Leader: 1 Hold not Thy peace, O God of my praise;

Response: **2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit have they opened against me:**

**They have spoken unto me with a lying tongue.**

Leader: 3 They have compassed me about also with words of hatred,

And fought against me without a cause.

Response: **4 For my love they are my adversaries:**

**But I *give myself unto* prayer.**

Leader: 5 And they have rewarded me evil for good,

And hatred for my love.

Response: **6 Set Thou a wicked man over him;**

**And let an adversary stand at his right hand.**

Leader: 7 When he is judged, let him come forth guilty;

And let his prayer be turned into sin.

Response: **8 Let his days be few;**

***And* let another take his office.**

Leader: 9 Let his children be fatherless,

And his wife a widow.

Response: **10 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg;**

**And let them seek *their bread* out of their desolate places.**

Leader: 11 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath;

And let strangers make spoil of his labor.

Response: **12 Let there be none to extend kindness unto him;**

**Neither let there be any to have pity on his fatherless children.**

Leader: 13 Let his posterity be cut off;

In the generation following let their name be blotted out.

Response: **14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with Jehovah;**

**And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.**

Leader: 15 Let them be before Jehovah continually,

That he may cut off the memory of them from the earth;

Response: **16 Because he remembered not to show kindness,**

**But persecuted the poor and needy man,**

**And the broken in heart, to slay *them*.**

Leader: 17 Yea, he loved cursing, and it came unto him;

And he delighted not in blessing, and it was far from him.

Response: **18 He clothed himself also with cursing as with his garment,**

**And it came into his inward parts like water,**

**And like oil into his bones.**

Leader: 19 Let it be unto him as the raiment wherewith he covereth himself,

And for the girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

Response: **20 This is the reward of mine adversaries from Jehovah,**

**And of them that speak evil against my soul.**

Leader: 21 But deal Thou with me, O Jehovah the Lord, for Thy name’s sake:

Because Thy lovingkindness is good, deliver Thou me;

Response: **22 For I am poor and needy,**

**And my heart is wounded within me.**

Leader: 23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth:

I am tossed up and down as the locust.

Response: **24 My knees are weak through fasting;**

**And my flesh faileth of fatness.**

Leader: 25 I am become also a reproach unto them:

When they see me, they shake their head.

Response: **26 Help me, O Jehovah my God;**

**Oh save me according to Thy lovingkindness:**

Leader: 27 That they may know that this is Thy hand;

*That* Thou, Jehovah, hast done it.

Response: **28 Let them curse, but bless Thou:**

**When they arise, they shall be put to shame,**

**But Thy servant shall rejoice.**

Leader: 29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with dishonor,

And let them cover themselves with their own shame as with a robe.

Response: **30 I will give great thanks unto Jehovah with my mouth;**

**Yea, I will praise Him among the multitude.**

**31 For He will stand at the right hand of the needy,**

**To save him from them that judge his soul.**