



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.

*I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.”*

John 10:14-15 (NIV)

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### 05 Dec 21

- ✝ Thank God for the outcomes of the recent AGM and those who have served MCF in various roles this past year. Pray for CHAP Steve Neuhaus as he transitions into his new role as the MCF Chair (formerly vice-chair), WO2 Darren Thomas (formerly Member Rep) now VC and CHAP David Schweinsberg, new Treasurer. Pray for those continuing on in their roles and for those who are taking up new support roles. Pray for wise decisions and continued support from MCF members and other military ministries.
- ✝ Pray for Chaplains in their pastoral care of ADF members with PTSD, and those who self-harm and experience suicidal thoughts and attempt suicide. Pray that God would use our Chaplains and Christian members of the ADF to provide supernatural support in times of greatest need.
- ✝ Pray for members who are preparing for posting, as they farewell old friends and possibly leave behind family. Pray that

God would comfort and protect members in their new roles and localities.

### 12 Dec 21

- ✝ Thank God for all the good things he has been doing in MCF this year, and the wider sphere of Christian Military Ministry. Pray for the coming year that we would, both individually and collectively, be seeking God's guidance as we go forward.
- ✝ Pray for our FCMM partners – ACCTS, Everyman's Welfare Service, FOCUS, Navigators, RSDS and Solid Rock. Give thanks for 7yrs of Solid Rock and pray for guidance and support as they move to being their own identity in 2022. Also pray for our other partners, AMCF, ADF Chaplains and Bible Society Australia. Give thanks for these partnerships and pray our partnerships will be blessed in 2022.
- ✝ Give thanks that Christian organisations and Chaplains are able to work in the ADF. Pray this will continue and God's Kingdom will be nourished and grow throughout the ADO.

## 19 Dec 21

- † This week as we remember the birth of a baby and exchange gifts, thank God for the gift of Jesus, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Pray for all newcomers visiting churches over Christmas that they would be shown the great love of God in sending Jesus for us.
- † Pray for those unable to be with their loved ones this Christmas and for those that find Christmas hard or sad rather than a happy time. Pray that Jesus will bring comfort and healing through people around them and through a personal relationship with Him.
- † Pray for safety of members as they travel for recreation, to visit loved ones and for postings over this Christmas season.

## 26 Dec 21

- † Pray for the children and spouses of deployed ADF members who are without one of their parents for extended periods. Pray that any fear and loneliness they feel will be eased over

this Christmas period, and that they will be aware of God's presence with them during the separation.

- † Pray for MCF members and other Christians on board HMA Ships and Submarines. Ask for God's power and direction for all their activities. May God empower them to be a shining light in their work and rest. Pray that God would protect them and their families, and all who sail with them.

## 02 Jan 22

- † As we enter a new year, pray that God would bring more people in the ADO to repentance and faith in Jesus this year. Pray that Christians in Defence would live lives which are so distinctive that they lead to questions and opportunities to give a reason for the hope that we have.
- † Pray for our emergency service workers over this summer's high risk weather period. Pray that fires, cyclones, floods and other weather events would be controllable and would not cause undue loss of life or property.

## 09 Jan 22

- † Give thanks for Russell and Helen Bielenberg, for over 50 years of service through MCF and other Military Ministries, and over 60 years as members of MCF-A. Pray that their service will inspire others to continue building God's Kingdom in the ADO.
- † Pray for the personal walks of three (3) individuals and friends that you personally know in MCF. Pray that they would put Christ first in their lives and be salt and light in their areas of influence this year.
- † Pray for wisdom and integrity for senior Defence decision makers at all levels - ORs, Officers, and APS. 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.

## 16 Jan 22

- † Thank God for those who have served on the MCF Council over the past year and pray for the new MCF Council that they would make wise and God honouring decisions as they lead MCF. Pray for SGT(RAAF) Steven Cutts as a new Member Rep and PCHA Andrew Lewis as the new Chaplain Rep.
- † Pray for the body of Christians around the world, especially those living in countries where following Jesus results in persecution. Ask that God would shield Christians from attack by the enemy, and work in the hearts of those in power, softening them by his holy spirit.

## 23 Jan 22

- † Pray for recruits and cadets who will move through ADF training establishments in the coming year. Pray for resilience, adaptability and an ability to successfully acquire new skills. Pray especially for young people with Christian connections – that God would use MCF and other ministries to keep

growing these young people deeper in faith as they leave their families and make their own life decisions (in an environment where the pressure to conform to the world is often very high).

- † Pray that MCF would be united around the primary issues of Christian faith, and that it would not be distracted by trivial or secondary issues. Pray that Jesus would be proclaimed and God would be glorified through the work of MCF.

## 30 Jan 22

- † Pray for the ongoing distribution of the Bible Society ADF Bibles, devotional booklets and other resources. Pray for receptiveness when Chaplains offer them in training establishments, at character training courses, and other opportunities throughout the coming year.
- † Pray for all of Defence as people start to physically go back to work. Pray for those who have not been physically at work for a long time and the challenges they may find. Pray that Chaplains and Christians in the ADF will be able to have

meaningful face to face conversations and share the Good News.

- † Pray for MCF Reps and POCs as small group meetings start up again. Pray that groups will be harmonious and welcoming, encouraging each other and building up God's Kingdom. Pray for new Reps to come forward in places where there are no MCF groups or there is no one to coord gatherings. Pray for events groups are organising, that they will be well received by Christians and non-Christians alike.

### **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**