Leader: 1 Deliver me, O Jehovah, from the evil man;

Preserve me from the violent man:

Answer: **2 Who devise mischiefs in their heart;**

**Continually do they gather themselves together for war.**

Leader: 3 They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent;

Adders’ poison is under their lips.

Answer: **4 Keep me, O Jehovah, from the hands of the wicked;**

**Preserve me from the violent man:**

**Who have purposed to thrust aside my steps.**

Leader: 5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords;

They have spread a net by the wayside;

They have set gins for me.

Answer: **6 I said unto Jehovah, Thou art my God**

**Give ear unto the voice of my supplications, O Jehovah.**

Leader: 7 O Jehovah the Lord, the strength of my salvation,

Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

Answer: **8 Grant not, O Jehovah, the desires of the wicked;**

**Further not his evil device, *lest* they exalt themselves.**

Leader: 9 As for the head of those that compass me about,

Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

Answer: **10 Let burning coals fall upon them:**

**Let them be cast into the fire,**

**Into deep pits, whence they shall not rise.**

Leader: 11 An evil speaker shall not be established in the earth:

Evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

Answer: **12 I know that Jehovah will maintain the cause of the afflicted,**

**And justice for the needy.**

**13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto Thy name:**

**The upright shall dwell in Thy presence.**