Leader: 1 Deliver me, Yahweh, from the evil man.

Preserve me from the violent man:

Answer: **2 those who devise mischief in their hearts.**

**They continually gather themselves together for war.**

Leader: 3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent.

Viper’s poison is under their lips.

Answer: **4 Yahweh, keep me from the hands of the wicked.**

**Preserve me from the violent men who have determined to trip my feet.**

Leader: 5 The proud have hidden a snare for me,

they have spread the cords of a net by the path.

They have set traps for me.

Answer: **6 I said to Yahweh, “You are my God.”**

**Listen to the cry of my petitions, Yahweh.**

Leader: 7 Yahweh, the Lord, the strength of my salvation,

you have covered my head in the day of battle.

Answer: **8 Yahweh, don’t grant the desires of the wicked.**

**Don’t let their evil plans succeed, or they will become proud.**

Leader: 9 As for the head of those who surround me,

let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

Answer: **10 Let burning coals fall on them.**

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

**into miry pits, from where they never rise.**

Leader: 11 An evil speaker won’t be established in the earth.

Evil will hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

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

**and justice for the needy.**

**13 Surely the righteous will give thanks to Your name.**

**The upright will dwell in Your presence.**