



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.

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

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04 Jul 21

- † Pray for the ongoing suppression of Coronavirus in Australia. Pray for ongoing diligence and watchfulness across all states and territories, as fresh outbreaks are managed and much of the population is in lock-down.
- † With the recent withdrawal of the ADF out of Afghanistan, pray for the thousands of service men and women who served and sacrificed in Afghanistan over the almost 20-years of operations. Pray for the friends and family of the 41 Australians who lost their lives there. Pray also for those who still carry in themselves the scars of their service. Pray for the Afghan people and government as the Taliban violently regains control.
- † Pray for all those who work in Strategic Policy and Intelligence, and similar roles in Defence and the wider government. Pray that they would be wise as they deal with increasing geo-political competition in our region. Ask God to grant wisdom to all leaders in our nation, at the federal and state levels, as they

deal with coercive tactics in the grey zone between peace and war.

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- † 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.
- † Pray for our fellow defence ministries represented by the FCMM – ACCTS, Everyman's Welfare Service, FOCUS, Navigators, Red Shield Defence Services and Solid Rock Ministries as well as partners AMCF and Chaplains. Pray for them especially at this time as restrictions impact the way they serve the wider ADF community, and impact their financial support.
- † Pray for the millions of Australians who have lost jobs and livelihoods because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Ask that God would comfort those who have lost things they worked hard to achieve. Pray that all Australian's would reflect on the vanity of wealth and 'success' and

seek a deeper spiritual life. Pause to take a moment to thank God for his blessings to you.

- † Pray that God would bring more people in the ADF to repentance and faith in Jesus. Pray that Christians in the ADF who are not connected with Defence ministries would search for and connect with one of the many groups.

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- † Pray for *Exercise Talisman Sabre 2021*, a very large combined Australian and United States training activity occurring every two years which will be held in Queensland during late-July 2021. <https://www1.defence.gov.au/exercises/talisman-sabre-21>
- † 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 which are inherently joint. Also pray for all staff at HQ JOC whose work supports all our operations.
- † Pray for all deployed members of the Australian Defence Force, for those

deployed at home and those deployed far away. 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.

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- † Thank God for those who are financial supporters of Defence Christian ministry, whether MCF or other ministries. Thank God for the investment for eternity that many people have made through the generations. Pray for wisdom for all Defence Christian ministries whose incomes may have dropped due to financial pressures.
- † Thank God for the work Defence does to serve the wider-Australian community, through Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, and Operation COVID-19 Assist.
- † Pray for leaders at all levels, as they provide leadership to Defence. Pray that they would lead with integrity, courage

and wisdom. Pray that they would be good listeners, open to reason, and that they would care for the people, programs and equipment entrusted to them.

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