

Psalm 51



David knew that God is willing to forgive us when we admit our failures. He prayed this prayer after he had committed adultery with Bathsheba and arranged for her husband to be killed when she became pregnant.

God, have mercy on me

according to your faithful love.

Because your love is so tender and kind,

wipe out my lawless acts.

Wash away all the evil things I've done.

Make me pure from my sin.

I know the lawless acts I've committed.

I can't forget my sin.

You are the one I've really sinned against.

I've done what is evil in your sight.

So you are right when you sentence me.

You are fair when you judge me.

I know I've been a sinner ever since I was born.

I've been a sinner ever since my mother became pregnant with me.

I know that you wanted faithfulness even when I was in my mother's body.

You taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Sprinkle me with hyssop, then I will be clean.

Wash me, then I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear you say, "Your sins are forgiven."

That will bring me joy and gladness.

Let the body you have broken be glad.

Take away all my sins.

Wipe away all the evil things I've done.

God, create a pure heart in me.

Give me a new spirit that is faithful to you.

Don't send me away from you.

Don't take your Holy Spirit away from me.

Give me back the joy that comes from being saved by you.

Give me a spirit that obeys you so that I will keep going.

