

***Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid:***

Jeremiah 17: ⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalms 44: ²⁰ If we had forgotten the name of our God
or spread out our hands to a strange god,
²¹ would not God discover this?
For he knows the secrets of the heart.

Psalms 139: ¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
²⁴ See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Romans 2: ¹⁶ according to my gospel, God through Christ Jesus judges the secret thoughts of all.

1 Cor. 14: ²⁵ After the secrets of the unbeliever's heart are disclosed, that person will bow down before God and worship, declaring, "God is really among you."

Søren Kierkegaard: But before God they were and are single individuals; the person sitting in a showcase is not as embarrassed as every human being is in his transparency before God. This is the relationship of conscience.

God has spotted me in my conscience and now has made it impossible for me to forget that he sees me. Having been looked at by God, I had to and have to look to God.

***Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,***

Genesis 6: ⁵ The LORD saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

Matthew 15: ¹⁸ “But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person.”

Psalm 51: ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Psalm 19: ¹² But who can detect one’s own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.

***that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Isaiah 29: ¹³ The Lord said:
Because these people draw near with their mouths
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me
and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote,
¹⁴ so I will again do
amazing things with this people,
shocking and amazing.
The wisdom of their wise shall perish,
and the discernment of the discerning shall be hidden.

Matthew 15: ⁷ “You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said:

⁸ ‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁹ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’”

Psalm 9: ¹ I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. ² I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Psalm 57: ⁷ My heart is steadfast, O God; my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody.

Psalm 111: ¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.