

God, Be Merciful to Me

Psalm 51

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1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on Thy 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; Thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by Thy wrath and judg - ment just,
5. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it right and true;

Plen - teous in com - pas - sion Thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
I have sinned a - gainst Thy grace and pro - voked Thee to Thy face;
Thou a - lone my Sav - iour art, teach Thy wis - dom to my heart;
Let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear Thy voice;
Cast me not a - way from Thee, let Thy spir - it dwell with me;

Wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
I con - fess Thy judg - ment just, speech-less, I Thy mer - cy trust.
Make me pure, Thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.
Thy sal - va - tion's joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.