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Please find the Prayer Calendar attached

Remembrance Day

Be still and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the Earth. Psalm 46:10 (NIV)



On the on the 11th Hour on the 11th November (11th month) in 1918 the guns fell silent across the battlefields of Europe, a silence prevailed after fours years of noise and conflict. This day and time was originally called Armistice Day and was universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war, as well as those injured and their families.

The verse in Psalm 46 is part of a Psalm which speaks of how God is with us however we need to 'be still' and allow Him to protect us. The Hebrew word used here is *raphah* which means *to sink into, relax, drop your hands or let go of your weapons*. It is a 'command' given to stop fighting God's sovereign plan with our own panic, anxiety and effort. We need to be willing to stop and let him take control.

Psalm 37:7 speaks of resting (*damam*) in the Lord which is to be silent or wait patiently. In Exodus 14:14 the Israelites are told to be still and that the Lord would fight for them. In 1 Kings 19, Elijah finds that God speaks to him in a voice of sheer silence, Elijah has to stop storming and pause and listen. Being still does not mean doing nothing and it does not mean emptying your mind, it is an active word not passive.

So, take a moment on Remembrance Day to pause and be still, to first remember Christ's sacrifice for us, to remember those who fought for freedom, those who have been wounded and the families of all service personnel. Take a moment to pray for peace – *shalom* – which means to be wholly unified with God and others.

Godspeed

Steve – MCF Chair

Upcoming MCF Dinners

Sth Aust – ***Saturday 21st Nov,*** 6pm for 6.30 start at the Navy, Military and Air Force Club in Adelaide. All welcome, past and present uniformed, APS, Contractors, supporters, partners and friends. Michael Aish, Norwood Hall of Fame SANFL Player is Keynote Speaker. Pay for ow n food and drink from the bar menu. Please indicate your intent to attend for table seating: https://www.trybooking.com/DQBLC

Canberra – ***Tuesday 24th Nov***, 5.30pm for 6pm start. Buy your own food and drink. Southern Cross Club Jamison. All welcome including children, past and present Uniformed, APS, Contractors, parents of ADF, friends etc.
For numbers please use: https://www.trybooking.com/DPFWY

Vic MCF Dinner

Last month a group of MCF-A members and supporters gathered in Melbourne for some fun and fellowship over a meal. It is strongly recommended that each MCF area tries to do something similar to help grow friendships, connections and support in your local area. Contact the MCF office if you need some support to get an event organised.



Some of the group who gathered together in Melbourne last month

MCF-A AGM

It's that time of year again when we hold the MCF-A AGM. If you are a full member, please join us online on **Monday 9th November at 8pm** Canberra time. The AGM should go no more than 1 1/2hrs, hopefully less and is an important part of keeping MCF-A running.

Not sure if you're a full MCF-A member or you thought you were but haven't received any info on the AGM, email mcf.office@defence.gov.au You are also welcome to sign up as a member at any time – ***uniformed, APS, Contractors, partners of….and you can also be an associate member if you don't meet full member criteria*** when signing up. Membership - Military Christian Fellowship of Australia

If you're and associate member, or not a member of MCF-A you are still welcome. Please email the MCF-A office for the info and link.

MCF-A at Australian National Prayer Breakfast

Thanks to an anonymous donation, this year MCF-A was able to have its own sponsor table at the Australian National Prayer Breakfast at Parliament House in Canberra on the morning of 26th Oct. Some of the Exec and members had a wonderful time of fun and fellowship at the event. If you would like to watch the event you can do so on YouTube, search Australian National Prayer Breakfast 2026.





MCF-A Office and Staff Worker

As most of you will know, the MCF-A Staff Worker (Julie) has just been diagnosed with cancer. Currently, apart from the need of Chemo, it is still unsure exactly what this will look like or mean going forward. The usual work of the MCF office and support has been very limited of late, and will probably be for some time. The MCF Exec have taken up some of the tasks and Julie is doing some limited work when able. Thank you for your understanding at this time.

Julie was looking to hand over the Staff Worker role in the next 18 months, but this may now need to be sooner. If you know anyone who may be interested in taking over this role please contact David.Coleman1@defence.gov.au for the part-time job description or other info.

Other items that may be of interest

For those in South Queensland

Here's a chance to help support our Forum of Christian Military Mission (FCMM) partner, Everyman's.



Other items

Have you posted or moved house? Are you deploying or away from home for a few months or longer?

Posted or moved, please update your details HERE

Deploying or on a long exercise? MCF-A would love to support and pray for you and your family while you're away. Let us know at: mcf.office@defence.gov.au

Membership

Membership is free and ***open to every Christian***. If you've not had an association with Defence or you don't identify as Christian you can be an associate member via the same link.

Donations

MCF is supported almost entirely through freewill donations by members and supporters. Please look at Supporting MCF in prayer, with your time, and through financial support. (Direct debit preferred – details below the big green DONATE button on the webpage link)

Note that donations (over $2) to MCF-A are tax deductible.

Prayer requests

To put forward prayer points for inclusion in the calendar please email the MCF Prayer Coordinator Daniel or the MCF Office. You can also send through **urgent prayer points** that are sent on confidentially to the MCF Prayer Warriors, OR to enquire about becoming an MCF Prayer Warrior, contact the MCF Office or Daniel.

Contacting the MCF Office

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