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Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Allow me to thank you for inviting me to the Annual Interfaith Service to the Commitment to the Work of the United Nations. It is a great pleasure for me to be here and share with you the moments of reminiscence and prayer for peace and justice for all the people of the planet. This gathering of the religious leaders of the New York area and the members of the United Nations and the NGO community has by now developed into a valuable tradition.

First, I would like to recall the memory of the people who became victim to the most appalling terrorist act carried out on this day a year ago.

Today's service assembles representatives of a wide range of religions and faiths. A multireligious gathering such as this embodies the ideals of understanding, interrelationship, mutual tolerance and acceptance. It was with these very -en)(f u(a)thes))( )( )(