Leader: 1 Lord, Y ou have been our dwelling place for all generations.

Response: **2 Before the mountains were born,**

**before You had formed the earth and the world,**

**even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.**

Leader: 3 You turn man to destruction, saying,

“Return, you children of men.”

Response: **4 For a thousand years in Your sight are just like yesterday when it is past,**

**like a watch in the night.**

Leader: 5 You sweep them away as they sleep.

In the morning they sprout like new grass.

Response: **6 In the morning it sprouts and springs up.**

**By evening, it is withered and dry.**

Leader: 7 For we are consumed in Your anger.

We are troubled in Your wrath.

Response: **8 You have set our iniquities before You,**

**our secret sins in the light of Your presence.**

Leader: 9 For all our days have passed away in Your wrath.

We bring our years to an end as a sigh.

Response: **10 The days of our years are seventy,**

**or even by reason of strength eighty years;**

**yet their pride is but labor and sorrow,**

**for it passes quickly, and we fly away.**

Leader: 11 Who knows the power of Your anger,

Your wrath according to the fear that is due to You?

Response: **12 So teach us to count our days,**

**that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Leader: 13 Relent, Yahweh

How long?

Have compassion on Your servants!

Response: **14 Satisfy us in the morning with Your loving kindness,**

**that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Leader: 15 Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us,

for as many years as we have seen evil.

Response: **16 Let Your work appear to Your servants,**

**Your glory to their children.**

Leader: 17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be on us.

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Response: **Establish the work of our hands for us.**

**Yes, establish the work of our hands.**