O Lord my God, in you I take refuge; save me from all who pursue me, and deliver me,

Lest they rend me like a lion and tear me in pieces while there is no one to help me.

O Lord my God, if I have done these things: if there is any wickedness in my hands,

if I have repaid my friend with evil, or plundered my enemy without a cause,

Then let my enemy pursue me and overtake me, trample my life to the ground,

and lay my honour in the dust.

Rise up, O Lord, in your wrath; lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies.

Awaken, my God, the judgement that you have commanded.

Let the assembly of the peoples gather round you; be seated high above them: O Lord, judge the nations.

Give judgement for me according to my righteousness, O Lord, and according to the innocence that is in me.

Let the malice of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous.
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

10 God is my shield that is over me; he saves the true of heart.

11 God is a righteous judge; he is provoked all day long.

12 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent his bow and made it ready.

13 He has prepared the weapons of death; he makes his arrows shafts of fire.

14 Behold those who are in labour with wickedness, who conceive evil and give birth to lies.

15 They dig a pit and make it deep and fall into the hole that they have made for others.

16 Their mischief rebounds on their own head; their violence falls on their own scalp.

17 I will give thanks to the Lord for his righteousness, and I will make music to the name of the Lord Most High.

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