Leader: 1 God, the nations have come into Your inheritance.

They have defiled Your holy temple.

They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.

Response: **2 They have given the dead bodies of Your servants**

**to be food for the birds of the sky,**

**the flesh of Your saints to the animals of the earth.**

Leader: 3 They have shed their blood like water around Jerusalem.

There was no one to bury them.

Response: **4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors,**

**a scoffing and derision to those who are around us.**

Leader: 5 How long, Yahweh?

Will You be angry forever?

Will Your jealousy burn like fire?

Response: **6 Pour out Your wrath on the nations that don’t know You,**

**on the kingdoms that don’t call on Your name;**

Leader: 7 for they have devoured Jacob,

and destroyed his homeland.

Response: **8 Don’t hold the iniquities of our forefathers against us.**

**Let Your tender mercies speedily meet us,**

**for we are in desperate need.**

Leader: 9 Help us, God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name.

Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for Your name’s sake.

Response: **10 Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”**

**Let it be known among the nations, before our eyes,**

**that vengeance for Your servants’ blood is being poured out.**

Leader: 11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before You.

According to the greatness of Your power,

preserve those who are sentenced to death.

Response: **12 Pay back to our neighbors seven times into their bosom**

**their reproach with which they have reproached You, Lord.**

Leader: 13 So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture,

will give You thanks forever.

Response: **We will praise You forever, to all generations.**