

Life after Sept 11



The following are stories and thoughts of the American people after the Sept 11 tragedy.

I rediscovered the joy of watching my children play, the comfort of having my husband home at night, and the simple but awesome pleasure of a sunset. . . . I have fallen in love with my country in a way that I never have before because I took so much for granted. . . . I am allowing myself to grieve but heal, to feel fear but discover courage, to question but then to have faith. I have found strength in my Lord, my family and my country. I feel like a stronger citizen, and more fit mother, and a better person.

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I don't ordinarily think of the church much, but I found myself in a church one night last week asking questions, and not of myself.

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Coping? I guess I'm coping. I don't sleep well. I cry. I pray. . . . No, I plead. I read foreign newspapers instead of my horoscope in the morning.

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Just 18 days after the US tragedy, New York's Mayor Rudolph Giuliani opened a TV comedy series in New York. His act might seem a strange choice for some people. With almost 6,000 of his city's residents still missing, many are finding humour hard to come by in this grief-stricken city.

"But New Yorkers had to learn to laugh and cry at the same time." Said Giuliani.

