

Psalm 51

Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;

**According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.

**For I acknowledge my
transgressions,
And my sin is always before me.**

Against You, You only, have I sinned,
And done this evil in Your sight—

**That You may be found just when You speak,
And blameless when You judge.**

Behold, I was brought forth in
iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.

**Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
And in the hidden part You will make me to know
wisdom.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall
be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Make me hear joy and gladness,
That the bones You have broken may rejoice.**

Hide Your face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of Your
salvation,
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.**

Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners shall be converted to You.

**Deliver me from the guilt of
bloodshed, O God,
The God of my salvation,
And my tongue shall sing aloud
of Your righteousness.**

O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

**For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would
give it;
You do not delight in burnt offering.**

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,
A broken and a contrite heart—
These, O God, You will not despise.

**Do good in Your good pleasure to
Zion;
Build the walls of Jerusalem.**

Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of
righteousness,
With burnt offering and whole burnt offering;
Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.