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USA, world remember 'what we lost'

From staff and wire reports

Americans paused on Tuesday to mark the moment 3 months ago that the first hijacked jet slammed into the World Trade Center and to remember the more than 3,000 people who died in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Marking the attacks

"For those of us who lived through these events, the only marker we'll ever need is the tick of a clock on the 46th minute on the 8th hour of the 11th day," President Bush said at a White House ceremony. "We'll remember where we were and how we felt. We'll remember the dead and what we owe them. We'll remember what we lost and what we found."

At Ground Zero in New York City, several hundred firefighters, police and construction workers paused for prayer. As generators and engines hummed in the background, Muslim, Jewish and Catholic leaders stood on a stage decorated with poinsettias and a menorah. "They took down those structures, but they will not take away the spirit," said Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, a Fire Department chaplain.



By Dan Loh, AP

In Philadelphia: Melissa Lata, who lost her grandmother Hilda Marcin in the terror attacks, attends a memorial service Tuesday.

At the Pentagon, where a hijacked jet struck an hour after the New York crashes, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said terrorists will not extinguish the memory of those who died there.

"We will remember ... until freedom triumphs over fear, over repression and long beyond," Rumsfeld said.

There were commemorations in most states and at least 48 countries. They were meant to remind the world that people from more than 80 countries died in the attacks and to reinforce Bush's global coalition against terrorism.

Astronauts aboard the shuttle Endeavour and the International Space Station paused as flight director Wayne Hale in Houston said: "In stark contrast to the international cooperation and unity in our efforts to take mankind literally to the stars, we're reminded of our loss and sorrow due to the acts of violence and terror in an unprecedented attack on freedom, democracy and civilization itself."

Fifth-graders in Rhode Island, fraternity brothers in New Mexico and striking engine workers in Connecticut were among many Americans who paused at 8:46 a.m.

Students from the Rhodes Elementary School's fifth-grade class in Warwick, R.I., joined Gov. Lincoln Almond for a ceremony at the statehouse. Two students rang a replica of the Liberty Bell three times to commemorate the attacks. The class then led a group of legislators and other dignitaries in singing the national anthem.

At the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, about five dozen students, advisers and campus police officers gathered for a moment of silence and candle-lighting ceremony. A light snowfall extinguished candles that students had lit in small plastic cups, so they moved inside and the candles were re-lit.

Striking workers at jet-engine maker Pratt & Whitney stopped picketing in East Hartford, Conn., to observe a moment of silence.

"It's to honor those people. They lost a hell of a lot more than we're losing," said Ron Wilson, a pipe fitter from Manchester, Conn.

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