



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.

¹¹ 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.'

Revelation 4:11 (NIV)

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02 July 23

† Praise God for the universe he has made. Thank him for giving all people life and breath and everything else. Thank God for the way that his world displays his power and wisdom.

'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.' (Rev 4:11)

† Following the release of Defence Strategic Review, pray for the six priority areas: nuclear-powered submarines, precision long-range strike, our northern bases, growth and retention of the workforce, partnership with industry, and the deepening of our partnerships with key partners in the Indo-Pacific.

† Pray for 'ADF Careers', the new name for Defence Force Recruiting. Pray for all Australians who are considering serving in Defence, for trainees currently in training, and for the retention and morale of the trained force.

09 July 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.

'Jesus replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him". (Matt 8:26-27)

† Pray for the Australian Amphibious Force (AAF) which is currently being tested across Sea Explorer and Sea Raider exercises. HMA ships *Adelaide* and *Choules* have embarked more than 700 soldiers and 100 vehicles., including a full range of infantry, armour, artillery, aviation and logistics. The AAF plays a key role in supporting and working alongside partners and contributing to regional stability.

† Pray for spiritual sharpness and opportunities for ADF Chaplains at this time. Pray that sailors, soldiers and aviators would have courage to initiate

deeper conversations with Chaplains and seek them out.

16 July 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. 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.

‘The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? ... I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord’ (Ps 27:1,13-14)

- ✚ Pray for the Australian Army as it is reshaped for “littoral manoeuvre operations, by sea, land and air, from Australia, with enhanced long-range fires” in accordance with the DSR.

- ✚ Pray our international partners in the US, UK and elsewhere as we work together in an increasingly close and fast-paced environment.

23 July 23

- ✚ Praise God for his greatness displayed in the sky and beyond into space. Thank him for the sun and the stars and the solar system, and for the skill he has enabled man to develop in operating and ruling in the sky and space. 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.

‘When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?’ (Ps 8:3-4)

- ✚ Pray for Air Vice Marshal Glen Braz, who recently commenced as the Air Commander Australia, following on from Air Marshall Darren Goldie. Air Marshall Goldie becomes the inaugural National Cyber Security Coordinator for the Australian Government. Pray for both these leaders.

- ✚ Pray for those in leadership in defence at all levels – ORs, NCOs, Officers, and Australian Public Servants, SES, and defence industry. Pray that decision makers would be wise in their planning and decision making.

30 July 23

- ✚ Pray for the ADF’s Joint capabilities. Ask God that he would enhance cooperation and interoperability between Navy, Army and Air Force. Pray for those who work in the logistics, education, health, and cyber spaces which are inherently joint. Also pray for all staff at HQJOC, and for the safety of those deployed on operations.

“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust” (Ps 91:1-2)

- ✚ Pray for the Advanced Strategic Capability Accelerator (ASCA) which commenced operations at the start of this month. With \$3.4B over the decade, ASCA will drive innovation and create capability for the ADF. Pray that ASCA would be successful and move at rapid pace to equip our warfighters.

✝ Ex Talisman Sabre 2023 is underway this week (from 22 Jul to 04 Aug). Approximately 30 000 military personnel will participate from the ADF and eleven partner nations. Pray for all personnel on Ex TS23 as they build capacity in high-end, multi-domain warfare, and build increased interoperability with our partners.

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