



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.

*But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*

1 Sam 16:7 (NIV)

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### 07 Aug 22

- † Pray for Sir Angus Houston (a former CDF) and Prof Stephen Smith (a former Defence Minister) as they lead the recently announced review of Defence's posture, structure and acquisitions. The review will have a broad scope, covering preparedness over a 10 year window from 2023-2033, and includes the Integrated Investment Program. Pray for all those inside and outside Defence involved in the review, that the outcomes will set Defence up to 'Shape, Deter and Respond' through this period of increased strategic competition in our region.
- † Pray for Russell and Helen Bielenberg, long-time MCF servants, as they deal with a period of sickness and injury (in the midst of Russell's cancer management). Also pray for the many Chaplains and others across Defence who are unwell at this time.
- † Pray for the RAAF aircraft and over 260 Australian personnel who are in the United States to participate in Exercise Red Flag Alaska (28 Jul to 12 Aug). The exercise series enables the conduct of full-scale aerial battles and is a major contributor to Australia's high standard of

air battle management capability. Pray for successful training outcomes for RAAF.

### 14 Aug 22

- † 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 Thomas's running Alpha at Puckapunyal in person and online.
- † As Australia struggles under another wave of COVID infections, pray for all those at work in our hospitals and health care facilities. Pray for energy for the staff. Pray for Christians who become seriously ill, especially elderly Christians. Ask God to give those of us who follow Jesus such vital faith that we would live lives full of hope for the future restoration of all things – including the destruction of death and illness – in Jesus future kingdom.

✝ 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 Defence to repentance and faith in Jesus. Pray that Christians in Defence who are not currently connected with Defence ministries would search for and connect with one of the many groups.

### **21 Aug 22**

✝ Pray for WO2 Martin Fisher and the MCF group at Gallipoli Barracks. Plans are in the works to run a Faith Under Fire on the Barracks. Pray for wisdom for the best time to run the course with the base having a high work tempo. Pray for wisdom in marketing and promoting the course on base, and that many non-Christians would be curious and motivated to attend.

✝ Pray for governments in Australia at local, state and federal levels. Pray for the new federal government following the federal election, and for the ministers and various portfolios. Pray that God would protect Australia from politicians who seek their own interests. Pray instead that God would work through his appointed leaders, and bless them with wisdom. Pray especially for

elected members and staffers who have faith commitments, that they would be empowered by the spirit to serve faithfully and be a light in their context.

✝ Pray for Christian Defence Chaplains you know, or who serve in your unit or on a base near you. Pray that God will use their witness to impact many for the Kingdom. Pray for those in training for Chaplaincy, that God would direct their path.

### **28 Aug 22**

✝ Pray for the Defence Christians Dinner in Victoria, to be held at Puckapunyal on the evening of Friday 09 September. Thank God for the availability of the SGTs Mess, for PRINCHAP Jaensch and Rev Blinco-Smith who will be speaking, and pray that many Victorian Christians connected with Defence would be able to attend. Also pray for gatherings being planned for Canberra (BBQ, 05 Nov) and Adelaide (Dinner Oct/Nov)

✝ Give thanks for the support which the Bible Society Australia gives to Defence Christian Ministry, for MCF and other ministries in the FCMM. They kindly produce resources at no cost to Defence. Give thanks for their willingness to be adaptable and helping to produce material for use in Defence.

✝ Thank God for the crew of HMAS Parramatta who recently returned home to

their home port of Sydney following a regional presence deployment. Over 75 days they conducted regional engagement with partners at sea and in port visits, and contributed to Operation Argos.

✝ Pray for ADF training establishments, that Christians in these places would be empowered to use effectively the staff, students, training schedules and free time for work and ministry that you have given them in these places of learning.

### **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**