Leader: 1 Strive Thou, O Jehovah, with them that strive with me:

Fight Thou against them that fight against me.

Response: **2 Take hold of shield and buckler,**

**And stand up for my help.**

Leader: 3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that pursue me:

Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

Response: **4 Let them be put to shame and brought to dishonor that seek after my soul:**

**Let them be turned back and confounded that devise my hurt.**

Leader: 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind,

And the angel of Jehovah driving *them* on.

Response: **6 Let their way be dark and slippery,**

**And the angel of Jehovah pursuing them.**

Leader: 7 For without cause have they hid for me their net *in* a pit;

Without cause have they digged *a pit* for my soul.

Response: **8 Let destruction come upon him unawares;**

**And let his net that he hath hid catch himself:**

**With destruction let him fall therein.**

Leader: 9 And my soul shall be joyful in Jehovah:

It shall rejoice in His salvation.

Response: **10 All my bones shall say, Jehovah, who is like unto Thee,**

**Who deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him,**

**Yea, the poor and the needy from him that robbeth him?**

Leader: 11 Unrighteous witnesses rise up;

They ask me of things that I know not.

Response: **12 They reward me evil for good,**

***To* the bereaving of my soul.**

Leader: 13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth:

I afflicted my soul with fasting;

And my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

Response: **14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother:**

**I bowed down mourning, as one that bewaileth his mother.**

Leader: 15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together:

The abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not;

They did tear me, and ceased not:

Response: **16 Like the profane mockers in feasts,**

**They gnashed upon me with their teeth.**

Leader: 17 Lord, how long wilt Thou look on?

Rescue my soul from their destructions,

My darling from the lions.

Response: **18 I will give Thee thanks in the great assembly:**

**I will praise Thee among much people.**

Leader: 19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me;

Neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

Response: **20 For they speak not peace;**

**But they devise deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land.**

Leader: 21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me;

They said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

Response: **22 Thou hast seen it, O Jehovah; keep not silence:**

**O Lord, be not far from me.**

Leader: 23 Stir up Thyself, and awake to the justice *due* unto me,

*Even* unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

Response: **24 Judge me, O Jehovah my God, according to Thy righteousness;**

**And let them not rejoice over me.**

Leader: 25 Let them not say in their heart, Aha, so would we have it:

Let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

Response: **26 Let them be put to shame and confounded together that rejoice at my hurt:**

**Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor**

**that magnify themselves against me.**

Leader: 27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause:

Yea, let them say continually, Jehovah be magnified,

Who hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.

Response: **28 And my tongue shall talk of Thy righteousness**

***And* of Thy praise all the day long.**