Leader: 1 O Jehovah, the God of my salvation,

I have cried day and night before Thee.

Response: **2 Let my prayer enter into Thy presence;**

**Incline Thine ear unto my cry.**

Leader: 3 For my soul is full of troubles,

And my life draweth nigh unto

Response: **4 I am reckoned with them that go down into the pit;**

**I am as a man that hath no help,**

Leader: 5 Cast off among the dead,

Like the slain that lie in the grave,

Whom Thou rememberest no more,

And they are cut off from Thy hand.

Response: **6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,**

**In dark places, in the deeps.**

Leader: 7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,

And Thou hast afflicted me with all Thy waves.

Response: **8 Thou hast put mine acquaintance far from me;**

**Thou hast made me an abomination unto them:**

**I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.**

Leader: 9 Mine eye wasteth away by reason of affliction:

I have called daily upon Thee, O Jehovah;

I have spread forth my hands unto Thee.

Response: **10 Wilt Thou show wonders to the dead?**

**Shall they that are deceased arise and praise Thee?**

Leader: 11 Shall Thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave?

Or Thy faithfulness in Destruction?

Response: **12 Shall Thy wonders be known in the dark?**

**And Thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?**

Leader: 13 But unto Thee, O Jehovah, have I cried;

And in the morning shall my prayer come before Thee.

Response: **14 Jehovah, why castest Thou off my soul?**

**Why hidest Thou thy face from me?**

Leader: 15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up:

While I suffer Thy terrors I am distracted.

Response: **16 Thy fierce wrath is gone over me;**

**Thy terrors have cut me off.**

Leader: 17 They came round about me like water all the day long;

They compassed me about together.

Response: **18 Lover and friend hast Thou put far from me,**

**And mine acquaintance into darkness.**