

## **Psalm 50/51**

### **Prayer of Repentance**

O God, have mercy on me  
in the greatness of your love;  
In the abundance of your tender mercies  
wipe out my offense.

Wash me thoroughly from malice  
and cleanse me from sin,  
For I am well aware of my malice  
and my sin is before me always.

It is You alone I have offended,  
I have done what is evil in your sight,  
Wherefore You are just in your deeds  
and triumphant in your judgment.

Behold, I was born in iniquities  
and in sins my mother conceived me.  
But You are the Lover of Truth:  
You have shown me the depths and  
secrets of your wisdom.

Wash me with hyssop and I shall be pure,  
cleanse me and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear sounds of joy and feasting:  
the bones that were afflicted shall rejoice.

Turn your face away from my offenses  
and wipe off all my sins.  
A spotless heart create in me, O God;  
renew a steadfast spirit in my breast.

Cast me not afar from your face,  
take not your blessed Spirit out of me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and let your guiding Spirit dwell in me.

I will teach your ways to the sinners  
and the wicked shall return to You.  
Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God my saving God,  
And my tongue will joyfully sing your justice.

O Lord, You shall open my lips,  
And my mouth will declare your praise.  
Had you desired a sacrifice, I would have offered it,  
but You will not be satisfied with whole-burnt offerings.

Sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit:  
a crushed and humbled heart God will not spurn.  
In Your kindness, O Lord, be bountiful to Sion;  
may the walls of Jerusalem be restored.

Then will You delight in just oblation,  
In sacrifice and whole-burnt offerings.  
Then shall they offer calves upon your altar.