



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.

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

John 8:12 (NIV)

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#### 04 Dec 22

† 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 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, embolden them to persevere, and soften the hearts of those who oppose the gospel.

#### 11 Dec 22

† Thank God for the running of 'The Marriage Course' at HMAS Albatross, through October and November this year, partially online and partially hosted by the local RSL, with about 16 Defence couples. Pray that ADF marriages everywhere would be strengthened.

† Pray for elements of the ADF that are preparing for Defence Assistance to the

Civil Community (DACC) tasking's over the summer fire danger period. Pray for protection from natural disasters in Australia and for those who have been affected by natural disasters in the past few years in particular, and those who assist them, especially the ADF.

#### 18 Dec 22

† Thank God for the successful conclusion of Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2022, after three months of maritime-led tri-service engagement with 14 nations in the Indo-Pacific region.

† Pray for those who find Christmas a hard or sad time. 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.

#### 25 Dec 22

† 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 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.

### **01 Jan 23**

- † With the start of the new year, please pray for Defence and the Australian Defence Force for the great diversity of work which is to come this year. Pray also for MCF-A, and for our fellow defence ministries represented by the FCMM and others – ACCTS, AMCF, Chaplains, Everyman's Welfare Service, FOCUS, Navigators, Red Shield Defence Services and Solid Rock Ministries.
- † Pray for Mr Tony Dalton, Dep Sec National Naval Shipbuilding, and Chris Deeble AO CSC, Dep Sec Capability Acquisition and Sustainment. Thank God for their work in leading their

respective components of the Defence organisation.

### **08 Jan 23**

- † Pray for people to be raised up to lead MCF-A groups across Australia. Pray that there will be good connections of Christians within Defence and that many will join MCF groups and encourage each other in their Christian journey while working in Defence and beyond.
- † Pray for Sir Angus Houston (former CDF) and Prof Stephen Smith (former Defence Minister) as they lead the Defence Strategic Review. The review is due to deliver its final report in March. Pray for all those involved.

### **15 Jan 23**

- † Pray for those who work in Strategic Policy and Intelligence within the Department of Defence. Pray for wisdom as they work with other elements of government to act in our national interest into the future.
- † Praise God for the trust and high regard that many diggers have for the Padre. Pray that Padres throughout the ADF

might be wise and spiritually sharp in their engagement.

### **22 Jan 23**

- † Pray for families who are posting and moving to a new location in Australia or overseas. Pray for them as they farewell old friends and possibly leave behind family. Pray that God would comfort and protect members in their new roles and localities.
- † 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-A, Navigators and FOCUS Military, and other ministries to keep growing these young people deeper in faith as they leave their families and make their own life decisions.

### **29 Jan 23**

- † Pray for those in leadership in defence at all levels – ORs, NCOs, Officers, and Australian Public Servants and SES.

Pray that decision makers would be wise, shrewd and prudent in their planning and decision making. Pray that the Australian Defence Force (and wider Australian Defence Organisation) would be characterised by people who are selfless.

✝ Praise God for the AMCF's new President, General Essel Soriano from the Philippines. General Soriano was at the first AMCF 'Interaction' in Canberra and Brisbane in 1997 with the Bielengergs. He was a Captain at that time. Pray with General Soriano as he enters this new role, leading AMCF's community of Military Christians in over 150 nations.

### **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**