

A close-up photograph of a lit candle. The flame is bright yellow and orange, with a blue base. The candle wax is a warm yellow color. The background is dark, making the light from the candle stand out.

# Holocaust Memorial Day



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## One Day for Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day is **One Day – 27 January** – that we put aside to come together to remember, to learn about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur, in the hope that there may be **One Day** in the future with no genocide. We learn more about the past, we empathise with others today, and we take action for a better future.



What is this day important? Why is it important we learn from the past?  
What should we learn from Holocaust Memorial Day?

## HMD Together

This week we are coming together as a town to learn about Holocaust Memorial Day. The theme for this year is 'One Day'. This week will be an opportunity to learn but to also reflect on our own lives.

What do you already know about the Holocaust? What happened during the Second World War? Why is it important to learn about the Holocaust?  
How can we stop it happening again?



Other links / resources

[Resources](#) for what the Holocaust is from CBBC Newsround including clips.  
[Youtube clips](#) from HMD Trust



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## One Day in History



What happened in [Warsaw on 19 April 1943](#)? Nazi Germany had entered Poland four years earlier in 1939, and started establishing ghettos in spring 1940, to segregate, dehumanise and control the Jews. The largest of the ghettos was in Warsaw, where more than 400,000 Jews were crowded into 1.3 square miles of the city with poor sanitation, limited food and cramped conditions. It is estimated that more than 92,000 people died in the Warsaw ghetto because of the squalid conditions. **On 19 April 1943, the Jewish inhabitants of the Warsaw Ghetto fought back against the Nazi Regime.**



What do you think life was like in the Ghetto? How would you feel if you were forced to live in a Ghetto?

## CREATE Together

This is an opportunity to come together as a form / class / school and town to create something to support Holocaust Memorial day.



Using the candle template, make a **piece of artwork**. On the candles you can write a prayer, blessing, comment or you could draw an image. Or instead you could write a **poem**. This could be done as a class or as individuals.



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## Other links / resources

Find out about other key dates in history with information [here](#).

HMD Trust – Create a page activity [here](#).

HMD Trust – Make a flame activity [here](#).



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## One Day when life changed

Survivors of the Holocaust and of genocide often talk about the **One Day** when everything changed, sometimes for the worse and sometimes for better. [Iby Knill](#) feels that from **One Day** to the next, everything changed and yet nothing had changed:

*'One day Gretl, my school friend...greeted me with an embrace. The next day she ran across the road and turned her head away so as not to acknowledge me.'*



How did her life was changed? How would you feel if you were in Iby's shoes? What happened next?

## INSPIRE Together

Let us inspire others to support Holocaust Memorial Day but also to challenge any prejudices and discrimination we come across day to day.

Our activity today is to **write a pledge** to build a better future. This a Commitment to work together to build a better future for all. What will this future look like? How could this be done?



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## Other links / resources

Watch and listen to survivors of the Holocaust [here](#). (10 mins long clip).

Other stories can be found [here](#).

'First they came' poem read by Year 12's students from Cowley International College (click icon)





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## One Day in the future

Those who were targeted and persecuted held out for the **One Day** in the future when all their suffering would be over, hoping they would ‘all see the day of liberation’ (Elie Wiesel, Night). On Holocaust Memorial Day we learn from genocide for a purpose – to build a better future. When we look ahead to ‘**one day** with no genocide’, what do we need to do today to achieve this? We can use this theme to motivate us to speak out when we see injustices, prejudices and identity-based violence. On Holocaust Memorial Day 2022, this **One Day**, we will all come together in our communities, to learn from the Holocaust and genocides – for a better future.



What injustices are occurring in the world today? Why are these occurring? What can we do to stop prejudice and discrimination in the world? What can we do as a school? What can we do as a town?



## Other links / resources

Appropriate music ([Schindlers list](#) / [calming music](#) / ) to have on during the ‘Pause Together’ @ 9am.

Prayers that could be used at the end of the ‘Pause Together’ (final slide)

## PAUSE Together



On **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January, at 9am** all students and staff in St Helens will stop what they are doing and come together to have a moment to ‘pause’. During this time, let us reflect on what we have learned about the Holocaust this week and the lives that have been affected. Let us also take a moment to think about the prejudices and discrimination that continues today.



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One Day is a snapshot



**One Day** is just a snapshot in time and therefore cannot give the full picture, the context, the background that is needed, but it can help bring a piece of the full picture to life. The age or gender of the victim, or their geographical location ensured that no **One Day** during the genocide was typical. The same date would be experienced very differently by Jews hiding in France, Jews incarcerated in Auschwitz, Jews awaiting their fate in Hungary, for example. For those who suffered for days, weeks, months, years focussing on just **One Day** is a starting point, a way in for us to learn more about what happened during the Holocaust and the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

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## Post-it note activity

Students get a post it note to do a snapshot of their lives today / examples of discrimination in the world today. This can be displayed and discussed.



WATCH Together



Watch this [clip](#) to learn about the Holocaust Memorial Day is about.



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## Prayer 1

To mark HMD in 2020, Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Senior Imam Qari Asim have come together and written a special prayer which is intended to be used by people of any faith at their HMD activity.

Prayers read by St. Cuthbert's Year 11 Senior Team.



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Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust.

In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart.

Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us.

In the light of God, we see everyone as equally precious manifestations of the Divine, and can know the courage to face the darkness.

Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish all darkness, love will prevail over hate and good will triumph over evil.

Amen



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## Prayer 2

By Philip Hall



Lord God and Father,  
We remember before you all those who bear the inner and outer scars of the Holocaust and of subsequent acts of genocide.  
Let them not be overwhelmed by the horrors that engulfed them. Be close to them.  
Help them to see that you suffer with those who suffer, and that no wickedness can ever extinguish your infinite love.  
Restrain those who are filled with hatred and use violence to pursue their ends. Change their hearts.  
May remembrance make us alert to the reality of evil and its deceptive allure.  
Help us to recognise our own capacity for evil and allow your Spirit to purge it from our beings.  
Help us also to stand up against evil and oppression, even if that means we have to suffer ourselves.  
Enable us to defend those who are not strong enough to defend themselves, and to be ready to bring the light of your truth into the dark areas of human experience.  
Deepen our respect for everything you have made, and help us to share in securing the maximum good of every person who is alive in your world.  
We ask this in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, carries our sorrows, heals our wounds, and is risen for our freedom.

*Amen*



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## Prayer 3



Dear God,  
on this day, this one day,  
we come into your presence in darkness and in light.  
We know what has happened in days past, in darkness  
and in light.  
We understand people can experience today darkness  
and light.  
We trust that you will guide us every day in darkness and  
light.



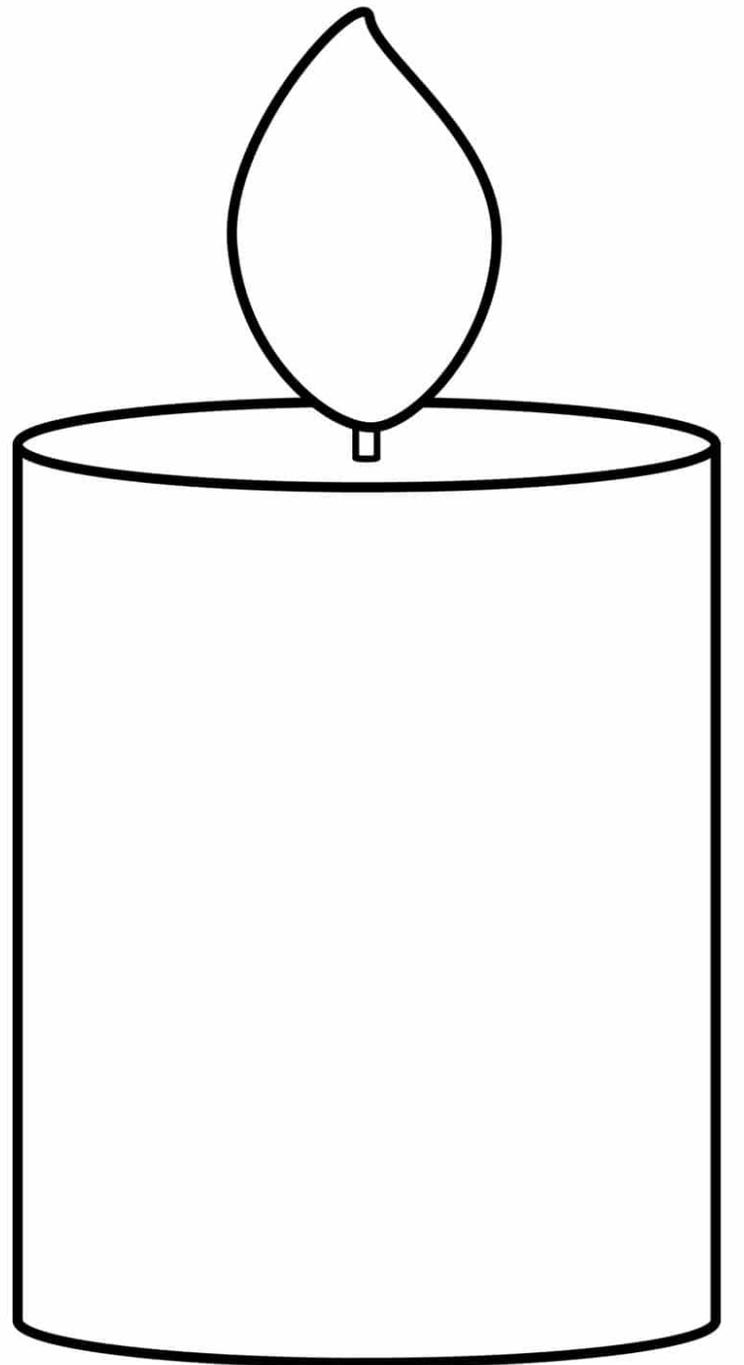
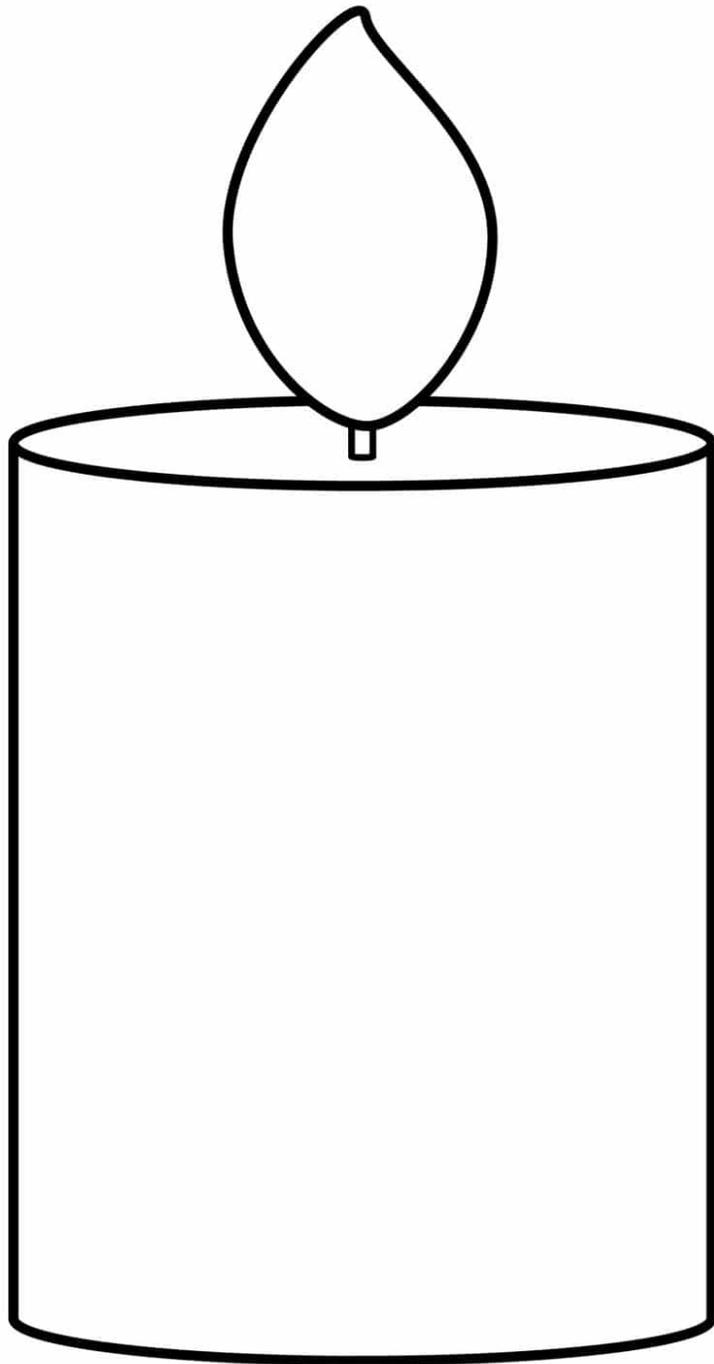
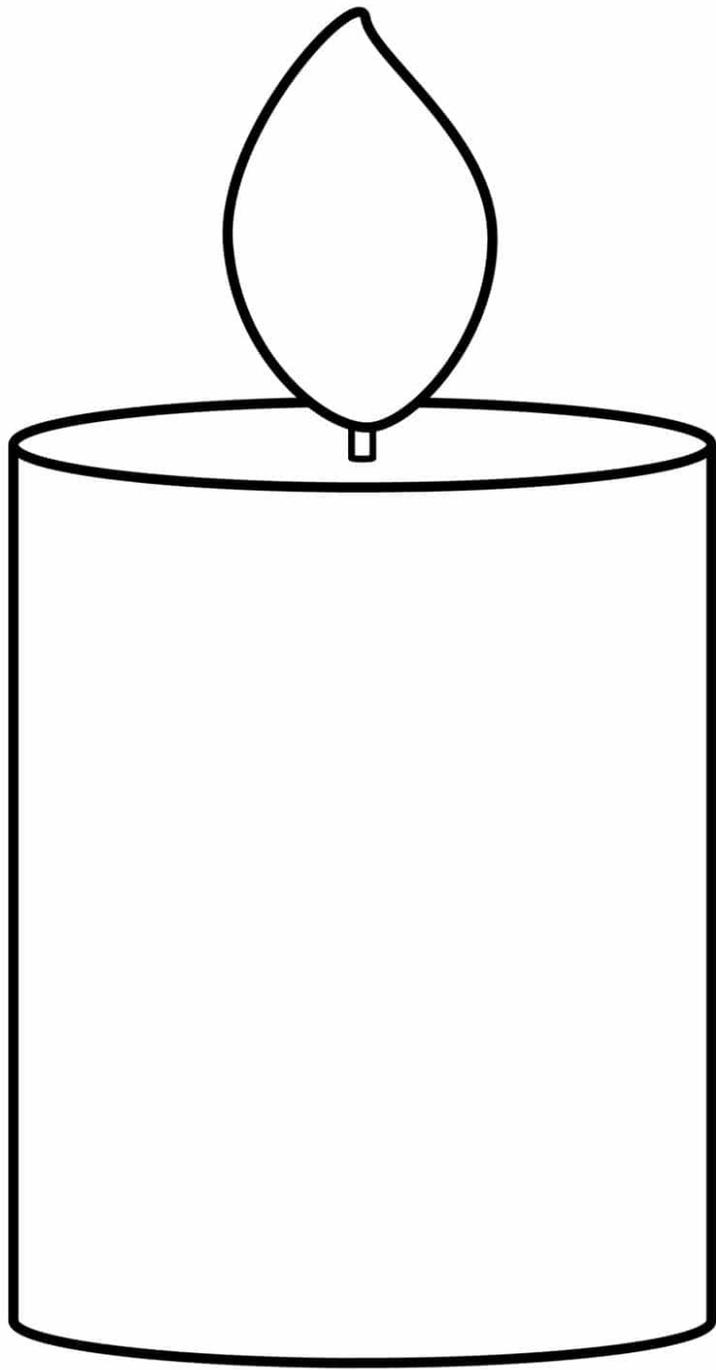
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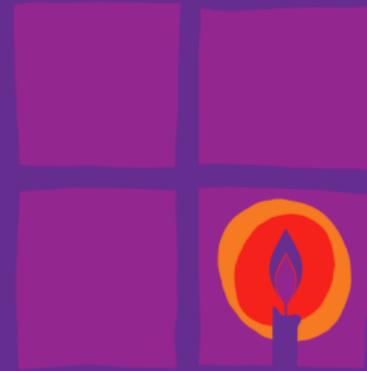
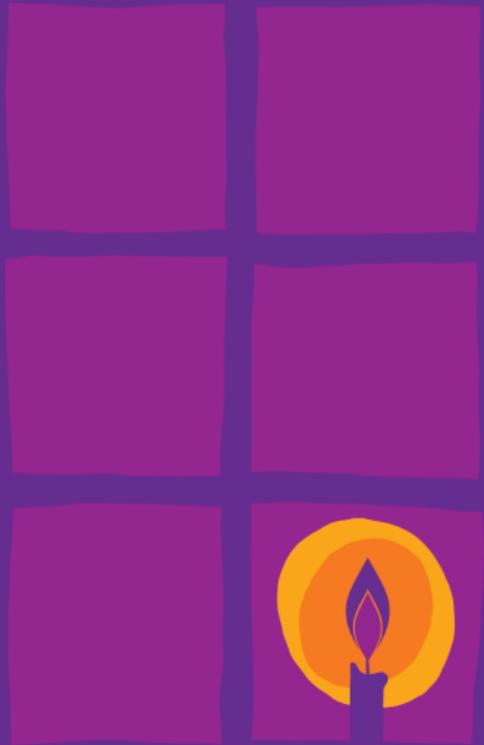
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