



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.

*<sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

1 John 3:18 (NIV)

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### 05 Mar 23

- † Pray for the RAAF (and Navy and Army) personnel who will be attending the Avalon International Airshow 2022 which concludes today. Pray for safety in the conduct of the flying demonstrations, and that public affairs matters and business interactions between defence suppliers would be productive, and lead to accelerated capability development.
- † Pray for the ADF Member and Family events which are running around Australia throughout the year – pray especially for those making new connections in a new posting locality at the start of the year. Details here: <https://www.defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/partners-dependants/community-programs/events>
- † Thank God for the response of the New Zealand Defence Force and Australian Defence Force to the request for assistance from the government of New Zealand following extreme damage from Tropical Cyclone Gabrielle in early February 2023.

### 12 Mar 23

- † Pray for the Faith Under Fire course which is underway in the Edinburgh Defence Precinct (SA). Pray that there would be more courses run this year on Defence establishments to help people consider Jesus and his claims about life.
- † A DEFGRAM has announced a number of promotions and new appointments across Defence at the one-star and two-star level; many of them are Navy. Some of these commence in March, while the majority commence in July. Pray for these new leaders, for wisdom and grace as they start new roles leading new teams in important functions for Defence.
- † At time of writing, the announcement of the Defence Strategic Review is imminent, as is the announcement of the 'optimal pathway' for Australia to acquire a Nuclear Powered Submarine capability. Pray for Government, Defence, industry and our international partners in the US and UK as we work together in an increasingly close and fast-paced environment.

### 19 Mar 23

- † Pray for the Open Day at HMAS Cerberus (VIC), underway today Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of March. Pray for safe and secure conduct of the open day, and that members of the public would be proud to understand the contribution of the Royal Australian Navy to our way of life.
- † Pray for Operation Kudu, the Australian Defence Force's commitment to the training of Armed Forces of Ukraine recruits in the United Kingdom (UK). The Australian contingent (roughly 70 members, mostly from 5RAR) is working alongside partner nations as part of the UK-led training program to build additional capacity for Ukraine to defend their homeland and focuses on basic infantry tactics for urban and wooded environments. Pray also for the Chaplain who is deployed with those members.
- † Pray for ADFA and RMC Trainees as they settle into the routines of their courses. Pray that they might take the opportunity to connect with Christians whilst there through various churches

and the ministries of Navigators and FOCUSmilitary.

### 26 Mar 23

- † Pray for the Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Robert Chipman, AM, CSC. Pray for wisdom in his duties as he oversees activities which raise, train and sustain Air Force capability.
- † Pray for churches across Australia in the lead up to Easter. Pray that many Australians would come to understand for the first time the significance of Jesus death and resurrection for them. Pray especially for MCF groups around Defence which may be seeking to engage colleagues at Easter time with hot-cross bun morning teas or similar events.
- † Pray for the MCF-A council and executive, that they would seek and clearly hear God's leading for MCF-A, and be obedient and faithful, such that the membership of MCF would be blessed and take up whatever challenges we might face together, to the glory of God.

### 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**