**A PRAYER from Psalm 40 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 40 A CHURCH PLANTER’S ODE OF PRAISE**

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

**Psa 40:1** I, - - - , waited patiently for the LORD's help; then he listened to me and heard my cry.

Psa 40:2 He pulled me, - - -, out of a dangerous pit, out of the deadly quicksand. He set me, - - - , safely on a rock and made me secure.

Psa 40:3 He taught me, - - - , to sing a new song, a song of praise to our God. Many MEN who see this will take warning and will put their trust in the LORD.

Psa 40:4 Happy are those MEN who trust the LORD, who do not turn to pop culture idols or join MEN who greedily worship false gods of power and prestige.

Psa 40:5 You have done many things for us young Baptist workers, O magnificent LORD, our marvelous Creator God; there is no one like you! You have made many wonderful plans for evangelism and church planting for us. I could never speak of them all--their number is so great!

Psa 40:6 Jesus paid it all! You no longer want ritualized sacrifices and offerings; you do not ask for huge gifts of penance offered on the altar or for rituals to take away sins. Instead, you have given me, - - -, ears to hear you,

Psa 40:7 and so I, - - - , answered, "Here I am; your instructions for me are in your book of Holy Scripture.

Psa 40:8 How I, - - - , love to do your will, my glorious God and radiant Redeemer! Holy Spirit I, - - -, keep your teaching in my heart."

Psa 40:9 In the assembly of all your church members, LORD, I, - - -, told the good news that you save our souls. You know that I will never stop telling it.

Psa 40:10 I, - - -, have not kept the news of salvation to myself; I, - - -, have always spoken of your faithfulness and help. In the assembly of all your church members I have not been silent about your loyalty and constant love.

Psa 40:11 O my majestic LORD, I, - - - , know you will never stop being graciously merciful to me. Your love and loyalty will always keep me safe.

Psa 40:12 I am surrounded by many troubles--- too many to count! My failures have caught up with me, and I can no longer see; they are more than the hairs of my head, and I have lost my courage.

Psa 40:13 Renew me, refresh me, victorious LORD! Help me now!

Psa 40:14 May those MEN who try to destroy me be completely defeated and confused. May those MEN who are happy because of my troubles be turned back and disgraced.

Psa 40:15 May those MEN who make fun of me be dismayed by their defeat.

Psa 40:16 May all who come to you be glad and joyful. May all who are thankful for your salvation of their soul always say, "How great is our powerful, victorious LORD!"

Psa 40:17 I am weak and poor, O Lord Jesus my Majestic One, but you have not forgotten me. You are my Savior, my Redeemer and my God--- hurry to my aid!