



Prayer of remembrance

We remember the six million who died in the Holocaust and all those who perished in subsequent genocides around the world.

We remember those we knew and those whose very name is lost.

We mourn for all that died with them, their goodness and their wisdom which could have helped the world and healed so many wounds.

We mourn the genius and the wit that died,
the learning and the laughter that were lost.
The world has become a poorer place and our hearts become cold as we think what might have been, but now can never be.

We stand in gratitude for their example of decency and goodness.
Like candles which shine out from the darkness of those years.
They show us what goodness is – and evil.

We remember those who did not die but still carry the scars of suffering with them in body and mind.

We salute men and women who had the courage to stand up against persecutors and as a consequence suffered alongside the persecuted.
We also salute all men and women throughout history who had the courage to fight for social justice irrespective of their personal safety, and those who do so today.

They too are G-D's witnesses, a source of hope when we despair.

We pray the suffering and sacrifice may not have been in vain.
May we have strength to fight daily against cruelty and prejudice, against tyranny and persecution, so that such times may never come again.

In silence we remember all those whose lives have been lost or changed forever. Amen