

# The holidays—what's

That's what we asked people from around the world in the wake of the events of September 11. Here are some of their answers.

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## Genevieve Marsh

During the holidays this year, people are thinking more about what other people need—like food, water, clothing, and health.

Auburn, California



day, this holiday I'm trying to focus each day on giving. Perhaps calling someone who comes to mind, or just taking time to smile and open my heart to those I see daily, rather than being so preoccupied with busyness that I forget that this season is all about blessing, not stressing.



God, or immortal Mind, and we must leave the mortal basis of belief and unite with the one Mind, in order to change the notion of chance to the proper sense of God's unerring direction and thus bring out harmony" (*Science and Health*, p. 424).

The fear of terrorism is largely a belief in chance—the belief that someone could be in the wrong place at the wrong time. I'm praying every day, and particularly this holiday, to know that none of us is under any law of chance, or depression, or anything that encroaches upon our mental peace.

Lubbock, Texas

## Mildred Lines

The holidays mean so much more to me now. I remember how I felt as I walked in a parade for the New York firemen from our neighborhood who were lost on September 11—everyone holding a candle in one hand and a flag in the other. I felt closer to God and man. I wanted to *live* my prayer.



Right now it seems we're all seeing the need to heal the heart—of our nation, economy, value system. Healing the brokenhearted must come before we'll see full evidence of physical and psychological healing.

Corona del Mar, California

## Lynn Gray Jackson

The holidays for me are always a time of being peaceful, of praying to keep the sense of divine Love, God, with me, and not allowing activities or schedules to frazzle me. It's a vibrant, conscious prayer. I have been taking more time to know that God's presence surrounds not only me but everyone I come into contact with, and even those I don't. I've been more mentally alert to what's going on around me, to people's fears, and to what I could say to help them.



## John Handy

The holidays don't mean anything different. I've always appreciated being with family and friends this time of year. But the impact of the events on the people involved—the victims as well as the workers—just makes it that much more special to know you have the safety of family and friends.

Bowman, California



## Joel Magnes

A couple of days ago I went shopping for Christmas cards. There was a whole section of cards with pictures of the World Trade Center

## Leslee Allen

Instead of an advent calendar, where you open one window each