

Need another word that means the same as “purgatory”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “purgatory” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Purgatory” are: torment, torture, misery, suffering, affliction, anguish, agony, wretchedness, woe, tribulation, hell, hell on earth**

## **Purgatory as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Purgatory" as a noun**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “purgatory” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A temporary condition of torment or suffering.*
- *Mental anguish or suffering.*
- *(in Catholic doctrine) a place or state of suffering inhabited by the souls of sinners who are expiating their sins before going to heaven.*
- *In Roman Catholic theology the place where those who have died in a state of grace undergo limited torment to expiate their sins.*
- *(theology) in Roman Catholic theology the place where those who have died in a state of grace undergo limited torment to expiate their sins.*



## Synonyms of "Purgatory" as a noun (12 Words)

- affliction** A cause of great suffering and distress.  
*A crippling **affliction** of the nervous system.*
- agony** Extreme physical or mental suffering.  
*He crashed to the ground in **agony**.*
- anguish** Extreme mental distress.  
*Philip gave a cry of **anguish**.*
- hell on earth** Noisy and unrestrained mischief.
- misery** A person who is constantly miserable or discontented.  
*The **misery** and wretchedness of those slums is intolerable.*
- suffering** Psychological suffering.  
*Weapons that cause unnecessary **suffering**.*
- torment** A feeling of intense annoyance caused by being tormented.  
*Their deaths have left both families in **torment**.*

<b>torture</b>	Unbearable physical pain. <i>Confessions extracted under <b>torture</b>.</i>
<b>tribulation</b>	An annoying or frustrating or catastrophic event. <i>His time of <b>tribulation</b> was just beginning.</i>
<b>woe</b>	Intense mournfulness. <i>The Everton tale of <b>woe</b> continued.</i>
<b>wretchedness</b>	A state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune. <i>The misery and <b>wretchedness</b> of those slums is intolerable.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Purgatory" as a noun

- *All her sins were forgiven and she would not need to go to Purgatory.*
- *A purgatory of drug abuse.*
- *This was purgatory, worse than anything she'd faced in her life.*
- *The punishment of souls in purgatory.*



## Associations of "Purgatory" (30 Words)

<b>angel</b>	In traditional Christian angelology a being of the lowest order of the ninefold celestial hierarchy. <i>Every year we raise the money for the next season and we are always looking for an <b>angel</b>.</i>
<b>archangel</b>	An angel ranked above the highest rank in the celestial hierarchy.
<b>archbishop</b>	A bishop of highest rank. <i>The <b>Archbishop</b> of York.</i>
<b><u>ascension</u></b>	(astronomy) the rising of a star above the horizon. <i>His <b>ascension</b> to the presidency.</i>
<b><u>cardinal</u></b>	A deep scarlet colour like that of a cardinal s cassock. <i>His appointment as <b>cardinal</b>.</i>
<b>coadjutor</b>	An assistant to a bishop.
<b>confessional</b>	An enclosed stall in a church divided by a screen or curtain in which a priest sits to hear confessions. <i>Tabloid <b>confessionals</b>.</i>
<b><u>conflagration</u></b>	An extensive fire which destroys a great deal of land or property. <i>Tinder dry conditions sparked fears of a <b>conflagration</b> in many drought devastated communities.</i>
<b>dark</b>	A dark colour or shade especially in a painting. <i>When I came to work here over half the West End theatres were <b>dark</b>.</i>
<b><u>demon</u></b>	Reckless mischief; devilry. <i>A friend of mine is a <b>demon</b> cook.</i>
<b><u>dungeon</u></b>	Imprison someone in a dungeon.
<b>excellency</b>	An outstanding feature or quality. <i>The characteristic excellencies of Wordsworth's poetry are listed.</i>
<b>expiate</b>	Make amends or reparation for (guilt or wrongdoing). <i>Their sins must be <b>expiated</b> by sacrifice.</i>
<b>firmament</b>	The apparent surface of the imaginary sphere on which celestial bodies appear to be projected. <i>Thunder shakes the <b>firmament</b>.</i>
<b>forgivable</b>	Easily excused or forgiven. <i>The flaws are <b>forgivable</b>.</i>
<b>heaven</b>	A place, state, or experience of supreme bliss. <i>Those who practised good deeds would receive the reward of a place in <b>heaven</b>.</i>

<b>infernal</b>	Characteristic of or resembling Hell. <i><b>Infernal</b> instruments of war.</i>
<b><u>inferno</u></b>	A very intense and uncontrolled fire. <i>The <b>inferno</b> of the engine room.</i>
<b>malevolent</b>	Wishing or appearing to wish evil to others; arising from intense ill will or hatred. <i>Failure made him <b>malevolent</b> toward those who were successful.</i>
<b>perdition</b>	The abode of Satan and the forces of evil; where sinners suffer eternal punishment- John Milton. <i>Hurl d headlong To bottomless <b>perdition</b> there to dwell.</i>
<b><u>perpetrate</u></b>	Perform an act, usually with a negative connotation. <i>A crime has been <b>perpetrated</b> against a sovereign state.</i>
<b>pope</b>	English poet and satirist (1688-1744).
<b>prelate</b>	A bishop or other high ecclesiastical dignitary.
<b><u>prison</u></b>	A prisonlike situation a place of seeming confinement. <i>He died in <b>prison</b>.</i>
<b><u>sin</u></b>	Commit a sin. <i>A <b>sin</b> in the eyes of God.</i>
<b>supernal</b>	Being or coming from on high. <i><b>Supernal</b> erudition.</i>
<b>transgression</b>	The spreading of the sea over land as evidenced by the deposition of marine strata over terrestrial strata. <i>The boy was punished for the <b>transgressions</b> of his father.</i>
<b>underworld</b>	The mythical abode of the dead, imagined as being under the earth. <i>A prominent <b>underworld</b> figure.</i>
<b>welkin</b>	The sky or heaven.

