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There is a
“funny” but
powerful story
about Mother
Teresa and this

prayer, the Memorare. She was known for getting what she wanted (and what she wanted was always for holy purposes). Time and again, she would overcome seemingly insurmountable problems. The miraculous happened around her every day. She was a strong woman of prayer, a woman very close to God, and a woman who rarely took *no* for an answer. She had boundless confidence in God. She knew that God answered her prayer.

The Memorare was one of her secret weapons. She had a very deep love for Our Lady, and she prayed the Rosary all day long. Literally. Her rosary was always in her hands. Her lips always moving in prayer... whether silently or out loud.

In times of *great* need, when there seemed to be no solution to some obstacle in her way, she turned to this prayer:

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 by 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.

When facing difficult circumstances, she did not pray this prayer just once. No. She would offer an “**express**” **novena**. She would say nine Memorares in a row. And, she always prayed a 10th Memorare in thanksgiving, confident that her prayers would be answered.