



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.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him..
John 3:16-17 (NIV)

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06 Aug 23

- ✝ At the time of writing, a search is underway for four missing crewmen of an Army MRH-90 which crashed in the Whitsunday region during Ex Talisman Sabre. Please pray for the families of the missing aviators and for those serving in the ongoing recovery. Also pray for the remainder of the roughly 30,000 ADF members and personnel from eleven partner nations who have now resumed other activities as part of Ex Talisman Sabre. Pray that they would build skills in high-end multi-domain warfare, and interoperability with our partners.
- ✝ Pray for the Alpha course which is currently being run by the MCF group at DSTG Fishermans Bend, with a number of visitors attending due to the strength of personal invitations. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would reveal the truth and power of Jesus resurrection to them personally. Pray for other groups and MCF representatives on the bases in your state or region.

- ✝ Pray for the war in Ukraine. Thank God for the strength of the Ukrainian people, and commitment from many nations to continue to provide support to Ukraine. Pray for President Zelenskyy and his team. Pray for Ukraine's military and their chaplains. Pray especially for the civilian victims of war. Pray that Putin would cease Russian aggression. Pray for stability in Europe and across the globe.

13 Aug 23

- ✝ Thank God for the recent announcement of Land 400 Phase 3 – one of the largest capability acquisitions in Army's history. Army will receive 129 new 'Redback' infantry fighting vehicles produced by Hanwha facilities in Victoria.
- ✝ This week marks two years since the city of Kabul was captured by the Taliban on 15 August 2021. It was the final action of the war in Afghanistan. Pray for the civilians who remain behind under Taliban rule, especially women. Pray for refugees, including those who have been resettled in Australia.

✚ 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.

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✚ Thank God for the recent AUSMIN meetings between Australia and the USA on 29 July. Pray for the Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles and Senator Penny Wong who met with their counterparts. Pray for all in the various elements of government, that they would be wise as they deal with increasing geopolitical competition in our region. Ask God to grant wisdom to all leaders in our nation, at the federal and state levels, as they deal with coercive tactics in the grey zone between peace and war.

✚ Pray for spiritual sharpness and opportunities for Christian ADF Chaplains at this time. Pray that sailors, soldiers and aviators would have courage to initiate deeper conversations with Chaplains and seek them out.

✚ Pray for each of the services: Navy, Army and Air Force government. Also pray for the groups in the Department of Defence, and the many companies that make up our defence industry. Also pray for our international partners in the US, UK and elsewhere as we work together in an increasingly close and fast-paced environment.

27 Aug 23

✚ Pray for Defence following the release of the unclassified version of Defence Strategic Review. Thank God for the work of all who facilitated and contributed to the review from across Australia. Pray that the strategic direction and key findings from the review will strengthen Australia's national security and ensure our readiness for future challenges.

✚ With Father's Day occurring next Sunday, pray for families, children and partners. Pray especially for all deployed members who are far from their family at this time. Pray for the partners and children who remain behind. Ask that God would give strength and endurance to both the deployed members and their families, and that Defence and support agencies would provide community support.

✚ Pray for the planning underway by MCF Reps and Christian groups across Australia for a variety of Defence Christian Dinners to occur later this year.

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