

# God, Be Merciful to Me

The musical score is written in a three-system format. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with line numbers 1 through 8 corresponding to the verses. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with block chords in the accompaniment.

1. God be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;  
2. My trans-gres-sions I con-fess, grief and guilt my soul op-press;  
3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.  
4. Bro-ken, hum-bled to the dust, by thy wrath and judg-ment just,

plen-teous in com - pas - ion thou, blot out my trans - gres-sions now;  
I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro-voked thee to thy face;  
Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;  
let my con-trite heart re - joice and in glad-ness hear thy voice;

wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speechless, I thy mer - cy trust.  
make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.  
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,  
make my spirit right and true;  
cast me not away from thee,  
let thy Spirit dwell in me;  
thy salvation's joy impart,  
steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me  
and return, O God, to thee;  
Savior, all my guilt remove,  
and my tongue shall sing thy love;  
touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall praise accord.

7. Not the formal sacrifice  
hath acceptance in thine eyes;  
broken hearts are in thy sight  
more than sacrificial rite;  
contrite spirit, pleading cries,  
thou, O God, wilt not despise.

8. Prosper Zion in thy grace  
and her broken walls replace;  
then our righteous sacrifice  
shall delight thy holy eyes;  
free-will offerings, gladly made,  
on thine altar shall be laid.