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## A Prayer for Freedom

Mere words insufficiently express our feelings of disbelief, disdain, and shock at the terrorist events that have transpired. The deliberate and calculated challenge to our most basic and fundamental strengths and principles - freedom and democracy - has shocked our nation to its core. The senseless disregard for the value of life itself is also unimaginable.

While the physical impact of these disastrous attacks was largely felt in New York and Washington, D.C., we know that all American citizens and, indeed, much of the civilized world, have been personally touched by these terrorist acts. For some, it may have included the loss of a family member, friend, or a business associate. For others of us, the televised reports will remain permanently etched in our memories. For most, the emotional impact will be felt for a lifetime. As a consequence, we at Sigma would like to offer our prayers for those wounded and lost, and our deep and heartfelt condolences for all of the families touched by this tragedy. We also pray for a healing for those who witnessed and have been shaken by the events.

These terrorist acts are not only an invasion of America, but a threat to democracy around the world. However, we believe this tragedy may galvanize and unite both our country and the world as we pursue and punish those responsible and defend the freedom that has so visibly been threatened. America, in particular, has demonstrated throughout history an amazing resiliency in the face of tragedy. We believe this time will be no exception.

With all our hearts -

The Staff of Sigma  
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