

## **SCCC – NEVER GIVE UP IN PRAYER**

### **S – Scriptures**

“Lord, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you.” Psalm 88: 1

### **C – Consideration**

As I read this Psalm I could see the picture of Job, as the man shared his struggles, “I am overwhelmed with troubles and my life draws near to death.” His rejection and loneliness, “You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them.” “You have taken from me friend and neighbor— darkness is my closest friend.” His many questions during the hard times he was facing, “Why, LORD, do you reject me and hide your face from me?” “Is your love declared in the grave, your faithfulness in Destruction? Are your wonders known in the place of darkness, or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?”

### **C – Commitment**

There is a great lesson in the words of The Psalmist: he never lost his faith, he never ceased his prayer, even when time passed, and circumstances wouldn't change. In some other verses, his words confirm that: “Lord, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you. May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry. “But I cry to you for help, Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before you.” “I call to you, Lord, every day; I spread out my hands to you.” He prayed at night, he prayed during the day, he prayed in the morning, he prayed daily. How many times when troubles came, my soul was bitter and I turned my head down, and instead of praying, I listened to the devil. It is in those times that I should have come close to God but, I would listen to Satan. There is always a danger in my deserts. Wasn't that what he did to Jesus when he was in the desert, hungry and thirsty? What a lesson for me in this Psalm: No matter the problems, or the situations I should always pray and not give up.

### **C – Call**

Jesus has warned me: ‘In the world, you will have tribulation’, so, I should not be surprised when it comes. I know that in these times the enemy comes to tempt me in my vulnerability. My Heavenly Father, help me to follow the example of The Psalmist and keep trusting that you will bless my soul. Lord, deliver me from the evil one and give me a discerning heart to keep and to trust in your word. My God, help me to be a man of prayer as I saw in the life of Herman, who is the author of this Psalm. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.