**A PRAYER from Psalm 109 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 109 A PRAYER FOR RETRIBUTION**

Psa 109:1 I praise you, the Everlasting God; don't remain silent!

Psa 109:2 Wicked MEN and liars have attacked me. These MEN tell lies about me,

Psa 109:3 and these MEN say evil things about me, attacking me for no reason.

Psa 109:4 These MEN oppose me, even though I love them and have prayed for them.

Psa 109:5 These MEN pay me back evil for good and hatred for love.

Psa 109:6 [In my human anger and emotions I pray:] Choose some corrupt judge to try my rotten enemy, and let one of his own enemies accuse him.

Psa 109:7 May he be tried and found guilty; may even his prayer be considered a crime!

Psa 109:8 May his life soon be ended; may someone else take his job!

Psa 109:9 May his children become orphans, and his wife a widow!

Psa 109:10 May his children be homeless beggars; may they be driven from the ruins they live in!

Psa 109:11 May his creditors take away all his property, and may strangers get everything he worked for.

Psa 109:12 May no one ever be kind to him or care for the orphans he leaves behind.

Psa 109:13 May all his descendants die, and may his name be forgotten in the next generation.

Psa 109:14 May the LORD our Holy Judge remember the evil of his ancestors and never forgive his mother's sins.

Psa 109:15 May the Righteous LORD always remember their sins, but may they themselves be completely forgotten!

Psa 109:16 That MAN never thought of being kind; he persecuted and killed the poor, the needy, and the helpless.

Psa 109:17 He loved to curse---may he be cursed! He hated to give blessings---may no one bless him!

Psa 109:18 He cursed as naturally as he dressed himself; may his own curses soak into his body like water and into his bones like oil!

Psa 109:19 May they cover him like clothes and always be around him like a belt!

Psa 109:20 LORD Jesus, punish such through and through rotten evil MEN in that way--- those MEN who say such evil things against me!

Psa 109:21 But my Sovereign LORD, help me your young Baptist evangelist as you have promised, and rescue me your young Baptist church planter because of the goodness of your love.

Psa 109:22 I am poor and needy; I am hurt to the depths of my heart.

Psa 109:23 Like an evening shadow I am about to vanish; I am blown away like an insect.

**Psa 109:24** My knees are weak from lack of food; I am nothing but skin and bones.

Psa 109:25 When people see me your young Baptist worker, they laugh at me; they shake their heads in scorn.

Psa 109:26 Help me, O LORD my God my Redeemer; because of your constant love, save me!

Psa 109:27 Make my opponents know that you are the Holy One, the Righteous One who saves me.

Psa 109:28 These MEN may curse me, but you my High and Wonderful Lord will bless me. May my persecutors be defeated, and may I, your servant, be glad in the salvation of my soul.

Psa 109:29 May evil MEN be covered with disgrace; may they wear their shame like a robe.

Psa 109:30 I will give loud thanks to the LORD; I will praise and glorify him in the assembly of Ukrainian citizens,

Psa 109:31 because he defends the poor and saves them from those who condemn them to death.