Leader: 1 O Jehovah, Thou hast searched me, and known *me*.

Answer: **2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising;**

**Thou understandest my thought afar off.**

Leader: 3 Thou searchest out my path and my lying down,

And art acquainted with all my ways.

Answer: **4 For there is not a word in my tongue,**

**But, lo, O Jehovah, Thou knowest it altogether.**

Leader: 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before,

And laid Thy hand upon me.

Answer: **6 *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me;**

**It is high, I cannot attain unto it.**

Leader: 7 Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit?

Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?

Answer: **8 If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there:**

**If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there.**

Leader: 9 If I take the wings of the morning,

And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Answer: **10 Even there shall Thy hand lead me,**

**And Thy right hand shall hold me.**

Leader: 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me,

And the light about me shall be night;

Answer: **12 Even the darkness hideth not from Thee,**

**But the night shineth as the day:**

**The darkness and the light are both alike *to Thee*.**

Leader: 13 For Thou didst form my inward parts:

Thou didst cover me in my mother’s womb.

Answer: **14 I will give thanks unto Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:**

**Wonderful are Thy works;**

**And that my soul knoweth right well.**

Leader: 15 My frame was not hidden from Thee,

When I was made in secret,

*And* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Answer: **16 Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance;**

**And in Thy book they were all written,**

***Even* the days that were ordained *for me*,**

**When as yet there was none of them.**

Leader: 17 How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

Answer: **18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand:**

**When I awake, I am still with Thee.**

Leader: 19 Surely Thou wilt slay the wicked, O God:

Depart from me therefore, ye bloodthirsty men.

Answer: **20 For they speak against Thee wickedly,**

**And Thine enemies take *Thy name* in vain.**

Leader: 21 Do not I hate them, O Jehovah, that hate Thee?

And am not I grieved with those that rise up against Thee?

Answer: **22 I hate them with perfect hatred:**

**They are become mine enemies.**

Leader: 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart:

Try me, and know my thoughts;

Answer: **24 And see if there be any wicked way in me,**

**And lead me in the way everlasting.**