

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.

⁷ "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! Matthew 7:7-11 (NIV) Please send prayer points to the Prayer Coordinator: Dr Daniel Solomon (daniel.solomon3@defence.gov.au)

7 April 24

- Lord, you have blessed and saved us through Jesus. You have given us a rich and beautiful country in which we are free to worship and serve You. You have also given us responsibility for this land and its people. Help us to praise and worship You and help us in our weakness not to fail You or our fellow Australians. Thank you for Jesus.
- Give thanks for 40 years of MCF-A and the celebrations with past and present MCF-A Council and other supporters, especially at Government House in Canberra and the Dinner.
- Pray for all the 40th Birthday Celebrations being planned for everyone across Australia, including the National gathering in Canberra on 31 August.
 Pray that MCF-A will be a shining light for all in Defence and will continue to grow, supporting and encouraging Christians in Defence for many years to come.

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- Thank God for the wonderful book launch of Russell Bielenberg's book on the MCF-A's history. Give thanks for a beautiful day and the amazing support of many other organisations, and past and present MCF-A members.
- Pray for the new MCF-A Small Groups being raised up. Give thanks for new and current MCF Reps to coord or run the groups and give thanks for those who have done this in the past. Pray many new people will be connected and supported through these new groups and that these groups will be an encouragement to those who have been running for many years.
- Pray for the situations in Gaza and Ukraine. Pray our leaders, from the Prime Minister down as they work through what is best and how Australia is involved. Pray for all places where people aren't safe to live their lives without fear of injury, death or persecution. Pray for Christians living in these situations, that their faith will stay strong.

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- Pray for those who are feeling lonely and isolated by restrictions or circumstances. Especially those who have served our nation and now may not have the opportunity to connect with mates this Anzac Day. Thank God for the service of all who have been involved with protecting and serving Australia over the years. Thank God for the Christians in Defence who have been a strong witness to those they served and interacted with during their service. Pray those still serving will also be strong and faithful witnesses to all they engage with.
- Pray for all ADF deployed at this time both overseas and within Australia. Pray for their families and friends left at home. Pray for safety of all, and that Christian Churches will give support to their members who have ADF connections.
- Pray for those in the MCF who are unwell, have relatives who are unwell, or are going through a tough time getting up to speed in their new posting.

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- Pray for all those who are struggling to pay their bills and put food on the table. Pray also for those trying to buy a home, given the challenges for new people entering the market. Give thanks that Defence have some homes for ADF families to rent when posting.
- Pray for the upcoming exercises for the ADF, both across Australia and abroad. Pray for safety for all involved and give thanks there were no major incidents for those who have just completed exercises or deployments. Pray that defence Christians and organisations will have opportunities to have fruitful conversations during this time and that they will be the salt and light to those around them.
- Pray for those affected by natural disasters. Pray for quick and helpful assistance to be given, and pray for those who are assisting. Pray that even in hardship people will be able to see God's saving Grace and come to know Jesus, or have their faith strengthened.

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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