Leader: 1 Hear my prayer, O Jehovah,

And let my cry come unto Thee.

Response: **2 Hide not Thy face from me in the day of my distress:**

**Incline Thine ear unto me;**

**In the day when I call answer me speedily.**

Leader: 3 For my days consume away like smoke,

And my bones are burned as a firebrand.

Response: **4 My heart is smitten like grass, and withered;**

**For I forget to eat my bread.**

Leader: 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning

My bones cleave to my flesh.

Response: **6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness;**

**I am become as an owl of the waste places.**

Leader: 7 I watch, and am become like a sparrow

That is alone upon the house-top.

Response: **8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day;**

**They that are mad against me do curse by me.**

Leader: 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,

And mingled my drink with weeping,

Response: **10 Because of Thine indignation and Thy wrath:**

**For Thou hast taken me up, and cast me away.**

Leader: 11 My days are like a shadow that declineth;

And I am withered like grass.

Response: **12 But Thou, O Jehovah, wilt abide for ever;**

**And Thy memorial *name* unto all generations.**

Leader: 13 Thou wilt arise, and have mercy upon Zion;

For it is time to have pity upon her,

Yea, the set time is come.

Response: **14 For Thy servants take pleasure in her stones,**

**And have pity upon her dust.**

Leader: 15 So the nations shall fear the name of Jehovah,

And all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

Response: **16 For Jehovah hath built up Zion;**

**He hath appeared in His glory.**

Leader: 17 He hath regarded the prayer of the destitute,

And hath not despised their prayer.

Response: **18 This shall be written for the generation to come;**

**And a people which shall be created shall praise Jehovah.**

Leader: 19 For He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary;

From heaven did Jehovah behold the earth;

Response: **20 To hear the sighing of the prisoner;**

**To loose those that are appointed to death;**

Leader: 21 That men may declare the name of Jehovah in Zion,

And His praise in Jerusalem;

Response: **22 When the peoples are gathered together,**

**And the kingdoms, to serve Jehovah.**

Leader: 23 He weakened my strength in the way;

He shortened my days.

Response: **24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days:**

**Thy years are throughout all generations.**

Leader: 25 Of old didst Thou lay the foundation of the earth;

And the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

Response: **26 They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure;**

**Yea, all of them shall waold like a garment;**

**As a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed:**

Leader: 27 But Thou art the same,

And Thy years shall have no end.

Response: **28 The children of Thy servants shall continue,**

**And their seed shall be established before Thee.**