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A University of Dayton terrorism expert says Americans should resist temptations to reciprocate the hatred they saw on Sept. 11, 2001.

"There are people full of hate who want to attack us," said Mark Ensalaco, director of the University of Dayton human rights program and author of Middle Eastern Terrorism: From Black September to September 11. "But, we need to resist our temptation to hate. We can't become an intolerant people."

Of course, Ensalaco said, that doesn't mean stopping the fight to disrupt and eradicate terrorist organizations. However, he cautions against activities like a planned Quran burning at a Florida church Saturday and outspoken opposition to new mosques.

"We still need to be mindful of America's freedom of religion," said Ensalaco, who will discuss "The Meaning of September 11" at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, in the Sears Recital Hall on the University of Dayton campus.

Ensalaco, whom CBS Radio News, CNN, The Associated Press and Reuters, among others, have interviewed about terrorism issues, believes terror attacks by Muslims will end ultimately when those Muslims decide terrorism isn't a part of their faith. Choice magazine selected Ensalaco's book, now out in paperback, as an outstanding academic title.

"In a clear, methodical, and conscientiously neutral way, Ensalaco documents the political history of the rise of terrorism in the Middle East; essential for anyone beginning a study of Middle Eastern terrorism, or as a historical reference," Choice wrote in a review.

Also on Friday, the University of Dayton will hold a Mass for Peace during its regularly scheduled 12:05 p.m. Mass in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. There will be special readings and music to pray for peace in the world.

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