1 God, be merciful to me; on your grace I rest my plea.
2 I have sinned against your grace and provoked you to your face.
3 Gracious God my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
4 Con-trite spirit, pleading cries, you, O God, will not despise.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I confess your judgment just; speechless, I your mercy trust.
Do not cast me from your sight nor remove your Spirit's light.
Sinful ways I will reprove, and my tongue shall sing your love.

Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear your voice.
Your salvation's joy restore, make me steadfast evermore.
Let my righteous sacrifice then delight your holy eyes.

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