**A PRAYER from Psalm 143 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 143 DESIRING PROTECTION AND ENABLEMENT**

**Psa 143:1** LORD my Eternal Father, hear my prayer! In your righteousness listen to my plea; answer me in your faithfulness!

Psa 143:2 Don't put me, your young Baptist evangelist, on trial; no one is innocent in your sight.

Psa 143:3 Demonic enemies have hunted me down and completely defeated me. They have put me in a dark prison of spiritual despondency, and I am completely powerless like those who died long ago.

Psa 143:4 So I am ready to give up on church planting; I am in deep despair.

Psa 143:5 I remember the days gone by; I think about all that you have done in the 90’s, I bring to mind all your church planting deeds of the past.

Psa 143:6 I lift up my hands to you in prayer; like dry ground my soul is thirsty for you, Jesus.

Psa 143:7 Answer and fill me now, LORD Holy Spirit! I have lost all hope and holy joy. Don't hide yourself from me, or I will be among those who go down to the world of the dead and eternal doom.

Psa 143:8 Jesus, remind me each morning of your constant love and enablement, for I put my trust in you. My prayers go up to you; show me the way I should go--where to find lost souls.

Psa 143:9 I go to you for protection and power, O God my Mighty Savior; rescue me from opposing MEN.

Psa 143:10 You are my LORD the Divine Guide; teach me to do your will in evangelism. Be good to me, and guide me on a safe successful path.

Psa 143:11 Rescue me from demonic opposition, Almighty LORD God, as you have promised; in your goodness save me from my troubles in church planting!

Psa 143:12 Because of your love for me, Jesus, vanquish my enemies and destroy all my oppressers, for I am your Kingdom servant, planting churches.