**A PRAYER from Psalm 44 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 44 CHURCH PLANTING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Psa 44:1** With our own ears we have heard it, O God--- our ancestors have told us about it, about the great things you did in the 1600’s in their time. And again, in the 1990’s. In the days of long ago:

Psa 44:2 how from 800-900 you yourself drove out the heathens and established your saintly men and women in Ukraine; how you punished the other nations and caused your own to prosper.

Psa 44:3 Your saints did not conquer Ukraine with their physical weapons; they did not win it by their own physical power; it was by your Divine power and your strength, by the assurance of your Holy Spirit’s presence, which showed that you loved our Ukrainian people.

Psa 44:4 You are my glorious victorious King of Kings and my God; you give victory to your active church planters,

Psa 44:5 and by your power Holy Spirit we defeat our demonic forces.

Psa 44:6 I do not trust in my spiritual activities or in my Bible knowledge to save me;

Psa 44:7 but you, victorious Jesus, have saved us from our evil forces and defeated the MEN who hate us.

Psa 44:8 We will always praise you precious Heavenly Father and give thanks to you forever.

Psa 44:9 But now for the last decade you have rejected us and let us be defeated; you no longer march out with our young Baptist evangelists.

Psa 44:10You made us run from the cults and sects, and they took for themselves what was ours.

Psa 44:11 You allowed us Baptists to be slaughtered like sheep; you scattered us in foreign countries throughout Europe.

Psa 44:12 You sold your own Baptist believers for a small price as though they had little value.

Psa 44:13 Other denominations see what you did to us Baptists, and they mock us and laugh at us.

Psa 44:14 You have made us a joke among the nations; the Russians shake their heads at us in scorn.

Psa 44:15 As a young Baptist evangelist I am always in disgrace; as a young Baptist church planter I am covered with shame

Psa 44:16 from hearing the sneers and insults of unbelieving MEN and young guys who hate me.

Psa 44:17 All this has happened to us Baptists, even though we have not forgotten you or broken the covenant you made with us.

Psa 44:18 We have not been disloyal to you; we have not disobeyed your commands.

Psa 44:19 Yet you left us helpless among vile drug addicts and alcoholics; you abandoned us in deepest darkness.

Psa 44:20 If we had stopped worshiping our God and prayed to a foreign god,

Psa 44:21 you would surely have discovered it, because you know our secret thoughts.

Psa 44:22 But it is on your account that we young Baptist evangelists are being ridiculed and rejected all the time, that we church planters are treated like sheep to be slaughtered.

Psa 44:23 Wake up, Lord! Why are you asleep? Rouse yourself ! Don't reject us forever!

Psa 44:24 Why are you hiding from us? Don't forget our suffering and trouble!

Psa 44:25 We fall crushed to the ground; we lie defeated in the dust.

Psa 44:26 Come to our aid! Because of your constant love save us!