

# God, Be Merciful to Me

## PSALM 51

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on Your grace I rest my plea;  
2. My trans-gres-sions I con-fess, grief and guilt my soul op-press;  
3. I am e - vil, born in sin; You de - sire all truth with-in.  
4. Bro-ken, hum-bled to the dust by Your wrath and judg-ment just,

Your com-pas-sions ov - er - flow; blot out my trans - gres-sions now;  
I have sinned a - gainst Your grace and pro-voked You to Your face;  
You a - lone my Sav - ior are; teach Your wis - dom to my heart;  
let my con-trite heart re - joice and in glad-ness hear Your voice;

wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
I con-fess Your judg-ment just, speech-less, in Your mer - cy trust.  
make me pure, Your grace be-stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.  
from my sins, O hide Your face, blot them out in bound-less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,  
make my spirit right and true;  
let me not abandoned be,  
let Your Spirit dwell in me;  
Your salvation's joy impart,  
steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me  
and to God, restored shall be;  
Savior, all my guilt remove,  
and my tongue shall sing Your love;  
touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall praise accord.

7. No attempted sacrifice  
has acceptance in Your eyes;  
broken hearts are in Your sight  
more than sacrificial rite;  
contrite spirit, pleading cries,  
You, O God, will not despise.

8. Prosper Zion in Your grace  
and her broken walls replace;  
then our righteous sacrifice  
shall delight Your holy eyes;  
free-will offerings, gladly made,  
on Your altar shall be laid.