Leader: 1 O Jehovah, Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth,

Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, shine forth.

Response: **2 Lift up Thyself, thou judge of the earth:**

**Render to the proud *their* desert.**

Leader: 3 Jehovah, how long shall the wicked,

How long shall the wicked triumph?

Response: **4 They prate, they speak arrogantly:**

**All the workers of iniquity boast themselves.**

Leader: 5 They break in pieces Thy people, O Jehovah,

And afflict Thy heritage.

Response: **6 They slay the widow and the sojourner,**

**And murder the fatherless.**

Leader: 7 And they say, Jehovah will not see,

Neither will the God of Jacob consider.

Response: **8 Consider, ye brutish among the people;**

**And ye fools, when will ye be wise?**

Leader: 9 He that planted the ear, shall He not hear?

He that formed the eye, shall He not see?

Response: **10 He that chastiseth the nations, shall not He correct,**

***Even* He that teacheth man knowledge?**

Leader: 11 Jehovah knoweth the thoughts of man,

That they are vanity.

Response: **12 Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O Jehovah,**

**And teachest out of Thy law;**

Leader: 13 That Thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity,

Until the pit be digged for the wicked.

Response: **14 For Jehovah will not cast off His people,**

**Neither will He forsake His inheritance.**

Leader: 15 For judgment shall return unto righteousness;

And all the upright in heart shall follow it.

Response: **16 Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers?**

**Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?**

Leader: 17 Unless Jehovah had been my help,

My soul had soon dwelt in silence.

Response: **18 When I said, My foot slippeth;**

**Thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah, held me up.**

Leader: 19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me Thy comforts delight my soul.

Response: **20 Shall the throne of wickedness have fellowship with Thee,**

**Which frameth mischief by statute?**

Leader: 21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous,

And condemn the innocent blood.

Response: **22 But Jehovah hath been my high tower,**

**And my God the rock of my refuge.**

Leader: 23 And he hath brought upon them their own iniquity,

Response: **And will cut them off in their own wickedness;**

**Jehovah our God will cut them off.**