

**Theme of the Week:**  
**'Set An Example'**

**Key Question:**

**How can you set an example to the rest of the Academy?**



A background image showing several lit candles in glass holders, with a soft purple light filter applied over the scene.

# HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

## DAY

## 27 JANUARY

**#HMD2021**



# Verse of the Week:



This verse talks about the importance of standing up for what you believe is right.

This links to the **spiritual connection** of connecting with others in a deep and meaningful way by standing up for people's human rights.

**How can you stand against prejudice in your community?**







**LIGHT THE  
DARKNESS**

## **I Cannot Forget by Alexander Kimel**

**Do I want to remember?**

**The peaceful ghetto, before the raid:**

**Children shaking like leaves in the wind.**

**Mothers searching for a piece of bread.**

**Shadows, on swollen legs, moving with fear.**

**No, I don't want to remember, but how can I forget?**

**Do I want to remember, the creation of hell?**

**The shouts of the Raiders, enjoying the hunt.**

**Cries of the wounded, begging for life.**

**Faces of mothers carved with pain.**

**Hiding Children, dripping with fear.**

**No, I don't want to remember, but how can I forget?**

**Do I want to remember, my fearful return?**

**Families vanished in the midst of the day.**

**The mass grave steaming with vapor of blood.**

**Mothers searching for children in vain.**

**The pain of the ghetto, cuts like a knife.**

**No, I don't want to remember, but how can I forget?**

**Do I want to remember, the wailing of the night?**

**The doors kicked ajar, ripped feathers floating the air.**

**The night scented with snow-melting blood.**

**While the compassionate moon, is showing the way.**

**For the faceless shadows, searching for kin.**

**No, I don't want to remember, but I cannot forget.**

**Do I want to remember this world upside down?**

**Where the departed are blessed with an instant death.**

**While the living condemned to a short wretched life,**

**And a long tortuous journey into unnamed place,**

**Converting Living Souls, into ashes and gas.**

**No. I Have to Remember and Never Let You Forget.**

# **Holocaust Memorial Day Prayer**

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