



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.

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

John 10:14-15 (NIV)

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06 Dec 20

- ✠ Pray for the body of Christians around the world, especially those living in countries where following Jesus results in persecution. Ask that God would shield Christians from attack by the enemy, and work in the hearts of those in power, softening them by his holy spirit.
- ✠ Thank God for all the good things he has been doing in MCF this year, and the wider sphere of Christian Military Ministry. Pray for the coming year that we would, both individually and collectively, be seeking God's guidance as we go forward.
- ✠ Pray for Chaplains in their pastoral care of ADF members with PTSD, and those who self-harm and experience suicidal thoughts and attempt suicide. Pray that God would use our Chaplains and Christian members of the ADF to provide supernatural support in times of greatest need.

13 Dec 20

- ✠ As the ADF and Australian public process the findings and recommendations of the Brereton report, pray for all the members and families impacted. Pray for all those who served in special operations in Afghanistan, and for those who provided information to the IGADF inquiry.
- ✠ Thank God for the outcomes of the recent AGM. Pray for CAPT Jacob Choi as he transitions into his new role as the MCF Chair (formerly vice-chair). Pray for those continuing on in their roles and for those who are taking up new support roles. Pray for wise decisions and continued support from MCF members and other military ministries.

20 Dec 20

- ✠ This week as we remember the birth of a baby and exchange gifts, thank God for the gift of Jesus, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Pray for all newcomers visiting churches over Christmas that they would be shown the great love of God in sending Jesus for us.

- ✝ Pray for those unable to be with their loved ones this Christmas and for those that find Christmas hard or sad rather than a happy time. Pray that Jesus will bring comfort and healing through people around them and through a personal relationship with Him.

27 Dec 20

- ✝ Pray for the children and spouses of deployed ADF members who are without one of their parents for extended periods. Pray that any fear and loneliness they feel will be eased over this Christmas period, and that they will be aware of God's presence with them during the separation.
- ✝ Thank God for those who have served in the MCF council over the past year and pray for the new MCF council that they would make wise and God honouring decisions as they lead MCF.

03 Jan 21

- ✝ As we enter a new year, pray that God would bring more people in the ADO to repentance and faith in Jesus this year.

Pray that Christians in Defence would live lives which are so distinctive that they lead to questions and opportunities to give a reason for the hope that we have.

- ✝ Pray for wisdom and integrity for senior Defence decision makers, especially CDF and CA, as they implement the recommendations of Brereton report and continue with ongoing cultural reform.

10 Jan 21

- ✝ Pray for our fellow defence ministries represented by the FCMM – ACCTS, Everyman's Welfare Service, FOCUS, Navigators, Red Shield Defence Services and Solid Rock Ministries as well as for AMCF and Chaplains. Pray for them especially at this time as restrictions impact the way they serve the wider ADF community, and impact their financial support.
- ✝ Pray for the personal walks of three (3) individuals and friends that you personally know in MCF. Pray that they would put Christ first in their lives and be

salt and light in their areas of influence this year.

17 Jan 21

- ✝ Pray that the CDF, Secretary, Ministers and Service Chiefs would see in MCF members and other Christians a life of loyalty and dedication to service whether in uniform, APS or contractors. Pray that we would live in love and humility, in the power of the Spirit. May we carry out our duties in righteousness and justice to His honour and glory.
 - ✝ Pray for MCF members and other Christians on board HMA Ships and Submarines. Ask for God's power and direction for all their activities. May God empower them to be a shining light in their work and rest. Pray that God would protect them and their families, and all who sail with them.
- ### **20 Jan 21**
- ✝ Pray for recruits and cadets who will move through ADF training establishments in the coming year. Pray for resilience, adaptability and an ability

to successfully acquire new skills. Pray especially for young people with Christian connections – that God would use MCF and other ministries to keep growing these young people deeper in faith as they leave their families and make their own life decisions (in an environment where the pressure to conform to the world is often very high).

✝ Pray that MCF would be united around the primary issues of Christian faith, and that it would not be distracted by trivial or secondary issues. Pray that Jesus would be proclaimed and God would be glorified through the work of MCF.

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✝ Pray for the ongoing distribution of the Bible Society ADF Bibles and devotional booklets. Pray for receptiveness when Chaplains offer them in training establishments, at character training courses, and other opportunities throughout the coming year.

✝ Pray all of Defence as it follows the implementation of three key documents which were released last year by the

MINDEF (Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC). These are the Defence Strategic Update, the Force Structure Plan, and most recently, the Defence Transformation Strategy. Ask that God would prosper the work of Defence, making it even more effective in responding to an uncertain and volatile external environment, and intrinsically more agile and proactive.

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