Leader: 1 Blessed is he who considers the poor.

Yahweh will deliver him in the day of evil.

Response: **2 Yahweh will preserve him, and keep him alive.**

**He shall be blessed on the earth,**

**and He will not surrender him to the will of his enemies.**

Leader: 3 Yahweh will sustain him on his sickbed,

and restore him from his bed of illness.

Response: **4 I said, “Yahweh, have mercy on me!**

**Heal me, for I have sinned against You.”**

Leader: 5 My enemies speak evil against me:

“When will he die, and his name perish?”

Response: **6 If he comes to see me, he speaks falsehood.**

**His heart gathers iniquity to itself.**

**When he goes abroad, he tells it.**

Leader: 7 All who hate me whisper together against me.

They imagine the worst for me.

Response: **8 “An evil disease”, they say, “has afflicted him.**

**Now that he lies he shall rise up no more.”**

Leader: 9 Yes, my own familiar friend, in whom I trusted,

who ate bread with me,

has lifted up his heel against me.

Response: **10 But You, Yahweh, have mercy on me, and raise me up,**

**that I may repay them.**

Leader: 11 By this I know that You delight in me,

because my enemy doesn’t triumph over me.

Response: **12 As for me, You uphold me in my integrity,**

**and set me in Your presence forever**

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

**from everlasting and to everlasting!**

**Amen and amen.**