```
[mysqld_safe]
malloc-lib=tcmalloc
```

To use a specific `tcmalloc` library, specify its full path name. Example:

```
[mysqld_safe]
malloc-lib=/opt/lib/libtcmalloc_minimal.so
```

- `--mysqld=prog_name`

  The name of the server program (in the `ledir` directory) that you want to start. This option is needed if you use the MySQL binary distribution but have the data directory outside of the binary distribution. If `mysqld_safe` cannot find the server, use the `--ledir` option to indicate the path name to the directory where the server is located.

  This option is accepted only on the command line, not in option files. On platforms that use systemd, the value can be specified in the value of `MYSQLD_OPTS`. See Section 2.5.9, "Managing MySQL Server with systemd".

- `--mysqld-version=suffix`

  This option is similar to the `--mysqld` option, but you specify only the suffix for the server program name. The base name is assumed to be `mysqld`. For example, if you use `--mysqld-version=debug`, `mysqld_safe` starts the `mysqld-debug` program in the `ledir` directory. If the argument to `--mysqld-version` is empty, `mysqld_safe` uses `mysqld` in the `ledir` directory.

  This option is accepted only on the command line, not in option files. On platforms that use systemd, the value can be specified in the value of `MYSQLD_OPTS`. See Section 2.5.9, "Managing MySQL Server with systemd".

- `--nice=priority`

  Use the `nice` program to set the server's scheduling priority to the given value.

- `--no-defaults`

  Do not read any option files. If program startup fails due to reading unknown options from an option file, `--no-defaults` can be used to prevent them from being read. This must be the first option on the command line if it is used.

  For additional information about this and other option-file options, see Section 4.2.2.3, "Command-Line Options that Affect Option-File Handling".

- `--open-files-limit=count`

  The number of files that `mysqld` should be able to open. The option value is passed to `ulimit -n`.

  > **Note**
  >
  > You must start `mysqld_safe` as `root` for this to function properly.

- `--pid-file=file_name`

  The path name that `mysqld` should use for its process ID file.

- `--plugin-dir=dir_name`

  The path name of the plugin directory.