

God, Hear My Plea, Be Merciful

Based on Psalm 51

1. God, hear my plea, be mer - ci - ful to me;
2. All my trans - gres - sions do I know with - in,
3. *Be - hold, I was in sin - ful - ness con - ceived,*
4. O God, hide Thou Thy face from all my sins,
5. *Then to trans - gres - sors I will teach Thy ways,*
6. Thou, LORD, in sac - ri - fice hast no de - light;
7. O God, be - hold Thy ci - ty from a - bove;

Treat me ac - cord - ing to Thy lov - ing - kind - ness.
And all my sin is con - stant - ly be - fore me.
And in in - iq - ui - ty my moth - er bore me.
Blot out all my in - iq - ui - ties that grieve Thee.
And sin - ners will re - turn to seek Thy fa - vor.
If I should with ob - la - tions try to please Thee,
Make Zi - on pros - per, LORD, in Thy good plea - sure.

Blot out my mis - deeds, done in sin - ful blind - ness,
Let Thy a - bun - dant mer - cy then re - store me;
Thou dost de - sire that I should walk be - fore Thee
Cre - ate in me a clean heart; do not leave me.
O LORD, me from blood - guilt - i - ness de - liv - er,
With my burnt of - f'rings seek - ing to ap - pease Thee,
Safe - guard Je - ru - sa - lem, Thy pride and trea - sure,

So that a - gain Thy mer - cy I may see.
A - gainst Thee, LORD, Thee on - ly, did I sin.
And in my in - most heart Thy truth re - ceive.
Re - new my spir - it, make it strong a - gain.
That I may sing a - loud un - to Thy praise.
Then I would find no fa - vor in Thy sight.
And build its walls in Thy un - fail - ing love.

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All my of - fen - ses in Thy grace for - give,
 I have com - mit - ted e - vil in Thy sight;
Purge me with hys - sop: clean shall I then be;
 Oh, from Thy pre - sence cast me not a - way;
Then un - to Thee shall I my tri - bute bring,
 One gift a - lone is plea - sing in God's eyes:
 Then of - f'rings will find fa - vor in Thy sight;

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And wash a - way the guilt of my trans - gres - sion,
 I know that Thou art right - eous in Thy deal - ings.
Wash me to white - ness snow can nev - er cap - ture.
 Let nought me from Thy Ho - ly Spir - it sev - er.
O God of my sal - va - tion, my De - liv - 'rer.
 The con - trite heart of one who has re - pent - ed.
 Thou wilt be pleased with sac - ri - fi - ces prof - fered.

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That I may free from taint of e - vil live;
 Thy sen - tence, LORD, is whol - ly just - i - fied,
Grant joy and glad - ness so that un - to Thee
 Let joy of Thy sal - va - tion with me stay,
LORD, o - pen Thou my lips, and I shall sing
 A bro - ken spir - it Thou wilt not de - spise
 In whole burnt of - f'rings Thou wilt then de - light;

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LORD, from my sin cleanse me in Thy com - pas - sion.
 Thy judg - ment blame - less, right - eous - ness re - veal - ing.
Bones Thou hast brok - en shout a - gain with rap - ture.
 Up - hold me with a will - ing spir - it e - ver.
My songs of praise to Thee, sal - va - tion's Giv - er.
 When as a sac - ri - fice to Thee pre - sent - ed.
 Then on Thy al - tar bul - locks will be of - fered.