Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, O God, in your kindness.
   In your compassion blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
   and cleanse me from my sin.

My offenses truly I know them;
   my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
   what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence
   and be without reproach when you judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
   a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;
   then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
Sprinkle me with hyssop, then I shall be clean;
   O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
   that the bones you have crushed may thrill.
From my sins turn away your face
   and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
   put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence
   nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
   with a spirit of fervor sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
   and sinners may return to you.
Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, my saving God,  
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,  
burnt offering from me you would refuse,  
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit,  
a contrite, humbled heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, O Lord, show favor to Zion;  
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.  
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,  
burnt offerings wholly consumed;  
then you will be offered young bulls on your altar.