**A PRAYER from Psalm 10 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 10 A CRY ABOUT RAMPANT SOCIAL EVILS**

**Psa 10:1** Why are you so far away, O LORD Holy and Just? Why do you hide yourself when we young Baptist workers are in trouble?

Psa 10:2 Sinful MEN are proud and persecute the poor; catch them in the traps they have made.

Psa 10:3 These vile MEN are proud of their evil desires; the greedy curse and reject the All Powerful Triune LORD.

Psa 10:4 Such profane MEN do not care about the LORD their Maker; in their pride they think that the High Eternal God doesn't matter.

Psa 10:5 These immoral MEN succeed in everything. They cannot understand an Omnipotent God's holy judgments; they sneer at good moral people.

Psa 10:6 They say to themselves, "We will never fail; we will never be in trouble, hell doesn’t exist."

Psa 10:7 Their speech is filled with curses, lies, and threats; they are quick to speak hateful, evil words--devilish vocabulary.

Psa 10:8 They hide themselves in the smaller cities, waiting to destroy innocent citizens. They spy on their helpless victims;

Psa 10:9 they wait in their hiding place like lions. They lie in wait for the poor; they catch them in their traps and drag them away.

Psa 10:10 The helpless victims lie crushed; brute strength has defeated them.

Psa 10:11 Such blasphemous MEN say to themselves, "God? He doesn't care!! He has closed his eyes and will never see me!"

Psa 10:12 O LORD our Revenger, punish those wicked MEN! Remember those who are suffering!

Psa 10:13 How can impious evil MEN despise Almighty God and say to themselves, "He will not punish me"?

Psa 10:14 But you, Lord Jesus, do see; you take notice of trouble and suffering and are always ready to help, to deliver, to restore. The helpless believers commit themselves to you; you have always helped the needy.

Psa 10:15 Break the power of ungodly and evil MEN; punish them for the wrong they have done until they do it no more, and hell swallows them.

Psa 10:16 The LORD is the Great King ruling forever and ever. Those who worship other gods will vanish from his land.

Psa 10:17 You will listen, O LORD High and Lifted Up, to the prayers of the lowly young Baptist evangelists; you will give them courage.

Psa 10:18 You will hear the cries of the oppressed and the orphans; you will judge in their favor, so that mortal MEN may cause terror no more.