

A Litany for Holocaust Remembrance Day

Voice 1: Today the echo can still be heard

Voice 2: Stand still, if only for a moment.

Voice 1: To listen.

Voice 2: To remember.

**All: *A voice crying in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel weeping for her children;
refusing to be comforted
because they are no more.***

Voice 1: The Jews, young and old

Voice 2: The dissidents, the pacifists,

Voice 1: The Roma, the Serbs, the Poles,

Voice 2: The homosexuals, the prisoners of war, the differently abled....

All: *More than 12 million lives in all*

Voice 1: Starved, gassed, and burned.

Voice 2: Cut off, cut down, cut short.

Voice 1: While the complacent heard, saw, smelled, said, and did nothing.

Voice 2: While the brave defied, assisted, subverted, concealed, and risked everything.

Voice 1: So let us listen

Voice 2: So let us remember

Voice 1: To honour the beauty, the tragedy, and the sacrifice of the dead

Voice 2: To resist the rhetoric, the prejudice, and the fear of the living

Voice 2: That can only lead us back to Ramah

Voice 1: and away from the LORD's redemption

**All: *See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.***

Thus says the LORD. Amen.

