



**Prayer Guide: Psalm 51**

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TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN NATHAN THE PROPHET WENT TO HIM, AFTER HE HAD GONE IN TO BATHSHEBA.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!
- 3 For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- 6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;  
19 then will you delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

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### **REVERENCE**

Merciful (1)  
Steadfast Love (1)  
Cleanses us from sin (1, 2,7)  
Blameless in his judgment (4)  
Creates a clean heart in us (10)  
Shows grace (10, 11, 12)  
Joy giver (12)  
Praiseworthy (15)

### **Prayer Prompts**

I praise you for your mercy to me in...  
Thank you for cleansing me from my sin...  
I praise you for forgiving me when...

### **RESPONSE**

Show me my hidden sin...  
Reveal my transgressions before you...  
Help me to be truthful about what I keep in secret...

### **REQUEST**

Cleanse me from \_\_\_\_ and make me white as snow  
Let me hear joy and gladness again when...  
Blot out my iniquity of...  
Create a clean heart in me when...  
Renew a right spirit within me toward...

### **READINESS**

Help me teach your ways to...  
Help me declare your praise when...  
Give me a contrite heart toward...