

## Speech Reference – Solidarity

Solidarity can be defined as presence with those who are in oppressive conditions and action to change the condition that keep people oppressed.

Margaret Mores Wenig, professor of Hebrew Union College in New York writes:

“In my 40 years in New York, the fall of the Twin Towers was the first event to unify the City.

And suddenly the whole city was of one language, and of one speech.

And said to one another, come let us rebuild our broken city and recover the dead in the rubble of the fallen tower..

Paul Moore, Jr. a retired Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of New York writes: We saw the pillar of smoke and fire became the Cross, for into that flaming inferno strode firemen, policemen, civilians bent on saving others, and in so doing, transformed New York into a city of courage, compassion, and love. We glimpsed, even if only for a moment, the new Jerusalem, the Holy City.

In the midst of economic depression, rising unemployment, poverty and homelessness, can we all speak one language “ let us come together, pray together, work together to uplift our neighbors suffering from hunger and homelessness?