

"Create in Me, O' God." Psalm 51



Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

Do you greet each morn with a sense of gratitude? Is there a feeling that resides in your heart that each moment of health, stability, kindness, joy and works of service are driven by a life of purpose? Have you wondered if you are making the most of your God-given blessings? Are there times that are heavy with challenges and uncertainty? Welcome to the fragility of being human.

Faith comes to us, yet we must also come to our faith. Faith, like loving relationships are nurtured, cared for, and worked on. Our relationship with our Lord also takes wholehearted devotion. How does one build and nurture a heart open to God's calling? How do we nurture our relationship with God? We pray, we serve, we create a life that reflects the goodness of God. We open our heart and work on the courage to let go and let God.

"Create a clean heart in me, O' God." (Psalm 51)

Call out to our Lord, ask for what your heart desires. In all that you do, with every thought, intention, word, and action, let God clean your heart! We need not create a distance between our prayers and our actions. We can actively use our lives, every day in service to others. When you're feeling down, lift your heart, and praise God! When you're feeling as if the challenges of the day are too much to bear, remember that God is always with you. Yes, write this upon your heart: **God is always with me!** Give your heart, open and completely, to God. We are all children of God. May we always remember to treat each other with kindness, compassion, and goodness, in God's holy name. **Amen.**

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