Leader: 1 God of my praise, don’t remain silent,

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

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

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

and fought against me without a cause.

Response: **4 In return for my love, they are my adversaries;**

**but I am in prayer.**

Leader: 5 They have rewarded me evil for good,

and hatred for my love.

Response: **6 Set a wicked man over him.**

**Let an adversary stand at his right hand.**

Leader: 7 When he is judged, let him come out guilty.

Let his prayer be turned into sin.

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

**Let another take his office.**

Leader: 9 Let his children be fatherless,

and his wife a widow.

Response: **10 Let his children be wandering beggars.**

**Let them be sought from their ruins.**

Leader: 11 Let the creditor seize all that he has.

Let strangers plunder the fruit of his labor.

Response: **12 Let there be no one to extend kindness to him,**

**neither let there be anyone 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 by Yahweh.**

**Don’t let the sin of his mother be blotted out.**

Leader: 15 Let them be before Yahweh continually,

that He may cut off their memory from the earth;

Response: **16 because he didn’t remember to show kindness,**

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

**the broken in heart, to kill them.**

Leader: 17 Yes, he loved cursing, and it came to him.

He didn’t delight in blessing, and it was far from him.

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

**It came into his inward parts like water,**

**like oil into his bones.**

Leader: 19 Let it be to him as the clothing with which he covers himself,

for the belt that is always around him.

Response: **20 This is the reward of my adversaries from Yahweh,**

**of those who speak evil against my soul.**

Leader: 21 But deal with me, Yahweh the Lord, f or Your name’s sake,

because Your loving kindness is good, deliver me;

Response: **22 for I am poor and needy.**

**My heart is wounded within me.**

Leader: 23 I fade away like an evening shadow.

I am shaken off like a locust.

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

**My body is thin and lacks fat.**

Leader: 25 I have also become a reproach to them.

When they see me, they shake their head.

Response: **26 Help me, Yahweh, my God.**

**Save me according to Your loving kindness;**

Leader: 27 that they may know that this is Your hand;

that You, Yahweh, have done it.

Response: **28 They may curse, but You bless.**

**When they arise, they will be shamed,**

**but Your servant shall rejoice.**

Leader: 29 Let my adversaries be clothed with dishonor.

Let them cover themselves with their own shame as with a robe.

Response: **30 I will give great thanks to Yahweh with my mouth.**

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

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

**to save him from those who judge his soul.**