Leader: 1 Yahweh, You have searched me,

and You know me.

Answer: **2 You know my sitting down and my rising up.**

**You perceive my thoughts from afar.**

Leader: 3 You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

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

**but, behold, Yahweh, You know it altogether.**

Leader: 5 You hem me in behind and before.

You laid Your hand on me.

Answer: **6 This knowledge is beyond me.**

**It’s lofty.**

**I can’t attain it.**

Leader: 7 Where could I go from Your Spirit?

Or where could I flee from Your presence?

Answer: **8 If I ascend up into heaven, You are there.**

**If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there!**

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

and settle in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Answer: **10 even there Your hand will lead me,**

**and Your right hand will hold me.**

Leader: 11 If I say, “Surely the darkness will overwhelm me.

The light around me will be night,”

Answer: **12 even the darkness doesn’t hide from You,**

**but the night shines as the day.**

**The darkness is like light to You.**

Leader: 13 For you formed my inmost being.

You knit me together in my mother’s womb.

Answer: **14 I will give thanks to you,**

**for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

**Your works are wonderful.**

**My soul knows that very well.**

Leader: 15 My frame wasn’t hidden from You,

when I was made in secret,

woven together in the depths of the earth.

Answer: **16 Your eyes saw my body.**

**In Your book they were all written,**

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

**when as yet there were none of them.**

Leader: 17 How precious to me are Your thoughts, God!

How vast is their sum!

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

**When I wake up, I am still with You.**

Leader: 19 If only You, God, would kill the wicked.

Get away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

Answer: **20 For they speak against You wickedly.**

**Your enemies take Your name in vain.**

Leader: 21 Yahweh, don’t I hate those who hate You?

Am I not grieved with those who rise up against You?

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

**They have become my enemies.**

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

Try me, and know my thoughts.

Answer: **24 See if there is any wicked way in me,**

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