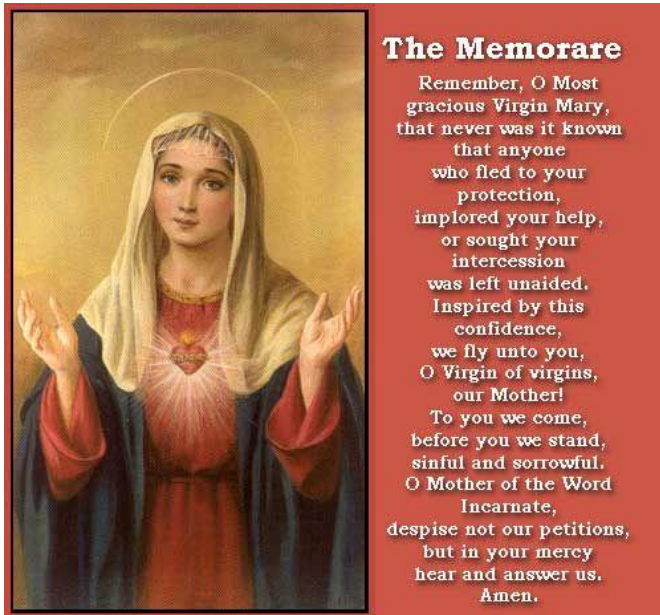


Prayers for Grade 10

Because our students are preparing for confirmation, and are therefore committed to daily prayer we have one prayer for 10th grade, it is the Memorare. Students may choose whether to pray 'thy' or 'your'.



The Memorare

Remember, O Most
gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone
who fled to your
protection,
implored your help,
or sought your
intercession
was left unaided.
Inspired by this
confidence,
we fly unto you,
O Virgin of virgins,
our Mother!
To you we come,
before you we stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word
Incarnate,
despise not our petitions,
but in your mercy
hear and answer us.
Amen.

Memorare

Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother: to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

Students will also pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory in class. This prayer, also called the Prayer of St. Gertrude will not be tested on only the Memorare will be.

The Prayer of St. Gertrude, below, is one of the most famous of the prayers for souls in purgatory. St. Gertrude the Great (pictured at left) was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th century. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time it is said devoutly.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Many of the Fathers of the Church, such as St. Augustine and St. John Chrysostom, considered prayers for souls in purgatory to be essential. The church has endorsed the doctrine of purgatory from the Councils of Florence and Trent in the 15th and 16th centuries right up through Vatican II in the 1960's.

