



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.

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

Matt 4:18-20 (NIV)

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17 Jul 22

† Pray for the new senior leadership appointments in Defence. Thank God for the service of CDF, VCDF and CJOPS who have each been extended in their roles for a further two years. Thank God for the faithful service of the outgoing Chief of Navy, Chief of Army and Chief of Air Force. Pray for the new appointments; Vice Admiral Mark Hammond who will lead the Navy; Lieutenant General Simon Stuart, who will take command of the Army; and Air Marshal Robert Chipman, who will become Chief of Air Force.

† Pray for Arjun and his wife from MCF-India. Praise God that, despite dealing with sickness before and during their travel, they have now arrived in Nepal to commence the planting of a new Military Christian Fellowship group in Nepal!

† Pray for the new Federal Government, who are now a few weeks into their roles. Please join us in saying the prayers which the Speaker reads each day upon taking the Chair in Parliament:

Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to vouch safe Thy blessing upon this Parliament. Direct and prosper our deliberations to the advancement of Thy glory, and the true welfare of the people of Australia.

Our Father, which art in Heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

24 Jul 22

† Pray for RIMPAC 2022, the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise which is currently underway in and around the Hawaiian Islands. This year Australia is one of 26 nations represented. Pray for HMA Ships Canberra, Waramunga and Supply, the two RAAF P-8As, and the joint landing force and other elements, totalling 1600 ADF personnel. Thank God for the opportunity to work with our regional partners to test interoperability.

† Pray for CHAP Jenny Schleusener at HMAS Albatross. For some time Jenny has desired to run the ALPHA Marriage Course - and it is finally coming to fruition. The course is scheduled to run in October and November, hosted for free by a local RSL. Pray that base leadership would allow the course to be advertised and promoted widely at HMAS Albatross, and pray that the

couples who enrol are the ones that God knows will benefit most from it. It will run each Monday night for 8 weeks.

† Pray for the ongoing work by the Nuclear Powered Submarine Task Force, refining options to deliver a new submarine capability for Australia under the AUKUS trilateral security partnership.

31 Jul 22

† Pray for all MCF members and each of the groups meeting on bases around Australia. May grace, the love of Christ, and the power of the Spirit abound in our communities. May each member be effective in supporting fellow Christians and in ministering the love of Christ to their colleagues at work, and to families and friends.

† Pray for WO2 Martin Fisher and the MCF group at Gallipoli Barracks. Plans are in the works to run a Faith Under Fire course at Gallipoli Barracks, 12 Oct – 16 Nov 22. Pray for wisdom for marketing and promoting the course on base, and that many non-Christians would be curious and motivated to attend.

† Praise God for all those who are financial supporters of Defence Christian ministry,

particularly MCF. Thank God for the investment for eternity which many people have made through the generations. Thank God especially for the funds which have been donated to MCF Australia in the past financial year. Pray for the Treasurer of MCF, CHAP David Schweinsberg, and for the whole MCF leadership team, that money would be wisely used in growing Christian ministry in Defence. May there grow, in Defence, a wide-spread witness to Jesus as the risen king.

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