Leader: 1 O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew Thyself.

Response: **2 Lift up Thyself, Thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.**

Leader: 3 Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

Response: **4 How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?**

Leader: 5 They break in pieces Thy people, O Lord, and afflict Thine heritage.

Response: **6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.**

Leader: 7 Yet they say, The Lord shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

Response: **8 Understand, 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 heathen, shall not He correct? He that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know?**

Leader: 11 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

Response: **12 Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him 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 the Lord will not cast off His people, neither will He forsake His inheritance.**

Leader: 15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

Response: **16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?**

Leader: 17 Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

Response: **18 When I said, My foot slippeth; Thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.**

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

Response: **20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with Thee, which frameth mischief by a law?**

Leader: 21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

Response: **22 But the Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.**

Leader: 23 And He shall bring upon them their own iniquity,

Response: **and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the Lord our God shall cut them off.**