

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.

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.. Eph 2:8-9 (NIV)

Please send prayer points to the Prayer Coordinator:

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04 Sep 22

- Give thanks for the connections made with Chaplains and Christian Military Ministries at the ADFA Open Day 2022 last weekend. Pray that those Christians joining Defence will find other Christians and support in their faith walk and that they will be the light and salt to those around them, bringing them into God's Kingdom.
- Pray for the Defence Christians Dinner in Victoria, to be held at Puckapunyal next Friday evening, 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 the Christians traveling from different parts of Australia will be kept safe and that the evening will be a blessing and encouragement to all who attend. <u>Defence Christians Dinner Vic</u> 2022 - Puckapunyal - Military Christian Fellowship of Australia (mcf-a.org.au)
- Pray for those in Defence, including Defence Cadets, who have lost loved ones recently. Give them comfort and strength. Pray for the Chaplains and others who support them. Give thanks that as Christians we can have comfort knowing that there is a room prepared for us when our time comes. Also

remember in prayer those who are sick or troubled. We especially remember our MCF members and supporters.

11 Sep 22

- Give thanks for the scientists who work for Defence, especially as they were remembered and showcased their work in the recent #scienceweek activities. Remember in prayer those who work at DSTG and in other capability development roles. Pray that they will be the salt and light in their workspace, holding firm in their faith.
- Pray for the PNG Defence Force as they receive their 4000 new camouflage PNGDF Bibles this September through the kind donation of Bible Society Australia. Pray for LTCOL Jamie Van Heel as he helps facilitate these types of resources across the Pacific in his role as Vice President SW Pacific for AMCF.
- Give thanks for the FCMM lead's gathering last month. Give thanks that FOCUS, Navigators, Solid Rock, RSDS, Everymans, ACCTS and MCF can work together and support each others work in Defence alongside Chaplains and AMCF. Pray that they continue to be a united front in Defence, support all Christians in their workplace and bringing others into God's Kingdom.

18 Sep 22

- Give thanks for the safe deployments for HMAS Canberra and all involved in RIMPAC2022 and other operations in the Pacific. Give thanks for Exercise Pitch Black that finished in Darwin on 8 Sept. Remember all who have, are, or are about to go on exercise or deploy both overseas and within Australia. Pray that their loved ones left behind would be well supported.
- Pray for the war in Ukraine. Pray that Russian aggression would end. Pray for the civilians who have been targeted, killed and injured, and for the millions who have had to flee their homes. Pray for resilience for those who serve the Ukraine people. Ask that God would equip Ukraine military chaplains and agencies providing support. Pray for MCF-Ukraine and that work they are doing amongst troops and civilians. Pray for their safety. Pray that God would be shaping the global geopolitical order for his purposes.
- Pray for MCF Reps who are looking to organise courses and events for people at their work. Pray that BBQs, Alpha and Faith under Fire, Bible Studies, Dinners

and other events will connect Christians and encourage those who are seeking to come along. Pray for the timing of these events to have maximum impact especially as many bases are extra busy at present. We especially remember WO1 Darren and Tracey Thomas running Alpha at Puckapunyal and online and CHAP Jenny Schleusener looking to run an Alpha marriage course including people from HMAS Albatross in Oct/Nov.

25 Sep 22

- Pray for MCF members and their families, especially those starting to prepare to post to a new location. Pray they will be connected to Christians and a suitable Church for their situation in their new location. Give them joy, not sadness, as they head toward the end of their current posting and farewell friends.
- Pray for all MCF groups in Australia. Pray for their Reps and others who help coordinate the group and events. Pray that people would again hunger to meet with fellow Christians and bring others along to gatherings. Pray that Defence Christians will have a desire to grow their

faith and be strong witnesses and good role models in their workplace.

Pray for the upcoming MCF AGM, online at 7pm AEDT on 14th Nov. Pray that people will be raised up to fill positions and that the right people will be elected for the roles. Give thanks for those who work so tirelessly to support MCF whether in an official capacity or not. Pray for and give thanks to all the MCF Reps and POCs who spread the word about MCF and connect and support Christians in their workplace. Give thanks for the many organisations who are willing to support their ministries.

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