



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.

¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Eph 1:18-21 (NIV)

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05 Feb 23

- † Praise God for the universe he has made. Thank him for giving all men life and breath and everything else. Thank God for the way that his world displays his power and wisdom. Pray for joint exercising and joint operations which the ADF will conduct this year.
- † Pray for Defence members as they settle into new postings across the nation and around the world. Pray that they would find their feet and be valuable members of the team, both in their work context in ADF and in the spiritual context in our churches. Pray also for their families and kids as they adapt to new schools and make new friendships.
- † As we enter a new year, pray that God would bring more people in the ADF to repentance and faith in Jesus this year. Pray that Christians in Defence would live lives which are courageous and faithful. May we be so distinctive that our lives lead to questions and opportunities to give a reason for the hope that we have.

12 Feb 23

- † 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 for discernment and clear thinking in force application.
- † Pray for the spouses and children of members who have posted. Pray for those who remain behind on unaccompanied postings, especially those connected into the body of Christ, that churches and friends would be alert to their needs and provide them with support. Pray for children who are making new friends in a new location, and adjusting to new schools and new workplaces. Pray that Christians would be welcoming to new Defence members in their churches.
- † Pray for your peers and especially your subordinates in your unit/workplace. Spend time prayerfully considering how you might be a blessing to them this year. Ask that God would give you the

gifts of wisdom, knowledge, understanding, discernment and humility for this task.

19 Feb 23

- † 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 also for the ADF's mastery in the information and cyber domains.
- † Pray for Sir Angus Houston (former CDF) and Prof Stephen Smith (former Defence Minister) as the finishing touches are put on the Defence Strategic Review. Also pray for the Nuclear Powered Submarine Taskforce, headed by Vice Admiral Jonathan Mead. Both of these processes are due to conclude and for government to make public announcements in the March 2023 timeframe (next month). They are both

incredibly important planning processes which will shape Australia's Defence posture for years to come. Pray for both processes and the teams who have worked so hard as they finalise their conclusions.

26 Feb 23

- † Praise God for his greatness displayed in the sky and beyond into space. Thank him for the sun and the stars and the moon, and for the skill he has enabled man to develop in operating and ruling in the sky. 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 and space power would be developed and deployed with insight.
- † Pray for the ongoing war in Ukraine. Thank God for the commitment from many nations to continue to provide support to Ukraine (most recently by agreeing to supply main battle tanks). 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,

persevering through a cold winter without electricity, gas, and with scarce food. Pray that Putin would cease Russian aggression. Pray for stability in Europe and across the globe.

- † Pray for the RAAF (and Navy and Army) personnel who will be attending the Avalon International Airshow 2022 which is open to the public from 03-05 Mar 23. Pray for safety in the conduct of the flying demonstrations, and that public affairs matters and business interactions between defence suppliers would be productive.

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