

Be Merciful, O Lord/Create in Me

(Psalm 51)

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Refrain 1
 Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
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Refrain 2
 Repeat Refrain 1

Verse 1
 Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness;
 in your compassion blot out my offenses.
 Wash me more and more from my guilt,
 and cleanse me of all my iniquities.

Refrain 3
 Repeat Refrain 1

Verse 2
 For I acknowledge my offense,
 and my sin is always before me.
 "Against you alone have I sinned,
 and done what is evil in your sight."

Refrain 4
 Repeat Refrain 1

Verse 3
 A clean heart create for me, O God,
 and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
 Cast me not from your presence, O Lord,
 and your holy spirit take not from me.

Refrain 5
 Repeat Refrain 1

Verse 4
 Give me back the joy of your salvation,
 and a willing spirit sustain within me.
 O Lord, open my lips,
 and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Refrain 6
 Repeat Refrain 1

Verse 5
 O Lord, open my lips,
 and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
 My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;
 for you reject not the humble of heart.

Refrain 7
 Repeat Refrain 1

Refrain 8
 Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
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Alt. Refrain
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

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