

A TIME FOR PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE AT DFW AIRPORT
(Noon, CDT, September 14, 2001)

Good afternoon,

My name is Linda Valdez-Thompson, executive vice president administration and diversity.

Thank you for coming today to our Founders' Plaza – an area at DFW Airport where, in the recent past, families and friends would come to relax and feed their fascination of air transportation...and now, sadly, it is a setting for reflection and remembrance.

We are here to join the rest of the nation and other airport families, public safety officers, fire and rescue teams and every passenger traveling through our nation's airports today in response to President Bush's appeal to observe a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance. At this moment, the President and other national leaders are conducting a service at the National Cathedral in Washington. We join them in spirit.

We have gathered to pray for all those affected directly and indirectly by the tragic events of this week. We rally behind the efforts of those still working around the clock to help others through the aftermath of these events.

As Jeff Fegan, our CEO, expressed to all DFW Airport employees yesterday, "You have responded, as we would expect, with professionalism, dedication and compassion. Most importantly, we have done it TOGETHER. We salute your efforts and accomplishments and thank you for your commitment to excellence."

Yesterday, and now at this moment, we have more than 100 volunteers in the terminals, to assist passengers and families with their needs – no matter how big and no matter how small.

Once again, we thank you for your sincere and caring acts of kindness that you have graciously offered to others in our DFW family and our guests traveling through the Airport.

And now, please join me in welcoming our DFW Airport Chaplain D. D. Hayes who will lead us in prayer.