

- 1 The Nazis came to power in Germany in January 1933. From then on, concentration camps were established, and people were put there without trial - Jews, gypsies, disabled people, homosexuals, some prisoners of war, political and religious opponents.
- 2 On this day - 22nd March - 1933, the Nazis opened a concentration camp called Dachau, near Munich in Germany. By the end of the Second World War, millions had been killed in all the Nazi camps.
- 3 Despite all the suffering (suffering that we can't even begin to imagine) a prayer was discovered on a piece of wrapping paper beside the body of a dead child in another concentration camp - built at a place called Ravensbruck, where 92,000 women and children were murdered. We don't know who wrote this prayer, but we make it our own today:
- 4 **O Lord, remember not only
the men and women of good will,
but also those of ill will.
But do not remember
all the suffering
they have inflicted on us.
Remember instead
the good things that have come to us
thanks to this suffering -
our comradeship, our loyalty,
our humility, our courage,
our generosity,
and the greatness of heart
which have all grown out of this.
And when they come to judgement,
let all the good things
that have come out of this
be their forgiveness.
Amen.**

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to research this topic further.

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