

### **Sample Messages of Condolences**

These sample messages of condolences can be further personalized and shared with members of the Jewish community in a show of compassion and unity following the Pittsburgh tragedy.

#### **Short personal messages**

- I am extremely sorry to hear about the horrific act of terror in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. My heart goes out to the families and loved ones of the victims and the Jewish community. As a Muslim, I wholeheartedly believe in peace and peaceful co-existence. We must do more to end all forms of hate that surround us. Please accept my condolences and know that I am thinking of you and your community during this difficult time.
- When I heard the sad news about the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, I was heartbroken and wanted to reach out to you. My thoughts and prayers are with your whole community, particularly the families of the victims and those injured. Islam preaches peace and compassion for all humanity and we must stand united, now more than ever, and find ways to defeat bigotry in all its forms once and for all. Please know that I am here for you.
- The tragedy that took the lives of worshippers at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh left me speechless. As a Muslim, I condemn violence and promote peace for all, regardless of religion. My heart goes out to all those that are affected by this horrific act of hate. May the families of the victims and those injured and the entire Jewish community be comforted in knowing that I and my community are thinking of you and praying for your healing.

#### **Longer messages**

- Dear friend or *name of recipient*,

I'd like to extend my heartfelt condolences to you for the hateful act at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I pray for the families and loved ones of those affected as well as the whole Jewish community during this painful period. These kinds of horrific incidents that target innocent people in their places of worship are hard to bear. We, as Muslims, Christians, and Jews and many other worshippers, go to our religious and community centres to connect with our Lord in prayer and it is unfathomable that such places of peace and comfort become places of violence. My Muslim community is praying for this senseless violence to stop.

Please know that I stand with you and the Jewish community as we fight hate and violence together for a safer world. You are in my thoughts.

Pittsburgh Synagogue  
October 31, 2018

With you in prayer each moment,  
*Name of writer*

- Dear friend,

I am filled with sadness and disbelief as I think about what happened in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, just a few days ago. A senseless act of violence in the most sacred of places. Worshippers go to synagogues, mosques and churches and other places of worship to pray to their Lord peacefully. Please accept my condolences and know that I am thinking of you and the entire Jewish community. My thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of the victims at Tree of Life Congregation.

This horrific attack that claimed the lives of 11 and injured many others wasn't just an attack on the Jewish community but all of humanity. We must stand together during this difficult time and put an end to this kind of intolerance and bigotry that plagues our society. The Muslim community, myself included, mourns and grieves with you during this difficult time. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We pray to our Lord to grant us the strength and wisdom to eliminate this kind of hate and violence in our society.

Yours in solidarity,  
*Name of writer*