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EarthCam Commemorates 25th Anniversary of 9/11 with Historic Time-Lapse and Documentary

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The 25th anniversary of the September 11 attacks is being marked across the United States today, with the main commemoration taking place at the National September 11 Memorial in New York City.

The annual ceremony at Ground Zero will honor the 2,977 people killed in the 2001 terrorist attacks, with family members reading the victims' names during the solemn remembrance. The ceremony is being livestreamed for people who cannot attend in person.

9/11 Memorial Ceremony 2026 Livestream: How to Watch

The 25th Annual Commemoration Ceremony can be watched online through the official National September 11 Memorial & Museum website.

Watch the 9/11 Memorial livestream: [Official 9/11 Memorial livestream](#)

What Time Is the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony?

The New York commemoration begins at approximately 8:30 a.m. ET on Friday. The ceremony is timed around key moments from the Sept. 11 attacks, with moments of silence incorporated into the program.

For viewers outside the United States, the ceremony begins at approximately:

- 6 p.m. IST — India
- 1:30 p.m. GMT — London
- 8:30 p.m. SGT - Singapore

Times may vary slightly depending on the ceremony's live schedule.

9/11 Victims' Names Reading: What Happens?

One of the most emotional parts of the [Ground Zero ceremony](#) is the reading of the names of those who died in the attacks. Family members read the names aloud as part of the commemoration.

The National September 11 Memorial lists 2,977 people killed in the September 11 attacks. The memorial also honors six people killed in the February 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

The names are inscribed around the two memorial pools at the footprints of the original Twin Towers in Lower Manhattan.

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Last night, 2,977 lights rose above New York Harbor, one for each life lost on September 11, 2001, before forming the Twin Towers against the New York City skyline.

The commemorative installation was created in collaboration with members of the 9/11 community, including family members, survivors and first responders, to mark the 25th anniversary of the attacks.

Why Is the 2026 Ceremony Significant?

This year's ceremony marks 25 years since the [Sept. 11, 2001 attacks](#), which killed nearly 3,000 people in New York, at the Pentagon and near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The anniversary is bringing ceremonies to all three major attack sites. President Donald Trump is scheduled to attend the Pentagon commemoration, while Vice President JD Vance is expected at the New York observance. Other officials and families are gathering at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania.

At Ground Zero, the focus remains on the victims and their families. Unlike some other political events, the New York ceremony traditionally avoids political speeches.

The 25th anniversary remembrance comes as a new generation continues to learn about September 11 and its impact. Across the country, ceremonies, volunteer projects, memorial events and moments of silence are being held to remember those who died and the first responders and others whose lives were changed by the attacks.