Torn between fear and hope, kin, friends seek loved ones

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NEW YORK — Gaping at the mangled, burned-out remains of the World Trade Center, dazed and appalled, emergency workers waited helplessly for word of their trapped comrades. Here and there, people came to the sun-drenched World Trade Center site to pay homage to the dead, to search, to remember. The World Trade Center, where they worked, stood in ruin, a symbol of the American economy which they supported.

The two towers, so symbolic of big business, so representative of the American spirit, so symbolic of American power, lay in ruins, a testament to the fact that America's vulnerability is more than just rhetoric.

People gathered at the foot of the fallen twin towers, some with tears streaming down their faces, some in disbelief, some in anger, some in hope. They wanted answers, they wanted to know why this had happened, they wanted to know if their loved ones were still alive.

The towers, which had stood as symbols of American might and economic power, had fallen, and with them, a part of the American way of life.

The World Trade Center was an icon of American prosperity and power, and its destruction was a blow to the American psyche.

The towers, which had been a source of pride for New Yorkers, had been a symbol of the city's success. Now, they were a symbol of the city's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American capitalism, and its destruction was a blow to the American economy.

The towers, which had been a source of jobs and prosperity for New Yorkers, had been a symbol of the city's success. Now, they were a symbol of the city's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American power, and its destruction was a blow to the American military.

The towers, which had been a source of prestige and power for the United States, had been a symbol of the country's success. Now, they were a symbol of the country's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American unity, and its destruction was a blow to the American people.

The towers, which had been a source of strength and solidarity for Americans, had been a symbol of the country's success. Now, they were a symbol of the country's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American history, and its destruction was a blow to the American psyche.

The towers, which had been a source of memory and remembrance for Americans, had been a symbol of the country's success. Now, they were a symbol of the country's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American future, and its destruction was a blow to the American people.

The towers, which had been a source of hope and optimism for Americans, had been a symbol of the country's success. Now, they were a symbol of the country's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American greatness, and its destruction was a blow to the American people.

The towers, which had been a source of pride and accomplishment for Americans, had been a symbol of the country's success. Now, they were a symbol of the country's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American dreams, and its destruction was a blow to the American people.

The towers, which had been a source of aspiration and ambition for Americans, had been a symbol of the country's success. Now, they were a symbol of the country's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American ideals, and its destruction was a blow to the American people.

The towers, which had been a source of values and principles for Americans, had been a symbol of the country's success. Now, they were a symbol of the country's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American strength, and its destruction was a blow to the American people.

The towers, which had been a source of force and power for Americans, had been a symbol of the country's success. Now, they were a symbol of the country's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American courage, and its destruction was a blow to the American people.

The towers, which had been a source of bravery and determination for Americans, had been a symbol of the country's success. Now, they were a symbol of the country's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American sacrifice, and its destruction was a blow to the American people.

The towers, which had been a source of selflessness and dedication for Americans, had been a symbol of the country's success. Now, they were a symbol of the country's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American love, and its destruction was a blow to the American people.

The towers, which had been a source of unity and compassion for Americans, had been a symbol of the country's success. Now, they were a symbol of the country's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American endurance, and its destruction was a blow to the American people.

The towers, which had been a source of resilience and strength for Americans, had been a symbol of the country's success. Now, they were a symbol of the country's vulnerability.

The World Trade Center was a symbol of American victory, and its destruction was a blow to the American people.

The towers, which had been a source of triumph and glory for Americans, had been a symbol of the country's success. Now, they were a symbol of the country's vulnerability.