**A PRAYER from Psalm 69 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 69 AWAITING GOD’S ANSWER**

**Psa 69:1** Save me, O God restore my soul! The water is up to my neck;

Psa 69:2 I am sinking in deep mud, and there is no solid ground; I am out in deep sinful water, and the waves of evil are about to drown me.

Psa 69:3 I am worn out from calling for help, and my throat is aching. I have strained my eyes, looking for your help.

Psa 69:4 The MEN who hate me for no reason are more numerous than the hairs of my head. My evil opponents tell lies against me; they are strong and want to destroy me. They made me give back things I did not steal.

Psa 69:5 My mistakes, O All Wise God, are not hidden from you; you know how foolish I have been.

Psa 69:6 Don't let me bring shame on the believers who trust in you, Sovereign LORD Almighty! Don't let me bring disgrace to the believers who worship you in spirit and in truth, O God of Israel!

Psa 69:7 It is for your sake that I have been insulted about planting a church and that I am covered with shame.

Psa 69:8 I am like a stranger to my relatives, like a foreigner to my family.

Psa 69:9 My devotion to your Heavenly Temple burns in me like a fire; the insults which are hurled at you fall on me.

Psa 69:10 I humble myself by fasting, and MEN insult me;

Psa 69:11 I dress myself in clothes of mourning, and these MEN laugh at me.

Psa 69:12 These scornful GUYS talk about me in the streets, and drunkards make up songs about me.

Psa 69:13 But as for me, I will pray to you, LORD Jesus; answer me, Holy Spirit, at a time you choose. Answer me because of your great love and care, because you keep your promise to save both body and soul.

Psa 69:14 Save me from sinking in the mud; keep me safe from my vicious enemies, safe from their deep corrupt water.

Psa 69:15 Don't let the sinful flood come over me; don't let me drown in the depths of evil or sink into the grave.

Psa 69:16 Answer me, LORD, in the goodness of your constant love; in your great compassion turn to me!

Psa 69:17 Don't hide yourself from your young Baptist Worker; I am in great trouble---answer me now!

Psa 69:18 Come to me and save me; rescue me from my angry opponents.

Psa 69:19 You know how I am insulted, how I am disgraced and dishonored; you see all my perverted enemies.

Psa 69:20 Insults have broken my heart, and I am in despair. I had hoped for sympathy, but there was none; for comfort, but I found none.

Psa 69:21 When I was hungry, these evil MEN gave me poison; when I was thirsty, these rotten MEN offered me vinegar.

Psa 69:22 May their banquets cause their ruin; may their sacred feasts cause their downfall.

Psa 69:23 Strike these perverted MEN with blindness! Make their backs always weak!

Psa 69:24 Pour out your anger on these hollow MEN; let your indignation overtake them.

Psa 69:25 May their camps be left deserted; may no one be left alive in their dachas.

Psa 69:26 These empty MEN persecute those whom you have punished; these MEN talk about the sufferings of those you have wounded.

Psa 69:27 Keep a record of all their sins; don't let these rebellious MEN have any part in your salvation.

Psa 69:28 May their names be erased from the book of the living; may they not be included in the list of your holy followers.

Psa 69:29 But I am in pain and despair; lift me up, O my Redeemer God, and save me body and soul!

Psa 69:30 I will praise God my Heavenly Father with a song; I will proclaim his greatness by giving him thanks.

Psa 69:31 This will please the LORD Jesus more than offering him humanitarian aid, more than sacrificing a lot of money.

Psa 69:32 When the oppressed see this, they will be glad; those who worship God in spirit and in truth will be encouraged.

Psa 69:33 The LORD Jesus listens to those in need and does not forget his brothers and sisters in bondage.

Psa 69:34 Praise our Creator God, O heaven and earth, seas and all creatures in them.

Psa 69:35 He will save our city and rebuild the towns of Ukraine. We his people will live there and possess the land;

Psa 69:36 the descendants of us his servants will inherit it, and those who love him will live there.