Leader: 1 Hear my voice, God, in my complaint.

Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

Response: **2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked,**

**from the noisy crowd of the ones doing evil;**

Leader: 3 who sharpen their tongue like a sword,

and aim their arrows, deadly words,

Response: **4 to shoot innocent men from ambushes.**

**They shoot at him suddenly and fearlessly.**

Leader: 5 They encourage themselves in evil plans.

They talk about laying snares secretly.

They say, “Who will see them?”

Response: **6 They plot injustice, saying, “We have made a perfect plan!”**

**Surely man’s mind and heart are cunning.**

Leader: 7 But God will shoot at them.

They will be suddenly struck down with an arrow.

Response: **8 Their own tongues shall ruin them.**

**All who see them will shake their heads.**

Leader: 9 All mankind shall be afraid.

They shall declare the work of God,

and shall wisely ponder what He has done.

Response: **10 The righteous shall be glad in Yahweh,**

**and shall take refuge in Him.**

**All the upright in heart shall praise Him!**