1. [A Psalm] of David.>> Plead [my cause], O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

2. Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

3. Draw out also the spear, and stop [the way] against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I [am] thy salvation.

4. Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

5. Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase [them].

6. Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.

7. For without cause have they hid for me their net [in] a pit, [which] without cause they have digged for my soul.

8. Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

9. And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10. All my bones shall say, LORD, who [is] like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

11. False witnesses did rise up: they laid to my charge [things] that I knew not.

12. They rewarded me evil for good [to] the spoiling of my soul.

13. But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing [was] sackcloth: I humbled
I beheld myself as though [he had been] my friend [or] brother. I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth [for] his mother. 

But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: [yea], the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew [it] not; they did tear [me], and ceased not.

With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darting from the lions.

I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: [neither] let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against [them that are] quiet in the land.

Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, [and] said. Aha, aha, our mouth is wide against him; we had it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

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26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify [themselves] against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness [and] of thy praise all the day long.