

# Be Merciful, O Lord/ Create a Clean Heart

## Psalm 51

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Be\_ mer - ci - ful, Lord, for we have sinned.

**Capo 5:**

**Refrain 1** \*Be merci-ful, Lord, for we have sinned.

**Verse 1**

Have mercy, God, in compassion,  
and forget that I have defied you,  
Wash away all my sin,  
and cleanse me from my guilt.  
Very well do I know what is evil,  
and my sins are always before me.  
Done to you alone, my offenses,  
crimes committed right before your eyes.

**Refrain 2**

**Verse 2**

**Refrain 3**

**Verse 3**

Repeat Refrain 1

You are justified giving sentence,  
and without reproach when you judge.  
You see me just as I am,  
a sinner before my birth.  
Behold, you love truth in the heart;  
in my secret heart teach me wisdom.  
With a sprig of hyssop and water,  
wash me; make me brighter than the snow.

Repeat Refrain 1

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,  
that the bones you bruised may revive!  
Shut your eyes to my sin;

\*Play the refrain as an Intro.

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**F6 E7sus4/F E7sus4 E7**  
 Bb6 A7sus4/Bb A7sus4 A7  
 make my guilt disappear.

**Am Am/G Dm**  
 Dm Dm/C Gm  
 O Creator, reshape my heart;

**G G9 C**  
 C C9 F  
 put a sturdy spirit within me.

**Em Am Dm**  
 Am Dm Gm  
 Deprive me not of your spirit;

**F7 E7 Am Am/G F6 Em**  
 Bb7 A7 Dm Dm/C Bb6 Am  
 cast me not away from your side.

*Refrain 4 Repeat Refrain 1*

*Verse 4*

**Am C Dm**  
 Dm F Gm  
 Give me back the joy of salvation,

**G G7 C**  
 C C7 F  
 with a fervent spirit sustain me.

**Em Am Dm**  
 Am Dm Gm  
 I will show to others your way;

**F6 E7sus4/F E7sus4 E7**  
 Bb6 A7sus4/Bb A7sus4 A7  
 those in sin will return to you.

**Am Am/G Dm**  
 Dm Dm/C Gm  
 O rescue me, God, be my helper,

**G G9 C**  
 C C9 F  
 and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.

**Em Am Dm**  
 Am Dm Gm  
 O Lord, open my lips

**F7 E7 Am Am/G F6 Em**  
 Bb7 A7 Dm Dm/C Bb6 Am  
 and my mouth will declare your praise.

*Refrain 5 Repeat Refrain 1*

*Verse 5*

**Am C Dm**  
 Dm F Gm  
 When I sacrifice, you refuse it,

**G G7 C**  
 C C7 F  
 and my holocausts do not please you.

**Em Am Dm**  
 Am Dm Gm  
 My broken spirit I offer;

**F6 E7sus4/F E7sus4 E7**  
 Bb6 A7sus4/Bb A7sus4 A7  
 you will welcome my humble heart.

**Am Am/G Dm**  
 Dm Dm/C Gm  
 In your mercy show favor to Sion,

**G G9 C**  
 C C9 F  
 and rebuild the walls of your city.

**Em Am Dm**  
 Am Dm Gm  
 Then our holocausts will be pleasing

**F7 E7 Am Am/G F6 Em**  
 Bb7 A7 Dm Dm/C Bb6 Am  
 sacrifices offered in your sight.

*Refrain 6*

**Am Am/G Dm/F G Am Am/G Fmaj7 Em**  
 Dm Dm/C Gm/Bb C Dm Dm/C Bbmaj7 Am  
 Be merci-ful, Lord, for we have sinned.

**C Am F6 E7sus4 E7 F**  
 F Dm Bb6 A7sus4 A7 Bb  
 Be merciful, merci-ful, O Lord.

*Coda*

**|F6 F E7sus4 E7 |Am Am/G |F6 F Em |**  
 Bb6 Bb A7sus4 A7 Dm Dm/C Bb6 Bb Am |

**|Am Am/G |F6 F Em |Asus2 ||**  
 Dm Dm/C Bb6 Bb Am Dsus2 ||

*Alt. Refrain*

**Am Am/G Dm/F G Am Am/G Fmaj7 Em**  
 Dm Dm/C Gm/Bb C Dm Dm/C Bbmaj7 Am  
 Create a clean heart in me, O God.

**C Am F6 E7sus4 E7 Am Am/G Dm/F Em**  
 F Dm Bb6 A7sus4 A7 Dm Dm/C Gm/Bb Am  
 Renew in me a steadfast spir - it.