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

Response: **2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.**

Leader: 3 They 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 Satan stand at his right hand.**

Leader: 7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become 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 continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.**

Leader: 11 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour.

Response: **12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.**

Leader: 13 Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

Response: **14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Lord; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.**

Leader: 15 Let them be before the Lord continually, that He may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

Response: **16 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.**

Leader: 17 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

Response: **18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.**

Leader: 19 Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

Response: **20 Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the Lord, and of them that speak evil against my soul.**

Leader: 21 But do Thou for me, O God the Lord, for Thy name's sake: because Thy mercy 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 became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shaked their heads.

Response: **26 Help me, O Lord my God: O save me according to Thy mercy:**

Leader: 27 That they may know that this is Thy hand; that Thou, Lord, hast done it.

Response: **28 Let them curse, but bless Thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let Thy servant rejoice.**

Leader: 29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

Response: **30 I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yea, I will praise Him among the multitude. 31For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.**