WE HAVE heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us: what thou
hast done in their time of old; 2. How thou hast driven out the heathen
with thy hand, and planted them in: how thou hast destroyed the nations and
cast them out. 3. For they gat not the land in possession through their own
sword: neither was it their own arm that helped them; 4. But thy right
hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance: because thou hadst a
favour unto them. 5. Thou art my King, O God: send help unto Ja-cob.
6. Through thee will we overthrow our ene-mies: and in thy Name will we tread
them under, that rise up against us. 7. For I will not trust in my bow: it
is not my sword that shall help me; 8. But it is thou that savest us from
our ene-mies: and puttest them to confusion that hate us. 9. We make our
boast of God all day long: and will praise thy Name for ev-er. 10. But
now thou art far off, and puttest us to confusion: and goest not forth with our
armies. 11. Thou makest us to turn our backs upon our enemies: so that they
which hate us spoil our goods. 12. Thou lettest us be eaten up like sheep: and
hast scattered us among the heathen. 13. Thou sellest thy people for nought:
and takest no money for them. 14. Thou makest us to be rebuked of our
neighbours: to be laughed to scorn, and had in derision of them that are round
about us. 15. Thou makest us to be a by-word among the heathen: and that
the people shake their heads at us. 16. My confusion is daily before me:
and the shame of my face hath covered me; 17. For the voice of the slanderer
and blasphemer: for the enemy and avenger. 18. And though all this be come
up-on us, yet do we not forget thee: nor behave ourselves frowardly in thy co-
venant. 19. Our heart is not turned back: neither our steps gone out of thy
way; 20. No, not when thou hast smitten us into the place of dragons: and
covered us with the shadow of death. 21. If we have forgotten the Name of our
God, and holden up our hands to any strange god: shall not God search it out?

*for he knoweth the very secrets of the heart. 22. For thy sake al-so are we killed all the day long: and are counted as sheep appointed to be slain. 23. Up,

Lord, why sleepest thou: awake, and be not absent from us for ev-er.

24. Wherefore hidest thou thy face: and forgettest our mi-sery and trouble?

25. For our soul is brought low, even unto the dust: our bel-ly cleaveth un-to the ground. 26. Arise, and help us: and deliver us for thy mercy's sake. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in

the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. A-men