Leader: 1 Yahweh, You God to whom vengeance belongs,

You God to whom vengeance belongs, shine out.

Response: **2 Rise up, You judge of the earth.**

**Pay back the proud what they deserve.**

Leader: 3 Yahweh, how long will the wicked,

how long will the wicked triumph?

Response: **4 They pour out arrogant words.**

**All the evildoers boast.**

Leader: 5 They break Your people in pieces, Yahweh,

and afflict Your heritage.

Response: **6 They kill the widow and the alien,**

**and murder the fatherless.**

Leader: 7 They say, “Yah will not see,

neither will Jacob’s God consider.”

Response: **8 Consider, you senseless among the people;**

**you fools, when will you be wise?**

Leader: 9 He who implanted the ear, won’t He hear?

He who formed the eye, won’t He see?

Response: **10 He who disciplines the nations, won’t He punish?**

**He who teaches man knows.**

Leader: 11 Yahweh knows the thoughts of man,

that they are futile

Response: **12 Blessed is the man whom You discipline, Yah,**

**and teach out of Your law,**

Leader: 13 that You may give him rest from the days of adversity,

until the pit is dug for the wicked.

Response: **14 For Yahweh won’t reject His people,**

**neither will He forsake His inheritance.**

Leader: 15 For judgment will return to righteousness.

All the upright in heart shall follow it.

Response: **16 Who will rise up for me against the wicked?**

**Who will stand up for me against the evildoers?**

Leader: 17 Unless Yahweh had been my help,

my soul would have soon lived in silence.

Response: **18 When I said, “My foot is slipping!”**

**Your loving kindness, Yahweh, held me up.**

Leader: 19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me,

Your comforts delight my soul.

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

**which brings about mischief by statute?**

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

and condemn the innocent blood.

Response: **22 But Yahweh has been my high tower,**

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

Leader: 23 He has brought on them their own iniquity,

Response: **and will cut them off in their own wickedness.**

**Yahweh, our God, will cut them off**.