

## Praying Psalm 51

Read Psalm 51 each day. Then chew on one verse each day and digest it into your soul. Let each verse guide you in talking with the LORD. Turn each bullet point into your prayer and add others.

### MONDAY

*v.1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

- Let your steadfast love overflow in my life to those around me
- Reveal to my unchurched friend their need for mercy and cleansing

*v.2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!*

- Point out every thought and action of iniquity in my life
- Guide me to live a clean life that honors you and influences others

*v.3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

- Lord, you know me better than I know myself. Show me my sins
- Protect me from getting comfortable in any sin in my life

### TUESDAY

*v.4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.*

- Convict my unchurched friend of their sin and need for you
- Keep my eyes open to sin and my heart open to repenting

*v.5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

- Protect me from my default setting toward sin
- Help me not make excuses for any sin because of my fallen nature

*v.6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*

- Keep me mindful that you see everything about me
- Teach me wisdom and I will follow your direction

### WEDNESDAY

*v.7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

- Guide me to confess every sin and find cleansing with your blood
- Help my unchurched friend see their need for cleansing

*v.8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.*

- Fill me today with your joy and gladness that overflows to others
- Let joy and gladness radiate to my unchurched friend
- Help me to find your joy during times my life is broken

*v.9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.*

- Open my eyes to see any unconfessed sin in my life
- Guide me to always repent of sin and trust you to blot them out
- Convict my unchurched friend of their need for forgiveness

## THURSDAY

*v.10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

- Keep me mindful that only you can “create in me a clean heart”
- Transform my mind and renew my spirit so I can know you better
- Help my unchurched friend see their need for a clean heart

*v.11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

- Thank you for turning to me in times of distress
- Your mercies are new every morning, great is your faithfulness
- Help my unchurched friend turn to you in their distress

*v.12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

- Let the joy of your salvation overflow in my life today and forever
- Help me willingly obey you always and in all things
- Open the eyes of my unchurched friend to the joy of your salvation

## FRIDAY

*v.13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.*

- Guide me to teach my unchurched friend your ways
- Use me as an influence to help my friend return to you
- Open the eyes of my friend to see their sins (transgressions)

*v.15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.*

- Guide me to speak authentically and caringly to unchurched friends
- Protect me from saying anything that would dishonor you
- Let my lips speak words that praise you and encourage others

## SATURDAY

*v.16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.*

- I give my life as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you. Romans 12:1
- Guide me to give sacrificially in a way that pleases you
- Lead me to give sacrificially of my time in serving you

*v.17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

- Break any pride in my life and let me live humbly in your sight
- Alert me of pride and break me in humility
- Guide my unchurched friend to be broken and trust you