



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.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:22 (NIV)

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01 Aug 21

- † Pray for the book launch of my *My Story, My God* on Monday 02 August. It is a book of short reflections by Christians in the Defence community. It is sponsored by Bible Society Australia and has been pulled together by Phil McMaster (Navigators) and Julie Jaensch (MCF) on behalf of the FCMM. Pray that the book would be a wonderful tool for Christian ministry within the ADF.
- † Thank God for the training, certification and inter-operability that was demonstrated at Ex Talisman Sabre 21 in July (across all three services). Pray that the training conducted and relationships that were developed would serve Australia well for future operations and capability development.
- † Pray for the ongoing suppression of Coronavirus in Australia. Pray especially for the Government of New South Wales and all who are providing support and advice. Pray for the ADF members who are supporting JTF629 in COVID Assist. Pray for those who are victims of the virus, having lost their lives (or loved ones). Pray for those who find themselves out of work. Ask that God

would sustain families everywhere who are under the additional strain at this time, and that domestic violence and suicide and other social challenges would not intensify at this time.

08 Aug 21

- † Pray for Defence trainees (and all ADF members) that they will improve their physical, mental and spiritual resilience.
- † Pray for each member on the MCF Council and for the National Administrator Julie Jaensch as they work to keep the MCF organisation functioning. Pray also for the MCF Reps and Points of Contact around Australia. 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 currently connected with Defence ministries would search for and connect with one of the many groups.
- † 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 seek to regain control.

15 Aug 21

- † 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 and for AMCF and Christian 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.

22 Aug 21

- † Pray for the many elderly Australians who may be experiencing increased levels of isolation, fear and anxiety at this time. Ask that God would encourage those who are Christians; may their hope be in the future eternal city rather than our current earthly city. Pray that they would be reminded of God’s love, and that their salvation does not depend upon their religious performance, but is assured because of God’s free gift to those who repent.
- † Pray for your subordinates, team-mates, or colleagues. Seek how you might be a blessing to them and encourage them in their work and life situation. Ask for the gifts of wisdom, knowledge,

understanding, discernment and humility for this task.

- † 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.

29 Aug 21

- † 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.

✝ Pray for the Defence Christians Dinner in Melbourne which Darren Thomas is organising on 10 Sep 21. Pray for the planning underway for Defence Christians Dinners in other locations.

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