**A PRAYER from Psalm 140 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 140 REQUEST FOR PROTECTION IN CHURCH PLANTING**

**Psa 140:1** Save me, LORD Jesus, from evildoers; keep me safe from violent MEN.

Psa 140:2 They are always plotting evil, always stirring up quarrels against young Baptist church planters.

Psa 140:3 Their tongues are like deadly snakes; their words are like a cobra's poison.

Psa 140:4 Protect me, LORD Jesus the Almighty, from the power of these wicked MEN; keep me safe from violent MEN who plot my downfall.

Psa 140:5 Proud MEN have set a trap for me; they have laid their snares, and along the path they have set traps to catch me.

Psa 140:6 I say to the LORD Jesus, "You are my God my Redeemer." Hear my cry for help, LORD my Savior!

Psa 140:7 My Sovereign LORD Jesus, my strong defender, you have protected me in church planting battles.

Psa 140:8 Oh Righteous LORD, don't give the wicked MEN what they want; don't let their plots succeed.

Psa 140:9 Don't let my enemies be victorious; make their threats against me fall back on them.

Psa 140:10 May red-hot coals fall on these MEN; may they be thrown into the pit of hell and never get out.

Psa 140:11 May those who accuse young Baptist evangelists falsely not succeed; may evil overtake violent MEN and destroy them.

Psa 140:12 LORD Jesus, I know that you defend the cause of the poor and the rights of the needy.

Psa 140:13 The righteous will praise you indeed; they will live in your presence. We will plant churches.