

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.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

Please send prayer points to the Prayer Coordinator: Dr Daniel Solomon (daniel.solomon3@defence.gov.au)

5 May 24

- Thank God for the more than two million personnel who have served in the Australian Defence Force. Pray for the families of the more than 103,000 Australians who lost their lives for our country.
- Pray for the ADF senior leadership appointments taking effect in July. This include Vice Admiral David Johnston, AC, RAN, appointed as the new Chief of the Defence Force, Air Marshal Robert Chipman, AO, CSC, appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Defence Force and Air Vice-Marshal Stephen Chappell, DSC, CSC, OAM, appointed as the Chief of Air Force. Thank God for General Angus Campbell for his service as Chief of the Defence Force.
- Pray for the successfully implementation of the National Defence Strategy (NDS) and the 2024 Integrated Investment Program (IIP) launched recently by the Government. Pray that our defence strategy will deter potential adversaries. Pray also for those adversely affected by the changes being introduced.

12 May 24

- Thank God for the restoration of the identities of seven Australian soldiers, who were killed 108 years ago in the battle of Fromelles during the First World War.
- Pray for the approximately 1500 ADF personnel who are currently deployed on operations, serving Australia's national interest at home and overseas.
- Pray for all MCF-A groups across the country, for God's protection of the MCF-A Representatives and all those who attend the MCF-A meetings.

19 May 24

- Pray for MCF-A finances and for more people to financially contribute at least \$20 p/mth (see <u>Donate Military Christian Fellowship of Australia (mcf-a.org.au)</u>) to the MCF-A to reduce the shortfall in the budget.
- Pray for more MCF-A Centurions, who pray and financially support the work of the MCF-A, and for the revamp of this program currently being undertaken. (email: mcf.office@defence.gov.au for info)

Pray for the changes planned by the Defence Secretary and Chief of the Defence Force based on the findings of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide. Pray for all current Defence personnel and Veterans, and families, going through a difficult time.

26 May 24

- Pray for all personnel partaking in Exercise Diamond Storm in June and other exercises. Pray for safe travel to and from the exercises, and for their safety during the exercises. Pray for all Christians partaking in the exercises to stand firm in their faith, and for opportunities for them to share their faith with others.
- Pray for the preparation for the National Day of Prayer for Defence, which will take place on 15 June in Canberra (see National Day of Prayer for Defence 2024 Military Christian Fellowship of Australia (mcf-a.org.au). Pray that during June, lots of MCF groups will host events in their own workplace to pray for Defence.

Pray for His Excellency Mr David Hurley, AC, DSC, FTSE who will shortly be finishing his term as Governor General. Thank God for him and his wife, Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley, and for their long standing duty to Australia and their strong showing and talk of their Christian faith in all of it. Pray also for his replacement, Ms Samantha Mostyn AO, who will be sworn in on 1 July 2024.

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