**A PRAYER from Psalm 35 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 35 A CALL ON THE LORD TO PLANT A CHURCH**

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

**Psa 35:1** Oppose those MEN who oppose me**, - - -** , Sovereign LORD, and fight those who fight against me Divine Warrior!

Psa 35:2 Take your shield and armor and come to my rescue.

Psa 35:3 Lift up your spear and war ax against those MEN who pursue me. Promise that you will save me.

Psa 35:4 May those ungodly MEN who try to ruin me be defeated and disgraced! May those who plot against me be turned back and confused!

Psa 35:5 May such rebellious MEN be like straw blown by the wind as the angel of the Almighty LORD pursues them!

Psa 35:6 May the path of such MEN be dark and slippery while the angel of the LORD strikes them down!

Psa 35:7 Without any reason they laid a trap for me and dug a deep hole to catch me.

Psa 35:8 But destruction will catch these MEN before they know it; they will be caught in their own trap and fall to their destruction!

Psa 35:9 Then I**, - - -** , will be glad because of the LORD my Redeemer; I will be happy because he saved me.

Psa 35:10 With all my heart I will say to the Glorious LORD Jesus, "There is no one like you. You protect the weak from the strong, the poor from the oppressor."

Psa 35:11 Evil MEN testify against me and accuse me of crimes I know nothing about.

Psa 35:12 Such MEN pay me back evil for good, and I sink in despair.

Psa 35:13 But when they were sick, I**, - - -,** dressed in mourning; I**, - - -** , deprived myself of food; I**, - - -** , prayed with my head bowed low,

Psa 35:14 as I would pray for a friend or a brother. I**, - - -** , went around bent over in mourning, as one who mourns for his mother.

Psa 35:15 But when I was in trouble, they were all glad and gathered around to make fun of me; strangers ridiculed me and kept harassing me.

Psa 35:16 Like those who would mock a cripple, they glared at me with hate.

Psa 35:17 How much longer, Lord, will you just look on? Rescue me from their attacks; save my church planting ministry from these lions!

Psa 35:18 Then I will thank you in the assembly of your Baptist Saints; I will praise you before them all.

Psa 35:19 Don't let my enemies, those liars, gloat over my defeat. Don't let those MEN who hate me for no reason smirk with delight over my spiritual setbacks.

Psa 35:20 These MEN do not speak in a friendly way; instead they invent all kinds of lies about peace-loving Baptist workers.

Psa 35:21 They accuse me, shouting, "We saw what you did!"

Psa 35:22 But you, O LORD my Wonderful Heavenly Father, have seen this. So don't be silent, Lord; don't keep yourself far away!

Psa 35:23 Rouse yourself, O Lord my Savior, and defend me; rise up, my God, and plead my cause.

Psa 35:24 You are righteous, Holy and Just O LORD, so declare me innocent; don't let my enemies gloat over me.

Psa 35:25 Don't let these MEN say to themselves, "We are rid of him! That's just what we wanted!"

Psa 35:26 May those MEN who gloat over my suffering, rejection and minimal evangelistic results be completely defeated and confused; may those MEN who claim to be better than I am be covered with shame and disgrace.

Psa 35:27 May those young Baptist brothers who want to see me acquitted shout for joy and say again and again, "How great is the LORD God Omnipotent! He is pleased with the church planting success of his young Baptist servant."

Psa 35:28 Then I**, - - -** , will proclaim your righteousness, and I**, - - -** , will praise you all day long.