**A PRAYER from Psalm 51 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 51 RESTORATION TO JOYFUL SALVATION**

**Psa 51:1** Be merciful to me, O God my Heavenly Father, because of your constant love. Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins!

Psa 51:2 Wash away all my evil and make me clean from my sin!

Psa 51:3 I recognize my faults; I am always conscious of my sins.

Psa 51:4 I have sinned against **you** – only against **you** – and done what you consider evil. So you are right in judging me; you are justified in condemning me.

Psa 51:5 I have been evil from the day I was born; from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful.

Psa 51:6 Sincerity and truth are what you require; fill my mind with your divine wisdom.

Psa 51:7 Remove my sin, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Psa 51:8 Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness; and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again.

Psa 51:9 Close your eyes to my sins and wipe out all my evil.

Psa 51:10 Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me.

Psa 51:11 Do not banish me from your presence; do not take your Holy Spirit away from me.

Psa 51:12 Give me again the joy that comes from your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

Psa 51:13 Then I will teach sinning MEN your commands, and they will turn back to you.

Psa 51:14 Spare my life, my soul, O God, and save me, and I will gladly proclaim your pure rightness.

Psa 51:15 Help me to speak, Lord, and I will praise you.

Psa 51:16 You do not want physical sacrifices, or I would offer them; you are not pleased with material offerings.

Psa 51:17 My sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God; you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.

Psa 51:18 O God, be kind to the Church and help her; rebuild your earthly Kingdom.

Psa 51:19 Then you will be pleased with proper sacrifices of our time and with our burning prayer offerings; and praise will be sacrificed on your altar.