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.

[7] *For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.*
2 Tim 1:7 (NIV)

Please send prayer points to the Prayer Coordinator:

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06 Mar 22

- Pray for the war in Ukraine. Thank God for the unity among many nations calling for peace. Pray that President Putin would cease Russian aggression. Thank God for the strength of the Ukraine military in defending well in the early days of the conflict. Pray for resilience for the Ukraine people: military members, spouses, and innocent civilians who are facing death and injury. Ask that God would equip Ukraine military chaplains. As NATO and western nations respond with strengthened resolve, pray that God would be shaping the future geopolitical order for his purposes.
- Pray for those impacted by the floods in Queensland and New South Wales. Thank God for those rendering assistance from the ADF, emergency services and other agencies.
- Pray for the *Defence Member and Family Support* welcome events throughout March. Pray especially for those events where MCF may have a presence to help people connect in with local Christian activities.

https://defence.gov.au/members-families/Events/welcome.asp

13 Mar 22

- Pray for Tonga and neighbouring Islands in the SW Pacific including the Solomon Islands. Pray for those in the ADF giving support on HMAS Adelaide to Tonga and by C-27J Spartan in the Solomon Islands.
- Pray for Defence trainees, especially those at ADFA and RMC as they settle into routines. Pray that they might take the opportunity to connect with Christians through Chaplaincy, churches and the ministries of Navigators and FOCUS military.
- Pray for the hospitals and doctors and nurses across Australia, who continue to serve in busy hospitals supporting the coronavirus response. Pray especially for WA as they open up and adjust to living with COVID. Give thanks to God for the technology and treatments we have in our hospitals. Pray also for the 25-member ADF task group which is working to improve vaccination outcomes for PNG.

20 Mar 22

- Pray for all members in Defence who identify as Christians, whether ADF, APS, contractor or other. Pray that God would help us to be selfless servants, who work diligently and care for others around us. Pray that Christians would be given wisdom in knowing how to represent Jesus in their units and posting locations.
- Thank God for those who took part in Exercise Cope North 22 in February, with the USAF and Japanese Air Self-Defense force in Guam. Thank God for the trilateral engagement and strengthening of regional partnerships, reinforcing our interoperability in the region.
- Pray for Defence trainees that they will improve their physical, mental and spiritual resilience.

27 Mar 22

- Pray for Vice Admiral Jonathon Mead, AO, who is chief of the Nuclear-Powered Submarine Task Force. Pray for Jonathon and his team as they partner with the US and UK under the AUKUS alliance to explore options for acquiring nuclear-powered submarines for Australia. Pray that Australia would be equipped with submarines to protect our maritime approaches, and thank God for those who serve below the waves.
- Pray for churches across Australia in the lead up to Easter. Pray that many Australians would come to understand the significance of Jesus death for the first time this year.
- Pray for those who are seeking to become Defence Chaplains. Pray for Christians who are already members of the ADF who are considering the call to ministry, and possibly to Defence Chaplaincy. Pray also for those who are already involved in full-time ministry elsewhere who are considering serving in the ADF.

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