

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.

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord...'"

Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)

Please send any prayer points to the MCF-A Prayer Coordinator: Dr Daniel Solomon (Prayer Coordinator).

1 December 24

- Thank God for the MCF-A 40-year celebrations in Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and others. Pray for all those who partook in these events to thank God for his faithfulness and goodness over four decades.
- Pray for all those selected at the MCF-A AGM last month to serve on the MCF Council. Pray for Godly Wisdom and discernment as they lead the MCF-A over the next year. For all those standing down, thank God for the time they served on the MCF-A Council.
- Thank God for the Forum of Christian Ministries Military (FCMM) partners, especially the Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS), who have just celebrated 125 years of service to the ADF.

8 December 24

Thank God for the Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF)
Conference, which was held in Brazil.
Praise God for the fellowship,
friendships, connections and lessons
learned during the conference. Thank

- God that delegates from the Pacific region were able to attend the conference. Praise God for the continued safety, support and growth of MCF's across the world, particularly where Christianity is not supported.
- Pray for all those who are struggling with fatigue or stress. Pray that God will give them the stamina to keep going until the end of the year and that they will have a good refreshing break over Christmas.
- Pray for safe travel for all those travelling over the Christmas break.

15 December 24

- Pray for all Defence Veterans over the Christmas season, since Christmas is not always a happy time for some of them. Pray for God's protection and peace in their lives. Check in with your colleagues and your Chaplain to make sure they are doing ok and pray for anyone who needs help at this time. Also pray for all who are missing loved ones this Christmas.
- Thank God for all those involved in the intensive week-long Exercise Keris Woomera in Indonesia. Thank God for

- the approximately 1400 crew of HMAS Adelaide and HMAS Stuart that partook in the 4-day port visit to Indonesia 2 days after Exercise Keris Woomera.
- Pray for all those taking leave over December / January, that they will have a refreshing break with their family and friends.

22 December 24

- Thank God for sending His one and only Son into the world, so that we can be reconciled to God through Him.
- Pray for all Churches as they hold
 Christmas Carols and Christmas Day
 services. Pray that many lives will be
 changed and people will come to Christ
 during these events.
- Pray for all Chaplains, and others in Defence, who are on-call or working during the Christmas break.

29 December 24

Praise God for what He has done through the MCF-A in 2024. Thank God for 40 years of bringing the Hope of Christ to those working in Defence. Thank God for widening MCF-A's vision

- to include families and veterans. Thank God that relationships with ADF Chaplains and the other ministries within Defence (FCMM) have continued to be built, which has also brought many blessings. Thank God that we have continued to decentralise and encourage MCF-A Representatives and MCF-A Groups to be more active in their regions, rather than have a Canberra centric focus.
- Thank God for all those involved in Operation Gateway, where a number of RAAF P-8A aircraft were deployed to the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) Base Butterworth.
- Pray for MCF-A Groups that are finding it difficult to get together or facing opposition in their workplace. Pray for new groups which are started up at the end of the year or starting early next year.

5 January 25

Thank God for another year. Pray for all MCF-A Representatives as they commence MCF-A meetings for 2025. Pray for God's guidance and provision,

- so they can reach more of their colleagues.
- Pray for all those posting to a new location or new role in the new year.

 Pray that they will get a good break before they commence their new role.

 Pray for those moving houses and those whose children need to move schools.
- Pray for all those connected with the MCF-A who have been, or are about to be, baptised. Thank God for all those who share the Good News with their workmates, family, friends and neighbours.

12 January 25

- Pray for a smooth transition as US president-elect Donald Trump takes office on 20 January. Pray that his administration will strengthen ties with Australia, in particular on defence aspects.
- Pray for Defence welcome events being held across Australia from January to March. Pray that many MCF-A Representatives and Chaplains will make themselves available for these events. Pray for them as they introduce

- MCF-A to people and invite them to MCF-A Group.
- Thank God for all those involved in the cooperation between Australia and Fiji under the Vuvale Partnership, which has resulted in three Guardian-class Patrol Boats being delivered to Fiji.

19 January 25

- Thank God for the agreement signed by Australia and India which enables the RAAF and the Indian Armed Forces to conduct air-to-air refuelling.
- Thank God that Australia, the UK and US have reached a milestone agreement to accelerate the testing of hypersonic vehicles and related technologies.
- Give thanks for the land of Australia and for all who have lived here. Pray that all can work together to continue to protect and enjoy Australia and all it has to offer. Give thanks for the ADF and its service.

26 January 25

Continue to pray for the conflict in the middle East. Pray that God will restore peace in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon and Iran.

- In particular, pray for women and children impacted by the conflict.
- Continue to pray for the conflict in Ukraine. Pray that the war will end, and God will bring peace in both Ukraine and Russia. In particular, pray for women and children impacted by the conflict.
- Thank God that Australia and Singapore opened new and expanded facilities at Shoalwater Bay Training Area, which coincided with Exercise Trent between the ADF and the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF).

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