



Thank you for praying for and with MCF. We hope this prayer calendar assists you to pray for Defence related issues. The calendar includes international and national prayer concerns and those of MCF groups in Australia and other nations, and other Christian Military Ministries.

⁴ "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away". And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold I am making all things new".

Rev 21:4-5a (ESV)

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05 Apr 20

- ✝ Pray for all Australians during the Coronavirus crisis. For many Australians 2020 may be the most difficult year of their lives. Pray that Churches and ADF chaplains would be responsive to pastoral needs. Pray for opportunities to share the hope of Jesus in the midst of suffering.
- ✝ Pray for the Prime Minister Scott Morrison, and his family. Ask that God would give him wisdom in judgement, and sustain him with energy during this especially busy season. Pray also for his Government who support him and for the Opposition.
- ✝ Thank God for the National Cabinet consisting of the PM, State Premiers and Chief Ministers. Thank God that this group has worked well to serve the national interest. Pray for ongoing unity even as States will necessarily begin to require different policy options to suit their individual circumstances.
- ✝ Pray for Christians around the world as they prepare to celebrate Easter. Pray

that even during this time of isolation many more people around the world will hear the Easter story and come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Pray for those on deployment who won't be with their family this Easter.

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- ✝ Pray for LTGEN John Frewen as he leads the Defence COVID-19 Taskforce. Pray for the approximately 1200 ADF members who are currently deployed on Operation COVID-19 Assist, and for their families back home. Pray for the state agencies and all the others who have the lead, while the ADF provides support as part of the whole-of-government response.
- ✝ Thank God for video streaming and video conferencing technology this is being used far more by all organisations, including Christian organisations, at this time. Thank God for the ability for God's people to 'meet together' around God's word online. Pray for those who may struggle to access technology, especially

the elderly, that they would still remain connected.

✝ Pray for the elderly who are most at risk during the pandemic. For those who follow Jesus, may they be reminded of Your love and forgiveness. Help them to know that their spiritual standing is a free gift of grace, not a result of their works or effort. For those who have lived life their own way ignoring God, pray that their hearts would be softened and that they would consider the truth, beauty and relevance of Jesus.

✝ Pray for those around the world who are working on vaccines for the SARS-CoV-2 virus which causes COVID-19. Pray also for those at the CSIRO laboratories in Geelong, Vic, and for those working in Universities around Australia to help respond to the virus.

✝ Pray for spiritual sharpness and opportunities for ADF Chaplains to serve the ADF and work alongside medical and other professionals at this time.

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✝ Thank God that even though the spread of Coronavirus is unexpected from our human perspective, it is not a surprise to Him, and He remains 100% in control. Praise Him because we know that a time will come when He re-makes the world, does away with death and suffering and pain because of His kindness, and gloriously restores all things.

✝ Pray for all people facing financial uncertainty, the threat to health and the looming shadow of death. Pray especially for those of us in the western world, that our eyes would be opened to the futility of trusting in wealth and material success, and that we would turn to God in repentance, trusting Him for our future. Pray for opportunities for the good news about Jesus to be seen and heard afresh.

✝ Pray for the operation of MCF during 2020. Pray that we would continue to meet together and support one another even though physically distant. Pray for MCFs around the world at this time, that they will find ways to connect and

minister to those in their security forces at this time.

✝ Pray for those who are feeling lonely and isolated by current restrictions. Especially those who have served our nation and now won't have the opportunity to connect with comrades this Anzac Day. Thank God for the service of all who have been involved with protecting and serving Australia over the years. Thank God for the Christians in the ADO who have been a strong witness to those they served and interacted with during their service. Pray those still serving will also be strong and faithful witnesses to all they engage with.

26 Apr 20

✝ Pray for the distribution of the newly released Army devotional booklets. Pray for receptiveness when Chaplains offer them in training establishments and at other locations. Pray that soldiers of faith and those new to faith might take some quiet time to read the devotions and reflect upon the Bible. Give thanks for the Bible Society of Australia for

helping facilitate free Christian material to be available to all in the ADO.

✝ Pray for those in leadership in defence at all levels – ORs, NCOs, Officers, and Australian Public Servants and SES. Pray that decision makers would be wise in their planning and decision making.

✝ Pray for our fellow defence ministries represented by the FCMM – ACCTS, AMCF, Chaplains, Everyman's Welfare Service, FOCUS, Navigators, Red Shield Defence Services and Solid Rock Ministries. Pray they will continue to have alternate avenues of ministry open to them at this time and they will minister wisely and those who wouldn't normally engage with them but can do so anonymously at this time will have their hearts open to hear your word.

✝ Pray for human rights to be preserved throughout the world, as some regimes seek to use the Coronavirus crisis to gain additional power. Pray that all people will be treated as equals and have access to basic living requirements and treatment if they become ill.

MCF PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
we thank you
that the blood of Jesus Christ
cleanses us from all sin.
Bless the service men and women
of all nations
and grant that we who know the joy
of being all one in Christ Jesus
may be filled with your love
and pass it on to others
until His coming again.

Amen