Leader: 1 Listen to my prayer, God.

Don’t hide Yourself from my supplication.

Response: **2 Attend to 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 bring suffering on me.

In anger they hold a grudge against me.

Response: **4 My heart is severely pained within me.**

**The terrors of death have fallen on me.**

Leader: 5 Fearfulness and trembling have come on me.

Horror has overwhelmed me.

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

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

Leader: 7 Behold, then I would wander far off.

I would lodge in the wilderness.”

Response: **8 “I would hurry to a shelter from the stormy wind and storm.”**

Leader: 9 Confuse them, Lord, and confound their language,

for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

Response: **10 Day and night they prowl around on its walls.**

**Malice and abuse are also within her.**

Leader: 11 Destructive forces are within her.

Threats and lies don’t depart from her streets.

Response: **12 For it was not an enemy who insulted me,**

**then I could have endured it.**

**Neither was it he who hated me who raised himself up against me,**

**then I would have hidden myself from him.**

Leader: 13 But it was you, a man like me,

my companion, and my familiar friend.

Response: **14 We took sweet fellowship together.**

**We walked in God’s house with company.**

Leader: 15 Let death come suddenly on them.

Let them go down alive into Sheol.

For wickedness is among them, in their dwelling.

Response: **16 As for me, I will call on God.**

**Yahweh will save me.**

Leader: 17 Evening, morning, and at noon, I will cry out in distress.

He will hear my voice.

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

**although there are many who oppose me.**

Leader: 19 God, who is enthroned forever,

will hear and answer them.

They never change

and don’t fear God.

Response: **20 He raises his hands against his friends.**

**He has violated His covenant.**

Leader: 21 His mouth was smooth as butter,

but his heart was war.

His words were softer than oil,

yet they were drawn swords.

Response: **22 Cast your burden on Yahweh and He will sustain you.**

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

**23 But You, God, will bring them down into the pit of destruction.**

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

**but I will trust in you.**