SCCC – FROM FEAR TO TRIUMPH

S - Scriptures

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, I will give thanks to him in song." Psalm 28: 7

C – Consideration

David is praying for deliverance from his enemies. He is pleading that God would answer his requests since he knows the danger he is facing. Their armies and their political influence were thousands of times stronger than he, and he is seeking help from the Lord. As a pattern in David's prayers, before he finishes his prayer and stands on his feet, he already has a changed heart. He showed these facts through three actions displayed in verse seven. First, he knows that he has gotten power and protection from on high – 'The Lord is my strength and my shield'. Second, he came into God's presence with fear, yet his heart is now full of faith, hope, and peace – 'my heart trusts in him, and he helps me'. And, thirdly, there are no longer spaces in his soul for grief and bitterness, but happiness and thanksgiving – 'My heart leaps for joy, I will give thanks to him in song'.

C – Commitment

The prayer of David is remarkable. It teaches me how to deal with bad news, with daily trials that can steal my faith, my joy, and most importantly of all, and my relationship with the Lord. In these days thirty minutes watching the newscast is enough to fill our hearts with sadness, bitterness, anger, and many other bad feelings. We don't know what is true or false in daily broadcasting. There is a powerful immoral and evil army controlling the media and political world leaders, and in my power, I can do nothing to overcome these forces. But, I always have to remember that my God is always here to listen to my heart, to comfort my soul. As David said, He is my strength and my shield, in Him alone I put my trust, therefore joy and praises will triumph over fear and anger. These forces of evil that surround me are nothing before my God!

C - Call

My Heavenly Father, thank You for the inspired words by the Holy Spirit. It brought to my heart a truth, that even though I am living in dangerous times, with so much evil surrounding me, however, they are incapable to harm me. They are nothing before Your mighty power. Their rule will soon disappear, but You are forever. My God, like David, I should speak with faith: You are my strength, my shield, I will trust in You, for You always help me, I will rejoice and always be thankful to You. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.