Leader: 1 Blessed is he that considereth the poor:

Jehovah will deliver him in the day of evil.

Response: **2 Jehovah will preserve him, and keep him alive,**

**And he shall be blessed upon the earth;**

**And deliver not Thou him unto the will of his enemies.**

Leader: 3 Jehovah will support him upon the couch of languishing:

Thou makest all his bed in his sickness.

Response: **4 I said, O Jehovah, have mercy upon me:**

**Heal my soul; for I have sinned against Thee.**

Leader: 5 Mine enemies speak evil against me, *saying*,

When will he die, and his name perish?

Response: **6 And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh falsehood;**

**His heart gathereth iniquity to itself:**

**When he goeth abroad, he telleth it.**

Leader: 7 All that hate me whisper together against me;

Against me do they devise my hurt.

Response: **8 An evil disease, *say they*, cleaveth fast unto him;**

**And now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.**

Leader: 9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted,

Who did eat of my bread,

Hath lifted up his heel against me.

Response: **10 But Thou, O Jehovah, have mercy upon me, and raise me up,**

**That I may requite them.**

Leader: 11 By this I know that Thou delightest in me,

Because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

Response: **12 And as for me, Thou upholdest me in mine integrity,**

**And settest me before thy face for ever.**

**13 Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel,**

**From everlasting and to everlasting.**

**Amen, and Amen.**