**A PRAYER from Psalm 74 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 74 BAPTISTS & BOLSHEVIKS – A HISTORY**

**Psa 74:1** Why have you abandoned us like this, O High God? Will you be angry with your own Baptist believers forever?

Psa 74:2 Remember your Church , whom you chose for yourself long ago, whom you brought out of Europe to be your own tribe here in Ukraine. Remember Ancient Kiev, where once you lived.

Psa 74:3 Walk over these total ruins; the Bolsheviks our enemies destroyed everything in the Houses of Prayer.

Psa 74:4 These Revolutionaries, your enemies shouted in triumph in your Houses of Prayer; they placed their flags there as signs of victory.

Psa 74:5 They looked like woodsmen cutting down trees with their axes.

Psa 74:6 They smashed all the wooden panels with their axes and sledge hammers.

Psa 74:7 They wrecked your Houses of Prayer and set them on fire; they desecrated the places where you the Redeemer are worshiped.

Psa 74:8 They wanted to crush us believers completely; they burned down every holy place in the land.

Psa 74:9 All our sacred symbols are gone; there are no prophets left, and no one knows how long this will last.

Psa 74:10 How long, O Righteous God, will our corrupt rebellious enemies laugh at you? Will they insult your name forever?

Psa 74:11 Why have you refused to help us? Why do you keep your hands behind you?

Psa 74:12 But you have been our Victorious Ruler from the beginning, O God; you have saved us many times.

Psa 74:13 With your mighty strength you divided the sea and smashed the heads of the sea monsters;

Psa 74:14 you crushed the heads of the monster Leviathan and fed his body to desert animals.

Psa 74:15 You made springs and fountains flow; you dried up large rivers.

Psa 74:16 You created the day and the night; you set the sun and the moon in their places;

Psa 74:17 you set the limits of the earth; you made summer and winter.

Psa 74:18 But remember, O LORD Jesus, that your evil enemies laugh at you, that they are godless MEN and despise you, and your gift of salvation.

Psa 74:19 O Holy Spirit don't abandon your helpless young Baptist church planters to their cruel enemies; don't forget your persecuted young Baptist evangelists!

Psa 74:20 Remember the covenant you made with our souls. There is violence in every dark corner of the land, hell opens its mouth.

Psa 74:21 Don't let the oppressed believers be put to shame; let those poor and needy believers praise you Glorious Jesus.

Psa 74:22 Rouse yourself, Almighty God, and defend your cause! Remember that godless people laugh at you all day long.

Psa 74:23 Don't forget the angry shouts of rebellious MEN, the continuous noise made by your hell-bent foes.