

Create in me a pure heart, O God

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Ps 50,12

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This is the accompanying refrain of Psalm 50 which is brought to us in the liturgy of today's Mass. A truly beautiful and profound Psalm which can teach us the correct way to pray. It can serve as a real school of "petition prayer".

I, however, would like to focus only on this demand: "Create in me a pure heart, O God." Why do I wish to dwell on this particular verse? Because it contains everything we need.

What is the meaning of the living Christian religion?

To seek Communion with the Lord.

Yet, how do we seek communion with the Lord if not through a life of sanctity, a purging of our existence from evil?

Whomever is apt to stand in communion with the Lord?

Only he in which there is no evil, because evil and God reject one another, nobody can approach God if he is contaminated by evil.

Therefore, the prayer of whom wants to reach God, pursues this one and only objective which we must follow in our religious life, the opportunity to plea: *create in me a pure heart, O God.*

Create in me a pure heart, O God: so that I may be acquainted with you, move closer to you, live in truth and love.

This only will lead me to become a friend of yours, a brother for whom I meet, the only way I can recognize the Face of Jesus.

Create in me a pure heart, O God: for when my heart will be pure, I shall have everything I need and I will be missing nothing. I will have the light which is necessary to discern right from wrong, the spiritual strength to stand my miseries, my limitations, other people's sin; with a pure heart I will be able to recognize the hidden dangers the enemy provokes to drive me away from you.

Create in me a pure heart, O God: for I will please you and myself.

Thank you Lord Jesus, for inviting us today to pray using these words:

Create in me a pure heart, O God

This is the only true and pure prayer.

Praise the Lord Jesus Christ