



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.

¹Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.
Psalm 1:1-2 (NIV)

Please send prayer points to the Prayer Coordinator:

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07 May 23

- † Thank God for the recent commemoration of ANZAC Day. Thank God for those who served us and our nation, from hundreds of years ago until today. Also thank God for the many Chaplains who served and died in times of war, providing spiritual leadership to those who have defended us at sea, on the land, and in the skies.
- † Also thank God for the Coronation of King Charles III and Camilla. Thank God for the benefits Australia enjoys in being a federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy. Praise God for our system of government, our beautiful land, our rich resources and diverse culture.
- † Pray for Defence following the release of the unclassified version of Defence Strategic Review. Thank God for the work of all who facilitated and contributed to the review from across Australia. Pray that the strategic direction and key findings from the review will strengthen Australia's national security and ensure our readiness for future challenges.

14 May 23

- † With today being Mother's Day, please join us in thanking God for mothers all around Australia. Pray especially for all deployed members who are far from their family at this time. Pray for the partners and children who remain behind. Ask that God would give strength and endurance to both the deployed members and their families, and that Defence and support agencies would provide community support.
- † 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 spiritual sharpness and opportunities for ADF Chaplains at this time. Pray that sailors, soldiers and airmen and women would have courage to initiate deeper conversations with Chaplains and seek them out.

21 May 23

- † Pray for Navy, Army and Air Force, government, defence industry and our international partners in the US, UK and elsewhere as we work together in an increasingly close and fast-paced environment.
- † Pray for the Salvation Army's *Red Shield Defence Services* that they would have opportunity to share the gospel on the bases where they are located. Pray for broader Salvation Army '*Red Shield Appeal*' which is occurring throughout Australia this weekend (20-21 May); that funds would be raised to continue to support Salvation Army who serve Australians in poverty and hardship.
- † 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 FOCUS Military.

28 May 23

- † Pray for the Advanced Strategic Capability Accelerator (ASCA) which was announced by government this time

last month. With \$3.4B over the decade, ASCA will accelerate getting asymmetric capabilities based on Aussie ingenuity into the hands of the ADF.

- † Pray for those in leadership in defence at all levels – ORs, NCOs, Officers, and Australian Public Servants and SES. Pray that decision makers would be wise in their planning and decision making.
- † Thank God for His provision for the whole work of MCF: for the committee, for area reps and points of contact on bases, for Chaplains, members, financial supporters, partner ministries. Ask that the support would continue and that MCF would continue to make a valuable contribution throughout Defence and across Australia.

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