Leader: 1 Give ear to my prayer, O God;

And hide not Thyself from my supplication.

Response: **2 Attend unto me, and answer me:**

**I am restless in my complaint, and moan,**

Leader: 3 Because of the voice of the enemy,

Because of the oppression of the wicked;

For they cast iniquity upon me,

And in anger they persecute me.

Response: **4 My heart is sore pained within me:**

**And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.**

Leader: 5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,

And horror hath overwhelmed me.

Response: **6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove!**

**Then would I fly away, and be at rest**

Leader: 7 Lo, then would I wander far off,

I would lodge in the wilderness.

Response: **8 I would haste me to a shelter**

**From the stormy wind and tempest.**

Leader: 9 Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongue;

For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

Response: **10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof:**

**Iniquity also and mischief are in the midst of it.**

Leader: 11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof:

Oppression and guile depart not from its streets.

Response: **12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me;**

**Then I could have borne it:**

**Neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me;**

**Then I would have hid myself from him:**

Leader: 13 But it was thou, a man mine equal,

My companion, and my familiar friend.

Response: **14 We took sweet counsel together;**

**We walked in the house of God with the throng.**

Leader: 15 Let death come suddenly upon them,

Let them go down alive into Sheol;

For wickedness is in their dwelling, in the midst of them.

Response: **16 As for me, I will call upon God;**

**And Jehovah will save me.**

Leader: 17 Evening, and morning, and at noonday, will I complain, and moan;

And He will hear my voice.

Response: **18 He hath redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me;**

**For they were many *that strove* with me.**

Leader: 19 God will hear, and answer them,

Even he that abideth of old,

*The men* who have no changes,

And who fear not God.

Response: **20 He hath put forth his hands against such as were at peace with him:**

**He hath profaned His covenant.**

Leader: 21 His mouth was smooth as butter,

But his heart was war:

His words were softer than oil,

Yet were they drawn swords.

Response: **22 Cast thy burden upon Jehovah, and He will sustain thee:**

**He will never suffer the righteous to be moved.**

**23 But Thou, O God, wilt bring them down into the pit of destruction:**

**Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days;**

**But I will trust in Thee.**