



Verse of the day for Monday September 14, 2026 - Philippians 4: 6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Read Philipians 4 for meditation and inspiration.



25TH YEAR OF THE “9 – 11” MEMORAL REMEMBRANCE

Dr. Edith Elefánt Eger, a Hungarian Jew who at 16 years old, in 1944 was shipped off with her family and was transported to Auschwitz. She watched her mother be pushed into a line to be executed by the German guards while she was sent to be worked to death.

82 years later Americans and the world watched as two jetliners slammed into the World Trade Center's Twin Towers in New York City while another crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The colossal Twin Towers collapsed a short time later. Passengers on board the fourth airplane, Flight 93, averted even more destruction by trying to regain control of their airplane. As a result, the hijackers downed it in a field outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Flight 93's intended target was likely either the White House or the United States Capitol.

Dr. Eger teaches us on this 25th anniversary of 9-11 and the senseless tragedy and loss of so many lives that, "Forgiveness is not to change the past. It is to liberate the future." Her mother murdered, her family lost, and herself close to death when the camp was liberated, she felt a haunting guilt that she had survived when her family and so many others did not. Finally, she came to forgive the most unforgivable human, not Hitler or Mengele, but herself for surviving.

The worst that can happen, she learned, is not what others do to us. It is what we do to ourselves in return. "Freedom is not something that happens to you. It is something you choose."

"The worst prison," she teaches, "is the one we build in our own minds. And in your pocket, you already hold the key." Edith Eger danced for the Angel of Death and lived to teach the world that we are never truly imprisoned until we decide we are—and never truly free until we choose to be. The worst that can happen, she learned, is not what others do to us. It is what we do to ourselves in return.

September 11, 2001 will forever be a day to memorialize as we remember and enjoy the freedom we have and that we vow to give ourselves each day through the Love of God found in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In God's freedom,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger".

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