Leader: 1 Be merciful to me, God, be merciful to me,

for my soul takes refuge in You.

Yes, in the shadow of Your wings, I will take refuge,

until disaster has passed.

Response: **2 I cry out to God Most High,**

**to God who accomplishes my requests for me.**

Leader: 3 He will send from heaven, and save me,

He rebukes the one who is pursuing me.

God will send out His loving kindness and His truth.

Response: **4 My soul is among lions.**

**I lie among those who are set on fire,**

**even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows,**

**and their tongue a sharp sword.**

Leader: 5 Be exalted, God, above the heavens!

Let Your glory be above all the earth!

Response: **6 They have prepared a net for my steps.**

**My soul is bowed down.**

**They dig a pit before me.**

**They fall into the middle of it themselves.**

Leader: 7 My heart is steadfast, God.

My heart is steadfast.

I will sing, yes, I will sing praises.

Response: **8 Wake up, my glory! Wake up, lute and harp!**

**I will wake up the dawn.**

Leader: 9 I will give thanks to you, Lord, among the peoples.

I will sing praises to You among the nations.

Response: **10 For Your great loving kindness reaches to the heavens,**

**and Your truth to the skies.**

**11 Be exalted, God, above the heavens.**

**Let Your glory be over all the earth.**