

## A Christian Prayer at Auschwitz

for 1-27-05 Remembrance

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Dear God and Father,

Through the Blood of your Jewish Son, Jesus,

We pray

On a day when 60 years ago

the Killing Center of Auschwitz

Was Liberated

Divorce us from the Spirit of Retribution

and Violence

Which we run to when we are wronged

Which started the War

That would not End

Deliver us from Retaliation

And envy

Which devoured millions of

your Souls

Which we took and still take for granted

Give us repentance

>From greed and pride

Which to this day

Causes us to spoil and ruin the lives of others

Lives you gave as a gift

>From our robbery

Of all that is precious and good  
In the Lives of Others  
Purge us of the desire  
To enslave those who are  
Less powerful than we  
Of the desire to bleed  
The other soul  
Of all they own and are  
God of those who died  
Write on our hearts every death  
Which in terror went unnoticed  
And which some count now  
As insignificant  
Our lives are all significant  
God of those who Survived,  
Who walked, like you,  
>From a tomb one morning  
Remember the Jewish Sons  
and Daughters of the Earth  
Who Like You,  
Seldom had a home  
Or Rest  
Accomplishing God's Glory  
God of History  
Let us never deny or forget  
The suffering of a Nation:

Not the nation that perished in Auschwitz

And the Merciless Camps

Nor the ones who perish now

Wondering why we refuse

Their Call

God of all we own and breathe and are

Soften our hearts to remember

The Uncovered truth

Of the depth of Love

You have called us to

Help us to walk in your

Perfect Holy Spirit

In the Spirit of Peace

And rest,

Write on our hearts your Word

Cause us to see as brothers

The Ones you have called Chosen

>From the beginning

And to stand forever in

their defense and mercy.

Lord, in your Perfect Suffering

And Divine Cause of redemption

Cause our brothers and sisters

The Jewish people to find

Meaning in theirs

Rest in the Heaven of God

And Perfect Healing.  
God of Auschwitz and Now  
Bring real repentance and truth  
In a world gone mad  
With death and power  
Bring us in Repentance  
to Auschwitz  
The exact end of Our  
Way  
Without You.  
In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
Amen.

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