

I Plead for Grace

PSALM 51

1. I plead for grace, O God of steadfast love;
2. Though You want truth and purity within,
3. Create in me a spotless heart, I pray.
4. Save me, O God— with blood my hands are stained!
5. Lord, in Your goodness, build up Zion's walls.

by Your great mercy, all my sin remove.
I am unclean, conceived with in-born sin.
Take not Your Spirit! Cast me not away!
Open my lips to praise Your righteous name.
Let not my sin tear down Your glorious cause.

Deeply ashamed for spurning You alone,
Purge me with blood, and wash me white as snow.
Restore to me salvation's joy anew,
Though You reject a thoughtless sacrifice,
May You delight in every sacrifice,

I stand condemned before Your holy throne.
Hide my transgressions; heal my broken soul.
then I will teach the lost to turn to You.
my broken, contrite heart You'll not despise.
of-fended by sinners You have purified.

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Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

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6. God can be just and sinners justify,
for Jesus bled God's wrath to satisfy.
My sins the spikes that nailed Christ to the tree—
God's love and justice there for all to see.