



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 Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Eph 6:11-12 (NIV)

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05 Sep 21

- ✝ Pray for the friends and family of WO2 Ryan Leslie and Craftsman Brendon Payne, two RAEME members from 2/14 LHR who died in the vehicle accident near Townsville last week. Pray for the Chaplains, Everymans and Salvation Army reps who are providing support.
- ✝ Pray for the coronavirus situation in Australia. Pray especially for New South Wales and Victoria where governments have changed approach to accept the presence of the virus. Pray for the health systems in both states where September and October are expected to see peak demand and increased deaths. Pray for the ACT with their current outbreak. Ask that God would sustain the many Australians enduring lockdown. Pray for the other states which are currently free of the virus and for the national vaccination effort. Also pray for the ADF members who are directly supporting JTF629 Operation COVID-19 Assist.
- ✝ 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, especially in the light of the Afghanistan situation.

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- ✝ Pray for the ongoing situation in Afghanistan:
- ✝ Pray for the approximately 30,000 ADF personnel who served in Afghanistan. Pray for the families of the 41 Australians who died, and the many more who were wounded physically and mentally. Pray for the ADF members and veterans for whom this sudden resurgence of the Taliban remains very raw and painful
- ✝ Pray for Defence Christian ministries who serve veterans of the Afghan conflict, that they would be empowered to connect deeply and serve lovingly.
- ✝ Pray for the Afghan people who remain behind after recent evacuations. Pray for those whose lives will be restricted under Taliban rule, or who will live in fear. Pray especially for the small

minority of Christians who are reportedly now facing intense persecution.

<https://www.ETernityNews.com.au/world/taliban-search-phones-for-bible-apps/>

19 Sep 21

Following National Science Week last month, pray that more students would consider studying Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM). Pray that Defence would use STEM skills to gain an advantage over our adversaries. STEM is considered to be critical for the future workforce, especially in Defence. Pray also that those who appreciate the advancements of science would consider the evidence for God and the resurrection of Jesus, and understand that the science-faith conflict hypothesis is a myth.

Pray that the CDF, Secretary, Ministers and Service Chiefs would see in MCF members and other Christians a life of loyalty and dedication to service whether in uniform, APS or contractors. Pray that we would live in love and humility, in the power of the Spirit. May we carry out our

duties in righteousness and justice to His honour and glory.

Pray that all Australians would reflect on the vanity of wealth and 'success' and seek a deeper spiritual life. Pray that Christians would be bold to speak about the hope of Jesus.

Pray for the hospitals and doctors and nurses across Australia, serving on the frontlines of the coronavirus response.

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Pray for all those who are currently applying to join the ADF through Defence Force Recruiting, across all three services and across all job roles. Pray for the ADFA Virtual Open Day planned for late September. Pray that God would provide fulfilling work and satisfying careers to those who choose to defend our nation.

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, especially under the pressure of lockdowns in much of Australia. 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.

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