1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness,
according to the abundance of your compassion

blot out my offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,

5 So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement.

6 I have been wicked even from my birth,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.

8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

10 Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds.

11 Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.

13 Give me again the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

14 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked
and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from my guilt, O God,
The God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

16 O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

17 For you desire no sacrifice, else I would give it;
you take no delight in burnt offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

19 O be favourable and gracious to Zion;
build up the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will accept sacrifices offered in righteousness,
then shall they offer up bulls on your altar.

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