

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**.*

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

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

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

