



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.

*“If you love me, keep My commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.” (John 14:15-17)*

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

### 3 May 2026

- † In our scripture for this month, Jesus said God the Father will send another Advocate, the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of Truth), to help us and be with us forever. The Holy Spirit helps us in so many incredible ways, including helping us in our weakness, comforting us, giving us peace and joy, helping us live holy lives, teaching us, guiding us into all truth, revealing God’s will in different situations, counselling us, praying for us, praying through us, interceding for us to God the Father, teaching us how to pray, and helping us live a victorious life. Let us hence get baptised in the Holy Spirit, so we can be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- † Praise God for all Australians who sacrificed their lives or were injured to protect our country, and for those who served in wars and conflicts. Thank God for the 8,000 Australians who sacrificed their lives, and almost 18,000 who were injured, in the Gallipoli campaign 111 years ago. Pray for their families.
- † Pray for the approximately 1,250 ADF personnel currently deployed on operations across Australia and

overseas. Pray for their safety and for their families. Pray they may find faith, or be strengthened in their faith, by making good Christian connections.

- † Thank God that more than a century after the Australian and New Zealand forces landed at Gallipoli, the Anzac spirit of mateship, shared sacrifice and allied integration remains a cornerstone of military service.
- † Pray for all Christian Chaplains serving in Defence, in particular those posted overseas. Pray for their families.

### 10 May 2026

- † Pray for the new Secretary of the Department of Defence, Ms Meghan Quinn, who will commence this role on 18<sup>th</sup> of May. Pray for the new Chief of the Defence Force, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond, AO, RAN, the new Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Susan Coyle, AM, CSC, DSM, and the new Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral Matthew Buckley, AM, CSC, RAN, who will all take on their new roles in July. Thank God for the retiring Admiral David Johnston, AC, RAN, and Lieutenant General Simon

Stuart, AO, DSC, for their services to Australia as the Chief of the Defence Force and Chief of Army.

- † Thank God for the warships from Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam which were in a multinational task group travelling from Darwin to Sydney. The task group conducted integrated training serials in Exercise Kakadu, Australia's premier multinational maritime security activity.
- † Thank God for Exercise Sea Dragon 2026, where the RAAF deployed a P-8A Poseidon and 50 aviators for the Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) training with the US Navy, Royal New Zealand Air Force, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force and the Indian Navy.
- † Thank God for 2026 National Day of Prayer for Defence, which was held in Canberra on 18<sup>th</sup> of April. Pray for the National Day of Prayer for Australia which will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> of May (see [www.australiaprays.com.au](http://www.australiaprays.com.au) for venue, registration and details).
- † Pray that the MCF-A budget will be met for this financial year. With only this

month and next month left in the financial year, please consider helping the MCF-A financially so the budget can be met.

You can donate online at [Donate - Military Christian Fellowship of Australia](#). Thank God for all the donations received thus far and for all those financially supporting the MCF-A.

### 17 May 2026

- † Praise God the ADF deployed a C-27J Spartan and a contingent of about 130 ADF personnel to participate in Exercise Bersama Shield 2026. This exercise is a key component of the Five Power Defence Agreement (FPDA), involving Australia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and the UK.
- † Thank God that Australian, the Philippines and the US recently conducted a Maritime Cooperative Activity (MCA). Australia's participation underscores our commitment to regional and international cooperation for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific.
- † Praise God for Exercise Stoic Gauntlet, where RAAF personnel rapidly deployed

and operated a new cutting-edge deployable Role 2 medical treatment facility. The RAAF for the first time trained with the JP2060-3 mission system, a modern deployable health capability.

- † Thank God that Defence has released the Defence First Nations Commitment, which establishes a clear, enterprise-wide framework to enhance outcomes with the First Nations peoples. The commitment states a long-term approach to support First Nations peoples join Defence and thrive while they are in Defence.
- † Thank God that ADF personnel partook in the multinational Exercise Freedom Shield 26 in South Korea with local, US and other nations' troops. Australians participated as augmentees to the United Nations Command (UNC) to enhance defensive capabilities and strengthen readiness, while upholding stability on the Korean Peninsula.

### 24 May 2026

- † Praise God for the [2026 National Defence Strategy \(NDS\) and 2026](#)

[Integrated Investment Program \(IIP\)](#), which were released by the Defence Minister, Richard Marles.

- ✚ Thank God that a record 365 Australian Defence businesses are featured in the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Australian Defence Exports Catalogue. The catalogue showcases Australia's export ready products, services and technologies to international partners.
- ✚ Thank God personnel from the RAN, Australian Army and RAAF deployed as Transit Security Element (TSE) Rotation 119 in support of maritime security operations under Operation Resolute. The tri-service operated alongside Navy and Australian Border Force vessels.
- ✚ Thank God that the ADF rapidly mobilised to support Solomon Islands communities, after the devastating impact of severe Tropical Cyclone Maila. The ADF delivered humanitarian assistance and disaster relief stores, as well as damage assessment of critical infrastructure.
- ✚ Praise God that ships from the RAN, Royal Canadian Navy and the US Navy

have conducted a routine multilateral transit through the South China Sea in accordance with international law. This is an important activity for Australia's long-term security and prosperity.

### 31 May 2026

- ✚ Praise God that under Exercise Coastwatchers Rotation 13 the Australian Army delivered bespoke training courses to the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF). In addition, a small boat and maritime skills are being developed for the RSIPF personnel.
- ✚ Praise God that about 400 members of the ADF partook in Balikpapan 2026, which brought together more than 16,000 personnel from the US, Canada, Philippines, France, Japan, New Zealand, Czechia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland and the UK. Australia provided land forces, medical teams, tactical air and the Anzac-class frigate HMAS Toowoomba.
- ✚ Thank God that Australia and Japan took a significant step in deepening strategic defence partnership with the finalising of

contracts for the acquisition and construction of Mogami-class frigates. This is a major milestone to modernise Australia's surface fleet.

- ✚ Thank God that the first firing of Australian-made missiles was a success. The first Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS) missiles were test-fired at the Woomera Test Range, a milestone for Australia's sovereign defence industry.
- ✚ Thank God we can have Bible Studies throughout Defence. Pray for strength and conviction of Christians in Defence who may face adversity to their faith.

### **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**