

## **SCCC – THEY NEED MY PRAYERS**

### **S - Scriptures**

“As you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.” II Corinthians 1: 11

### **C – Consideration**

Paul, shared in his second letter to the church in Corinth, about the challenges he and his followers had faced proclaiming the gospel message in Asia. The book of Acts shows many hardships the apostles suffered like imprisonment, beaten, threatened, and even death. And, Paul wanted the local believers to know about it; therefore he said: “We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.” He gave a broad picture of the spiritual battles they fought to the point of losing the hope to live. Then, he explains why God allowed those trials: To keep them humble and focusing their eyes on the Lord, not on ego. He praised those believers, affirming that although not present with them, their intercessions had a great impact to accomplish their mission: “He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him, we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers.”

### **C – Commitment**

In our days, there are many “Pauls” carrying one the Great Commission of Jesus into the world. The gospel has to be proclaimed to the ends of the earth. There are many challenges, persecution, and threats against these missionaries. As in the days of Paul, today many brothers have been suffering many trials and even death in Asia. Communism and anti-Christians mobs have been responsible for the blood of thousands of believers in China, Laos, North Korea, Myanmar, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, and the like. I had the opportunity to meet some believers in Pakistan, and personally witnessed the struggle they experience as Christians. The Scriptures tell me to ask the Lord to send workers to the mission field, to support them financially, and to also to continually pray on their behalf.

### **C – Call**

Lord, I thank you for the many brothers who are in the mission fields bringing the gospel to those who have not heard yet, to make disciples and establish new churches. I pray that myself and the saints in the world will never stop interceding for them; that they might be delivered from temptations, from the devil’s trap, from the enemies of the gospel. Also, that they would preach the message with boldness, signs, miracles, and wonders done by you through their hands my God. Lord, comfort the hearts of the many “Pauls, Barnabas’, Lukes,

Silas', Timothies," and other courageous servants that Jesus has called in our days to proclaim His message. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.