

- 1 20 miles outside Pope John Paul's city of Krakow in Poland lie the remains of the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz. The terrible place remains as a memorial to the dead, and a warning about the inhumanity that human beings can show to one another.
- 2 Many people visit Auschwitz and see the careful and systematic planning that went into the murder of 1.5 million people who were sent there during the Second World War.
- 3 There are many photographs on display in some of the buildings that used to be the concentration camp. Next to a photograph of starving children in Auschwitz is another of healthy, strong and cheerful German children wearing the uniform of the 'Hitler Youth'. Underneath that photo appear these words of Adolf Hitler:
- 4 *"I freed Germany
from the stupid and degrading
errors and weaknesses
of conscience and right and wrong.
We will train young people
who will be capable of violence,
who will be domineering, cruel,
unyielding and without pity."*
- 5 *Let us pray:*

**God our Father,
it has been said
of many of the world's
worst war-criminals,
just how ordinary they looked.
In the ordinary events
of our daily lives,
inspire us always to be positive
in our attitude and in our decisions.
Deliver us from all that is evil.
Amen.**

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