**A PRAYER from Psalm 88 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 88 A PRAYER OF PERSECUTED BELIEVERS**

*((( not adapted or personalized)))*

Psa 88:1 LORD God, my savior, I cry out all day, and at night I come before you.

Psa 88:2 Hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help!

Psa 88:3 So many troubles have fallen on me that I am close to death.

Psa 88:4 I am like all others who are about to die; all my strength is gone.

Psa 88:5 I am abandoned among the dead; I am like the slain lying in their graves, those you have forgotten completely, who are beyond your help.

Psa 88:6 You have thrown me into the depths of the tomb, into the darkest and deepest pit.

Psa 88:7 Your anger lies heavy on me, and I am crushed beneath its waves.

Psa 88:8 You have caused my friends to abandon me; you have made me repulsive to them. I am closed in and cannot escape;

Psa 88:9 my eyes are weak from suffering. LORD, every day I call to you and lift my hands to you in prayer.

Psa 88:10 Do you perform miracles for the dead? Do they rise up and praise you?

Psa 88:11 Is your constant love spoken of in the grave or your faithfulness in the place of destruction?

**Psa 88:12** Are your miracles seen in that place of darkness or your goodness in the land of the forgotten?

Psa 88:13 LORD, I call to you for help; every morning I pray to you.

Psa 88:14 Why do you reject me, LORD? Why do you turn away from me?

Psa 88:15 Ever since I was young, I have suffered and been near death; I am worn out from the burden of your punishments.

Psa 88:16 Your furious anger crushes me; your terrible attacks destroy me.

Psa 88:17 All day long they surround me like a flood; they close in on me from every side.

Psa 88:18 You have made even my closest friends abandon me, and darkness is my only companion.