



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.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
1 Pet 1:3 (NIV)

Please send prayer points to the Prayer Coordinator:

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02 Oct 22

- † Praise God for the universe he has made. Thank him for creating a finely tuned cosmos, and giving all people everywhere life and breath and everything else. Thank God for the way that his world displays his power and wisdom.
- † Pray for the ongoing war in Ukraine. Pray for those who suffer as a result of injuries, or who have lost loved ones. Pray especially for the civilian victims of war. Thank God for the recent success of offensive operations by Ukraine and pray that Putin would cease Russian aggression. Pray for stability in Europe.
- † Pray for all ADF members who are currently deployed on operations. Pray for those also who are on overseas postings and have been unable to be reunited with family due to the absence of international travel. Pray that churches and communities would be supportive of the families at home.

09 Oct 22

- † Praise God for his greatness displayed in the vastness of the sea, the power of waves, and all the sea creatures. Pray for the Royal Australian Navy and ask that God would keep all RAN members

safe from the dangers of the sea. Pray for the development of Australian sea power, and the acquisition and sustainment of all our naval platforms. Pray especially for future undersea capability, such as unmanned systems developed in partnership with Anduril.

- † Pray for Russell and Helen Bielenberg, long-time MCF servants, as Helen deals with a period of sickness.
- † Pray for CHAP Jenny Schleusener at HMAS Albatross. For some time Jenny has desired to run 'The Marriage Course' - and it is finally coming to fruition. The course is running in October and November, partially online and partially hosted by the local RSL, with about 16 Defence couples. The course runs each Monday night for 8 weeks. Please pray that people are open to converse with their partner, and that they are soft to the Christian elements of the course content. Pray that the course would strengthen marriages.

16 Oct 22

- † Praise God for the land of Australia, for the beauty of our vast deserts, the lush green of tropical rainforests, and all

terrain in between. Pray for all aspects of the Australian Army, and for all training in land warfare. Pray for the safety of those deployed on operations, and for the force in training at home. Ask that Australian land combat power would continue to develop, and that commanders at all levels would be wise and agile in the application of force.

† Pray for Sir Angus Houston (former CDF) and Prof Stephen Smith (former Defence Minister) as they lead the Defence Strategic Review. Pray for all those inside and outside Defence involved in the review, that the outcomes will set Defence up to 'Shape, Deter and Respond' through the present period of increased strategic competition in our region.

† Pray that all Australians would reflect on the vanity of wealth and 'success' and seek a deeper spiritual life. Pray that those of us who follow Jesus would be protected from the empty promises of money, power, and sexual misconduct. Pray that Christians would be bold to speak about the hope of Jesus.

23 Oct 22

† Praise God for his greatness displayed in the sky and beyond into space, the sun and the stars and the moon. Pray for all members of the Royal Australian Air Force, whether air crew, or working on the ground. Ask that God would grant all members of the RAAF safety in carrying out their tasks, and that Australian air power would be developed and deployed with insight. Thank him for the skill he has enabled humans to develop in operating and ruling in the sky.

† Pray for all members in training establishments, whether trainees or instructors. Pray that through all activities and free time God would be working. Pray for tough, challenging and rewarding training, and for spiritual sharpness and opportunities for Christian ADF Chaplains and staff. Pray that Christian trainees would stand firm in their faith, and would find other Christians for mutual encouragement.

† Pray for governments in Australia at local, state and federal levels. Pray for the new federal government following the

federal election, and for the ministers and various portfolios. Pray that God would protect Australia from politicians who seek their own interests. Pray instead that God would work through his appointed leaders, and bless them with wisdom. Pray for elected members and staffers who have faith commitments, that they would be supernaturally empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve faithfully and be a light in their context.

30 Oct 22

† Pray for the protection and promotion of human rights across the globe. Pray for Australia and other nations who share our values (values which largely derive from a Judeo-Christian worldview). As Australia and our partners seek to shape the strategic environment for good and counter those who personally gain and the expense of others, pray that oppression and injustice would be replaced by freedom and love for neighbour. Pray for all those who work to such ends in Government, in NGOs, and in Christian mission organisations.

✝ 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.

✝ Thank God for the encouragement shared by those who attended Defence Christians Dinner in Victoria, held last month at Puckapunyal. Thank God for the availability of the SGTs Mess, for PRINCHAP Jaensch and Rev Blinco-Smith who spoke. Pray for gatherings being planned for Canberra (BBQ, 05 Nov) and Adelaide (Dinner, 19 Nov)

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