

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.

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

1 Pet 5:8-9 (NIV)

Please send prayer points to the Prayer Coordinator:

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# 06 Nov 22

- This Friday 11 Nov is internationally recognised as Remembrance Day. This week we thank God for the service and sacrifice of all current and former members of our military, and their families and friends who support them. Pray for those who have served and who still carry the scars of that service.
- Pray for the MCF events taking place this month: MCF Canberra Sausage Sizzle (5th Nov); the MCF AGM online on 14 Nov, MCF Adelaide Defence Christian's Dinner (19 Nov); and the Australian National Prayer Breakfast in person in Parliament House, Canberra and online (28th Nov).
- Pray for CHAP Jenny Schleusener at HMAS Albatross, currently running 'The Marriage Course' through 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 ADF marriages would be strengthened, and that people would be soft to the Christian elements of the course content.

### 13 Nov 22

- Pray for the MCF AGM which will be held this Monday night 14 Nov on Zoom from 1900-2000 AEDT. Will you be joining us? Pray for those who may be appointed to positions on the MCF-A Council. Pray that they would be empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve the body of believers within Defence.
- In the wake of World Mental Health day last month, pray for the mental health of all current serving and former ADF members. Pray especially for those whose mental health has been adversely impacted as a result of their service. Pray for healing and openness to meeting the great healer, Jesus, who will one day wipe away every tear.
- Pray for God's protection on all who serve in Christian leadership in Defence, whether in Chaplaincy or in lay-ministry. Ask that God would enable Christian leaders to put sin to death in their own lives, and turn away from temptation to serve the true and living God.

#### 20 Nov 22

- Last month in October, the president of the Association of Military Christian Fellowships changed. AMCF's President General Srilal Weerasooriya conducted a turnover ceremony for the next president, Major General Essel Soriano of The Philippines. Please give thanks and praise for both these men and pray with General Soriano as he enters this role.
- Think quietly of a few individuals that you personally know in MCF. Pray for their personal spiritual lives, that they would put Christ first and be salt and light in their areas of influence.
- 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.

#### 27 Nov 22

- Pray for members who are beginning preparations for posting, as they farewell old friends and possibly leave behind family. Pray that God would comfort and protect members in their new roles and localities.
- 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. Ask God to sustain the innocent civilians who are victims of the war, now facing a winter without electricity, gas, and with scarce food. Pray that Putin would cease Russian aggression. Pray for stability in Europe and across the globe.
- Praise God for the trust and high regard that many diggers have for the Padre. Pray that Padres throughout the ADF might be wise and spiritually sharp in their engagement.

# 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