

## Prayer of Repentance for Generational Anti-Semitism

On behalf of myself and my ancestors I repent for all hostile actions and/or discrimination against Jews as a religious or ethnic group. I repent of speaking demeaning or negative words about Jews such as the ethnic slur, "Kike," and "He Jewed me down" (referring to the haggling over the sale of an item) or "He's as tight as a Jew." I repent for believing and speaking the lie that Jews are the source of societal ills and that they were "born to be slaves." I repent for those who said that the Jews must be held responsible for the death of Jesus. I repent for all book burning of Jewish texts and for burning and banning of synagogues throughout history, for forcing Jews to convert to Christianity or Islam and for the confiscation of Jewish wealth. I repent for all those in my generational line who supported the banning of Jews and Christians from eating together and from unfair taxation of Jews. I repent for all lynching of Jewish people who lived in the USA.

On behalf of those in my generational flow I repent for those, who lived during the Egyptian captivity of Israel and forced the Jews into hard labor as slaves. I repent for those who killed Hebrew male children.

On behalf of those in my bloodline I repent for those who lived in the Neo-Assyrian Empire who participated in the conquering of the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the resettling of thousands of residents of ancient Samaria (740 BC).

On behalf of those in my bloodline I repent for those who participated in the Neo Babylonian's destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, for all the shedding of blood and for uprooting 10,000 Jewish families (586 BC).

On behalf of those in my bloodline I repent for those who, under the leadership of Haman, attempted to commit genocide against the Jews (175-165 BC).

On behalf of those in my ancestral line I repent for those who cooperated with Antiochus Epiphanes IV in attempting to erect a statue of Zeus in Jerusalem, for the slaughter of thousands of innocent lives and for the destruction of the city of Jerusalem (175-165 BC).

On behalf of those in my generational line I repent for those who cooperated with Gnaeus Cornelius Scipio Hispanus in expelling all Jews from the city of Rome (139 BC).

I repent for those who cooperated with Pompey in the killing of 12,000 Jews and sending many more into the diaspora (63 BC).

I repent for those who in anti-Jewish riots in Alexandria, killed countless Jews, defiled synagogues, scourged Jewish leaders and segregated the Jewish population to one quarter of the city (38 BC).

I repent for the killing of over 1,000,000 Jews, the deaths of over another 1,500,000 as a result of famine and disease and the taking of 97,000 as slaves following the destruction of the Second Temple (70 AD). I repent for those who took those slaves and killed and tortured them in gladiatorial games and pagan celebrations.

I repent for those who cooperated with Hadrian in the killing of 580,000 Jews, expelling the Jews from Judea, constructing a pagan temple to Jupiter at the site of the Temple in Jerusalem and banning Jews from visiting Judea. I repent for the renaming of Judea to Palestine in order to suppress the Jewish connection with the land (132-136 AD).

I repent for those in my ancestral line who participated or agreed with the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in deciding to separate the church's calculation of the date of Easter from the Jewish Passover. I renounce the declaration that it was improper to follow the custom of the Jews in the celebration of this holy festival because Jewish hands were stained with crime and their minds were blinded. I renounce the declaration that said, "Let us, then have nothing in common with the Jews, who are our adversaries ... avoiding all contact with that evil way...who, after having compassed the death of the Lord, being out of their minds, are guided not by sound reason, but by an unrestrained passion, wherever their innate madness carries them...a people so utterly depraved...Therefore, this irregularity must be corrected, in order that we may no more have any thing in common with those parricides and murderers of our Lord...no single point in common with the perjury of the Jews" (325 AD).

I repent and renounce the coming into agreement with the *Codex Theodosianus* that prohibited Jews from holding important positions involving money, including judicial and executive offices (439 AD).

I repent and renounce the sins of those who agreed with the decree of Sassanid, ruler of Yasdegerd II of Persia, that abolished the Sabbath and ordered executions of Jewish leaders (551 AD).

I repent and renounce the sins of those who agreed with the Council of Vannes that prohibited the Christian clergy from participating in Jewish feasts (465 AD).

I repent for those in my bloodline who agreed with the Council of Epaone in banning Christians from participating in Jewish feasts (517).

I repent for those who agreed with the First Council of Clermont (of Gaul) which prohibited Jews from holding public office (AD 535).

I repent for those in my bloodline who agreed with the Byzantine Emperor Justinian the Great in establishing laws that restricted citizenship to Christians, forbidding Jews to testify against Christians, outlawing the use of the Hebrew language in worship, censoring Jewish liturgy as being anti-Trinitarian and banning the use of the Shema as being a denial of the Trinity (529-559 AD).

I repent for those who agreed with The Third Council of Orleans (of Gaul) which prohibited Jews from appearing in the streets during Easter because their appearance was an insult to Christianity (538 AD).

I repent for those who participated in the massacre of Jews and Samaritans of Caesarea after they revolted (547).

On behalf of those in my generational line I repent for the killing of thousands of Jews by the crusaders (1096-). I repent for massacring over 100,000 Jews by my Muslim ancestors in Fez and Marrakesh (1146). I repent for those who were in agreement with the expelling of Jews from Spain (1147).

On behalf of those in my generational line I repent for participation in the pogroms in Russia, Poland and Romania. (Pogrom is a Russian word depicting assaults such as looting, killing and rape committed by one segment of the population against another. The word usually speaks of the attacks of Christians against Jews.) I repent for my ancestors who were civil and military authorities who remained neutral and did nothing to stop the attacks and for those who offered their support in destroying the Jews (1881-1921).

I repent for those who persecuted the Jews in Germany and participated in the stripping of their rights, not only as citizens, but also as human beings (1933-1941). I repent for those in my ancestry who participated in the holocaust and the killing of about six million Jews, including about one million children (1939-1945).

I repent for all the many atrocities and injustices committed by my ancestors against Jewish people throughout history.