

God, Be Merciful to Me Psalm 51C

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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 to sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust, by thy wrath and judg - ment just,

5. 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 - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;

9. 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.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee,
let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation's joy impart,
steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove,
and my tongue shall sing thy love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall praise accord.

7. Not the formal sacrifice
hath acceptance in thine eyes;
broken hearts are in thy sight
more than sacrificial rite;
contrite spirit, pleading cries,
thou, O God, wilt not despise.

8. Prosper Zion in thy grace
and her broken walls replace;
then our righteous sacrifice
shall delight thy holy eyes;
free-will off'rings, gladly made,
on thine altar shall be laid.