Leader: 1 Be merciful to me, God, for man wants to swallow me up.

All day long, he attacks and oppresses me.

Response: **2 My enemies want to swallow me up all day long,**

**for they are many who fight proudly against me.**

Leader: 3 When I am afraid,

I will put my trust in You.

Response: **4 In God, I praise His word.**

**In God, I put my trust.**

**I will not be afraid.**

**What can flesh do to me?**

Leader: 5 All day long they twist my words.

All their thoughts are against me for evil.

Response: **6 They conspire and lurk,**

**watching my steps.**

**They are eager to take my life.**

Leader: 7 Shall they escape by iniquity?

In anger cast down the peoples, God.

Response: **8 You count my wanderings.**

**You put my tears into your container.**

**Aren’t they in Your book?**

Leader: 9 Then my enemies shall turn back in the day that I call.

I know this: that God is for me.

Response: **10 In God, I will praise His word.**

**In Yahweh, I will praise His word.**

Leader: 11 I have put my trust in God.

I will not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

Response: **12 Your vows are on me, God.**

**I will give thank offerings to you.**

Leader: 13 For you have delivered my soul from death,

and prevented my feet from falling,

Response: **that I may walk before God in the light of the living.**