

HAVE MERCY ON ME, O GOD, ACCORDING TO YOUR UNFAILING LOVE  
 ACCORDING TO YOUR GREAT COMPASSION BLOT OUT MY TRANSGRESSIONS.  
 WASH AWAY ALL MY INIQUITY AND CLEANSE ME FROM MY SIN.  
 FOR I KNOW MY TRANSGRESSIONS, AND MY SIN IS ALWAYS BEFORE ME.  
 AGAINST YOU, YOU ONLY, HAVE I SINNED AND DONE WHAT IS EVIL IN YOUR SIGHT,  
 SO THAT YOU ARE PROVED RIGHT WHEN YOU SPEAK AND JUSTIFIED WHEN YOU JUDGE.  
 SURELY I WAS SINFUL AT BIRTH, SINFUL FROM THE TIME MY MOTHER CONCEIVED ME.  
 SURELY YOU DESIRE TRUTH IN THE INNER PARTS : YOU TEACH ME WISDOM IN THE INMOST PLACE.  
 CLEANSE ME WITH HYSSOP, AND I WILL BE CLEAN: WASH ME, AND I WILL BE WHITER THAN SNOW.  
 LET ME HEAR JOY AND GLADNESS: LET THE BONES YOU HAVE CRUSHED REJOICE.  
 HIDE YOUR FACE FROM MY SINS AND BLOT OUT ALL MY INIQUITY.  
 CREATE IN ME A PURE HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A STEADFAST SPIRIT WITHIN ME.  
 DO NOT CAST ME FROM YOUR PRESENCE OR TAKE YOUR HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME.  
 RESTORE TO ME THE JOY OF YOUR SALVATION  
 AND GRANT ME A WILLING SPIRIT, TO SUSTAIN ME.  
 THEN I WILL TEACH TRANSGRESSORS YOUR WAYS, AND SINNERS WILL TURN BACK TO YOU.  
 SAVE ME FROM BLOODGUILT, O GOD, THE GOD WHO SAVES ME,  
 AND MY TONGUE WILL SING OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.  
 O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND MY MOUTH WILL DECLARE YOUR PRAISE.  
 YOU DO NOT DELIGHT IN SACRIFICE, OR I WOULD BRING IT: YOU  
 DO NOT TAKE PLEASURE IN BURNT OFFERINGS.  
 THE SACRIFICES OF GOD ARE A BROKEN SPIRIT: A BROKEN  
 AND CONTRITE HEART, O GOD, YOU WILL NOT DESPISE.  
 IN YOUR GOOD PLEASURE MAKE ZION PROSPER: BUILD UP THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM.  
 THEN THERE WILL BE RIGHTEOUS SACRIFICES, WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS  
 TO DELIGHT YOU: THEN BULLS WILL BE OFFERED ON YOUR ALTAR.

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