

*Scripture Reading*  
*for*  
*February 18, 2024*

Psalm 51:1-13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your  
sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when  
you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in  
my secret heart.

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

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed  
rejoice.

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

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit  
within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy  
spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing  
spirit.

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