Leader: 1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work Thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

Response: **2 How Thou didst drive out the heathen with Thy hand, and plantedst them; how Thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.**

Leader: 3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy countenance, because Thou hadst a favour unto them.

Response: **4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.**

Leader: 5 Through Thee will we push down our enemies: through Thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

Response: **6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.**

Leader: 7 But Thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

Response: **8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise Thy name for ever.**

Leader: 9 But Thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

Response: **10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.**

Leader: 11 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

Response: **12 Thou sellest Thy people for nought, and dost not increase Thy wealth by their price.**

Leader: 13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

Response: **14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.**

Leader: 15 My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,

Response: **16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.**

Leader: 17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten Thee, neither have we dealt falsely in Thy covenant.

Response: **18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from Thy way;**

Leader: 19 Though Thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

Response: **20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;**

Leader: 21 Shall not God search this out? for He knoweth the secrets of the heart.

Response: **22 Yea, for Thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.**

Leader: 23 Awake, why sleepest Thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.

Response: **24 Wherefore hidest Thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?**

Leader: 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

Response: **26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for Thy mercies' sake.**