

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-A groups in Australia and other nations, and other Christian Military Ministries.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him" (Psalms 34:8).

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

# 5 October

- Thank God that Australia, Canada, the Philippines and the US successfully conducted the Maritime Cooperative Activity (MCA) within the Philippines' Exclusive Economic Zone.
- Praise God for the over 500 personnel from the RAAF and Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) who took part in Exercise Thai Boomerang 2025. The exercise enhances cooperation and interoperability, and it strengthens coordination, skills and trust.
- Thank God for Exercise Bersama Lima, which is part of the Five Power Defence Arrangements (FPDA) and takes place in September-October. The exercise serves as a vital platform for enhancing interoperability and strengthening defence ties between Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand and the UK.
- Thank God that ADF Chaplains were able to facilitate a visit from 2 Republic of Korea Chaplains. Give thanks that relationships were strengthened and are

continuing to be built upon, and that MCF-A are included in the interactions.

#### 12 October

- Thank God for ADF cyber specialists who joined counterparts from the US and New Zealand to test new defensive cyber mission systems to counter threats across any network. This collaboration was conducted under the AUKUS agreement.
- Thank God for Exercise Mirai Bridge held last month, where Australian Army and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) personnel undertook war games on conflicts in the battlefield of the future.
- Thank God for the Chaplains from the RAAF and the US Air Force who worked together to provide ministry support on Exercise Mobility Guardian.
- Thank God for the safe travel and opportunity for some of the MCF-A Exec to meet the new lead of the Association of Christian Teaching, Conferences and Service (ACCTS) who are a Forum of Christian Military Ministry (FCMM) partner.

# 19 October

- Pray for upcoming MCF-A Dinners in Victoria and South Australia. Contact mcf.office@defence.gov.au for locations and info. All welcome!
- Praise God for the Army soldiers who joined their Japanese and US counterparts in a combined mortar livefire during Exercise Orient Shield.
- Praise God for all ADF personnel who partake in the Papua New Guinea 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence (PNG50) celebrations. Thank God for Army Chaplain Kristen Dillon, who led prayers and shared communion alongside colleagues from Fiji, PNG, New Zealand, Tonga, US, UK and Vanuatu during PNG50 celebrations.
- Give thanks that the AMCF Pacific region Vice President, Jamie Van Heel, and the new ACCTS lead, Terry Wichert were able to travel together to Tonga to help support and strengthen ties to MCF.

### 26 October

- Thank God for the record 132 Australian defence industry companies which were showcased at the 2025 Defence and Security Equipment International (DSEI) exhibition in London.
- Thank God for the army medical specialists from Australia, Japan and the US who trained side-by-side during Exercise Orient Shield.
- Praise God that RAAF Base Richmond has reached 100 years and thank God for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary airshow and safety for all when storms came through.
- Praise God for Indo-Pacific Endeavour (IPE) 2025, which commenced in July and runs for six months. Subject matter experts will travel from Australia to participate in workshops, engagements and knowledge exchanges in Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.

### 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