**A PRAYER from Psalm 31 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 31 THE LORD PROTECTS AND DELIVERS**

*(Personalize this prayer by adding your name in each of the blank spaces)*

**Psa 31:1** I**, - - -** , come to you, the Almighty LORD God, for protection; never let me be defeated. You are a righteous Holy Pure God; save me, I pray!

Psa 31:2 Hear me! Save me now! Be my refuge to protect me; my defense to save me.

Psa 31:3 You are my refuge and defense; guide me Holy Spirit and lead me as you have promised.

Psa 31:4 Keep me safe from the trap that has been set for me; shelter me from danger.

Psa 31:5 I**, - - -** , place myself in your care. You will save me, LORD Jesus; you are a faithful Redeemer God.

Psa 31:6 You hate those who worship false gods, but I trust in you.

Psa 31:7 I**, - - -,** will be glad and rejoice because of your constant love. You see my suffering; you know my trouble.

Psa 31:8 You have not let my enemies ruin me; you have given me freedom to go where I wish.

Psa 31:9 Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in trouble; my eyes are tired from so much crying; I am completely worn out.

Psa 31:10 I am exhausted by sorrow, and weeping is shortening my life. I am weak from all my troubles; even my bones are wasting away.

Psa 31:11 All my enemies, and even some of my Baptist friends, treat me with contempt. Those who know me are ashamed of me; when they see me in the street, they run away.

Psa 31:12 Everyone has forgotten me, as though I were dead; I am like somone excommunicated.

Psa 31:13 I hear many enemies whispering; terror is all around me. They are making plans against me, plotting to ruin my church planting efforts.

Psa 31:14 But my trust is in you, O LORD; you are my Redeemer God.

Psa 31:15 I**, - - -** , am always in your care; save me from my enemies, from those who pester me.

Psa 31:16 Look on your servant with kindness; save me in your constant love.

Psa 31:17 I call to you, LORD Jesus; don't let me, **- - -** , be disgraced. May those who rebel be disgraced; may they go silently down to the world of eternally dead.

Psa 31:18 Silence those liars--- all the proud and arrogant who speak with contempt about your righteous evangelists and church planters.

Psa 31:19 How wonderful are the good things you keep for those Baptist workers who honor you! Everyone knows how good you are, how securely you protect those who genuinely trust you.

Psa 31:20 You hide them in the safety of your Holy presence from the plots of others; in a safe shelter you hide Baptist workers from the insults of their enemies.

Psa 31:21 Praise the Triune LORD God! How wonderfully he showed his love for me when I was surrounded and attacked!

Psa 31:22 I**, - - -** , was afraid and thought that he had driven me out of his presence. But he heard my cry, when I called to him for help.

Psa 31:23 Love the LORD, all his faithful saints. The LORD protects his faithful obedient followers, but punishes the proud as they deserve.

Psa 31:24 Be strong, be courageous, and thereby produce fruit, all you that hope in our Triune LORD God.