



HOLOCAUST

REMEMBRANCE WEEK

JANUARY 19 - 23, 2026

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL GUIDE

Description & Instructions:

CUFI High School Clubs will hold a Holocaust Memorial with a guide and prepared speeches, prayers, and poems. Each section of the Memorial can be assigned to a student. The prepared remarks for each section can be printed and given to the student responsible for reading. The Memorial can be held during the club's preferred meeting time, during the school's chapel, or in a special assembly. For chapel services and special assemblies, schools are encouraged to invite parents to participate and support their children taking part in the Memorial.

Resources Needed:

Memorial Guide
Prepared Remarks

Vigil Plan-Update for Holocaust Remembrance.

2-Minute Opening Speech Explaining the Holocaust and why we remember
2-Minute Excerpt from Survival in Auschwitz Primo Levi
2-Minute Speech Remembering the Children
Poem: "Holocaust" by Barbara Sonek
2-Minute Prayer for the Holocaust Survivors Who Are Still Living
2-Minute Prayer for the Jewish Community
2- Minute Prayer for the Jewish State
Poem: "First They Came..." Written by Pastor Martin Niemöller
2-Minute Prayer for Christians to Have Courage in Combatting Antisemitism

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2-Minute Opening Speech Explaining the Holocaust and why we remember

My name is (Full Name) and I am in (Grade Level) grade. The Holocaust was the result of the culmination of thousands of years of antisemitism in Europe. It did not happen overnight. Secular and religious forces openly collaborated or were complicit with their silence when the intense persecution of Jews began. Adolf Hitler and the Nazi's targeted Europe's Jews from every background. From the well-educated and world-famous to the humble Rabbis of the shtetls (sh-tet-ulls) in Poland, the Nazis and their local collaborators shot, burned, and gassed six million innocent Jews.

The women, children, and elderly were condemned upon entry to Auschwitz. The young and healthy were worked and starved to death, while the Nazis attempted to strip them of their humanity and identity. We must remember what happens when words become filled with hate, and hate begins to justify violence and murder.

We must bring God's Light into the darkest places of humanity and expose the evil. We remember the six million Jews who were annihilated because man turned their back on God. We remember the one million children who never knew what it was like to fall in love, enjoy the beauty and innocence of childhood, start businesses and families, and were brutally murdered because they were born Jewish. May their memories be a blessing. We as Christians weep with those who weep. We say, "Never Again."

2-Minute Speech Remembering the Camps - Excerpt from Survival in Auschwitz Primo Levi

My name is (Full Name) and I am in (Grade Level) grade. Today I am reading an excerpt from Survival in Auschwitz by Primo Levi.

"In a moment, with almost prophetic intuition, the reality was revealed to us: we had reached the bottom. It is not possible to sink lower than this; no human condition is more miserable than this, nor could it conceivably be so. Nothing belongs to us anymore; they have taken away our clothes, our shoes, even our hair; if we speak, they would not listen to us, and if they listen, they will not understand. They will even take away our name: and if we want to keep it, we will have to find ourselves the strength to do so, to manage somehow so that behind the name something of us, of us as we were, still remains."

"Imagine now a man who is deprived of everyone he loves, and at the same time of his house, his habits, his clothes, in short, of everything he possesses: he will be a hollow man, reduced to suffering and needs, forgetful of dignity and restraint, for he who loses all often easily loses himself. He will be a man whose life or death can be lightly decided with no sense of human affinity, in the most fortunate of cases, on the basis on a pure judgment of utility. It is in this way that one can understand the double sense of the term "extermination camp," and it is now clear what we seek to express with the phrase: "to lie on the bottom."

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2-Minute Speech Remembering the Children

My name is (Full Name) and I am in (Grade Level) grade. The Nazis and their collaborators intentionally targeted the young and innocent. They gassed children, performed horrific “medical” experiments on them, shot them, burned them, starved them to death in ghettos, and left them to die on the trains to the extermination and work camps.

Together, let’s remember some of the Jewish children who were murdered in the Holocaust. Their names were: Odette Adboulafia age: 8, Rose Adboulafia age:12, Yevdo Abramov age:1, Adel Adler age: 6, Endre Adler age: 11, Jenő Adler age: 4, Sioma Alterkovski age: 4, Anniko Altman age: 11, Anshel Altman age: 2, Veronika Birnbaum age: 4, Arka Bitman age: 7, Bela Blaifeder age: 10, Armin Blau age: 14, Sara Blau age: 12, Samuel Blecher age: 12, Judith Deutsch age: 10, Mina Deutsch age: 5, Asna Deutscher age: 14, Bela Englman age: 14, Fayge Epstein age: 2, Ernestyna Erlich age: 16. Abram Fudiman age: 2, Shura Fudiman age: 3, Mitea Furman age: 14, Dora Grosman age: 5, Emilia Grosman age: 16, Grigori Grosman age: 13.

May their memories be a blessing.

Poem: “Holocaust” by Barbara Sonek

My name is (Full Name) and I am in (Grade Level) grade. I’m reading the poem “Holocaust” by Barbara Sonek.

We played, we laughed,
We were loved.
We were ripped from the arms of
Our parents and thrown into the fire.
We were nothing more than children.
We had a future.
We were going to be lawyers, rabbis,
Wives, teachers, mothers.
We had dreams,
Then we had no hope.
We were taken away in the dead of night
Like cattle in cars, no air to breathe
Smothering, crying, starving, dying.
Separated from the world to be no more.
From the ashes, hear our plea.
This atrocity to mankind cannot happen again.
Remember us,
For we were the children
Whose dreams and lives were stolen away.

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2-Minute Prayer for the Jewish Community

My name is (Full Name) and I am in (Grade Level) grade. Please join me in prayer for the Jewish community in the United States and here in our community.

In this time of hate, chaos, and war, we pray that the God of peace, mercy, and justice would surround the Jewish community with His strength. May He be a refuge and fortress for those who suffer terror by night and attacks by day. We pray that antisemitism will be defeated and replaced with love for our Jewish neighbors. We ask that there would be safety for Jewish students and professors on their campuses and that Jews would not be afraid to observe their faith. We ask that You give them strength to lift their heads and live out their identity in peace and security without fear of government oppression or violence from individuals. We pray that your people will live freely where they choose and prosper in their occupations and homes. In Jesus name, Amen.

2- Minute Prayer for the Jewish State

My name is (Full Name) and I am in (Grade Level) grade. Please join me in prayer for Israel.

Today, we cry out to the Lord God of Israel for Your peace, Your protection, and Your intervention on behalf of the nation of Israel, which you established through your sovereign will, and Your chosen people, the Jews, to whom You gave the land of Israel through an everlasting covenant. Lord God, we pray that You would stretch forth Your mighty hand of grace and protection over the people of Israel. These are Your people and the apple of Your eye. Our hearts are filled with a great burden for Israel. Your chosen people, the Jewish people, are fiercely hated and there is an increasing effort from the nations of the world to drive them into the sea so that the name of Israel would be no more. Lord, we pray that you would rise up against Israel's enemies and that You would guard and protect the nation and people of Israel. We bless Israel and the Jewish people, in Jesus' name, amen.

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Poem: “First They Came...” Written by Pastor Martin Niemöller

My name is (Full Name) and I am in (Grade Level) grade. I’m reading the poem “First They Came” by Pastor Martin Niemöller.

First they came for the Socialists,
And I did not speak out-
Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists,
and I did not speak out-
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews,
and I did not speak out-
Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me-
and there was no one left to speak for me.

2-Minute Prayer for Christians to Have Courage Combatting Antisemitism

My name is (Full Name), and I am in (Grade Level) grade. Please join me in praying for the Church in America, that we would have courage to be proud friends of Israel and the Jewish people and be bold to stand against antisemitism.

Lord, we pray that America and the next generation of Christians would choose to bless Israel. Lord, we know that You said of Israel, and of the Jewish people, that “I will bless those who bless you and I will curse those who curse You.” We pray that our leaders do not abandon Israel and bring a curse on our nation. Lord, we pray that by Your sovereign hand, You would intervene. Touch the hearts of our leaders and touch the hearts of the American people, so that our nation will continue to stand firm with Israel and in so doing, continue to bring a blessing on our people. Help us to remember what happened to your people, the Jewish people, in the Holocaust and make Never Again a lifestyle and not just words. We pray against the evil that is driving the alarming rise of antisemitism in our land, especially among young people. We pray that the next generation of Christians will rise up and choose to bless Israel and stand with the Jewish people as You have called them to do. We bless the United States of America and the next generation of Christians who will bless Israel, in Jesus’ name, amen.