



**Psalm 51:11-18** New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

11

Don't send me away from you.

Don't take your Holy Spirit away from me.

12

Give me back the joy that comes from being saved by you.

Give me a spirit that obeys you so that I will keep going.

13

Then I will teach your ways to those who commit lawless acts.

And sinners will turn back to you.

14

You are the God who saves me.

I have committed murder.

God, take away my guilt.

Then my tongue will sing about how right you are  
no matter what you do.

15

Lord, open my lips so that I can speak.

Then my mouth will praise you.

16

You don't take delight in sacrifice.

If you did, I would bring it.

You don't take pleasure in burnt offerings.

17

The greatest sacrifice you want is a broken spirit.

God, you will gladly accept a heart

that is broken because of sadness over sin.

18

May you be pleased to give Zion success.

May it please you to build up the walls of Jerusalem.