**A PRAYER from Psalm 71 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 71 GOD’S LIFELONG FAITHFULNESS**

**Psa 71:1** LORD, I your Baptist Worker have come to you for protection; never let me be defeated in my spiritual efforts!

Psa 71:2 Because you are righteous O Holy One, help me and rescue me. Listen to me and save me!

Psa 71:3 Be my secure shelter and a strong fortress to protect me; you are my refuge and defense.

Psa 71:4 My God, rescue me from wicked MEN, from the power of cruel and evil MEN.

Psa 71:5 Sovereign LORD, I put my hope for salvation in you; I have trusted in you for eternal life since I was young.

Psa 71:6 I have relied on you all my life; you have protected me since the day I was born. I will always praise you for saving my soul.

Psa 71:7 My life has been an example to many, because you have been my strong defender.

Psa 71:8 All day long I praise you and proclaim your glory.

Psa 71:9 Do not reject me now that I am older; do not abandon me now that I am physically more feeble.

Psa 71:10 My rotten opponents want to ruin me; these MEN talk and plot against me.

Psa 71:11 These MEN say, "God has abandoned him; let's go after him and catch him; there is no one to rescue him."

Psa 71:12 Don't stay so far away, O God; my God, hurry to my aid!

Psa 71:13 May those MEN who attack me be defeated and destroyed. May those who try to hurt me be shamed and disgraced.

Psa 71:14 I will always put my hope in you; I will praise you more and more.

Psa 71:15 I will tell of your goodness; all day long I will speak of your salvation and spiritual rebirth, though it is more than I can understand.

Psa 71:16 I will go in the strength of the LORD God; I will proclaim your goodness, yours alone.

Psa 71:17 You have taught me ever since I was young, and I still tell of your wonderful acts.

Psa 71:18 Now that I am older and my hair is graying, do not abandon me, O God! Be with me while I proclaim your power and might to all generations to come.

Psa 71:19 Your righteousness, Almighty God, our Holy One, reaches the skies. You have done great things; there is no one like you.

Psa 71:20 You have sent troubles and suffering on me, but you will restore my strength; you will keep me from the grave.

Psa 71:21 You will make me greater than ever; you will comfort me again.

Psa 71:22 I will indeed praise you with the violin; I will praise your faithfulness, my God. On my guitar I will play hymns to you, the Holy One of Israel.

Psa 71:23 I will shout for joy as I play for you; with my whole being I will sing because you have saved me.

Psa 71:24 I will speak of your righteousness all day long, because those rebellious MEN who tried to harm me have been put to shame and confusion.