Leader: 1 We have heard with our ears, God;

our fathers have told us what work You did in their days,

in the days of old.

Response: **2 You drove out the nations with Your hand,**

**but You planted them.**

**You afflicted the peoples,**

**but You spread them abroad.**

Leader: 3 For they didn’t get the land in possession by their own sword,

neither did their own arm save them;

but Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your face,

because You were favorable to them.

Response: **4 God, You are my King.**

**Command victories for Jacob!**

Leader: 5 Through You, we will push down our adversaries.

Through Your name, we will tread down those who rise up against us.

Response: **6 For I will not trust in my bow,**

**neither will my sword save me.**

Leader: 7 But You have saved us from our adversaries,

and have shamed those who hate us.

Response: **8 In God we have made our boast all day long.**

**We will give thanks to Your name forever.**

Leader: 9 But now You rejected us, and brought us to dishonor,

and don’t go out with our armies.

Response: **10 You make us turn back from the adversary.**

**Those who hate us take plunder for themselves.**

Leader: 11 You have made us like sheep for food,

and have scattered us among the nations.

Response: **12 You sell Your people for nothing,**

**and have gained nothing from their sale.**

Leader: 13 You make us a reproach to our neighbors,

a scoffing and a derision to those who are around us.

Response: **14 You make us a byword among the nations,**

**a shaking of the head among the peoples.**

Leader: 15 All day long my dishonor is before me,

and shame covers my face,

Response: **16 at the taunt of one who reproaches and verbally abuses,**

**because of the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: 17 All this has come on us,

yet we haven’t forgotten You.

We haven’t been false to Your covenant.

Response: **18 Our heart has not turned back,**

**neither have our steps strayed from Your path,**

Leader: 19 though You have crushed us in the haunt of jackals,

and covered us with the shadow of death.

Response: **20 If we have forgotten the name of our God,**

**or spread out our hands to a strange god,**

Leader: 21 won’t God search this out?

For he knows the secrets of the heart.

Response: **22 Yes, for Your sake we are killed all day long.**

**We are regarded as sheep for the slaughter.**

Leader: 23 Wake up!

Why do you sleep, Lord?

Arise!

Don’t reject us forever.

Response: **24 Why do You hide Your face,**

**and forget our affliction and our oppression?**

Leader: 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

Our body clings to the earth.

Response: **26 Rise up to help us.**

**Redeem us for Your loving kindness’ sake.**