOME the darkness!

These thoughts reminded me of songs, and I started singing... The Beatles' "*All You Need is LOVE*," Then Burt Bacharach's & Jackie De Shannon's "*What the World Needs Now is LOVE, sweet love*" and other favorite songs. Beautiful!!! In fact, isn't it that "**LOVE CONQUERS ALL!!!**"

Instead of spending time in front of TV, I will sing! I decided I'm going out there today to bring SMILE, to share glimpse of HOPE and LOVE, to do a random act of kindness, to volunteer on anything that could MAKE A DIFFERENCE. How about joining me? How about passing this on to those you know? They may want to join as well. Yes! I'm joining our friend, Mark (see forwarded message), in bringing HOPE out there! How about you?

Today could be a *fresh new beginning*... of something more wonderful that I will wish my children and grandchildren to commemorate, and gladly reflect and celebrate with! **Today, 9/11/2008, we can start A NEW BEAUTIFUL BEGINNING... God loves you!**