



The Shield
June 2019 edition
Praying for the Canadian Military Community



Join us throughout the month of June
As we reflect upon and pray for the following

CANADA

Talk of elections and changes are in the air all across this nation and we must be willing to stand with one another and pray for our country and vote when the time comes.

Consider praying the following: *“Father, we once sang ‘Almighty God! On thee, we call’ as part of our National anthem and we meant it. But you know Lord, as we started to depend on our own wisdom, we have pushed you further and further away. We need you and always have. You have raised mighty men and women to lead this country but, to serve your children they need to serve you. Change their hearts and draw them to you so that your name is glorified across this great nation. Amen”*

LEADERS

The Apostle Paul offers the following advice to Timothy reminding him that we will live in a world ruled by men and women until Jesus returns, so we must pray that they can serve well. *“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayer, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence”* 1 Timothy 2:1-2. This is a great reminder for us to bring all leaders before God asking Him to grant them wisdom and to seek and do what is good for those they serve.

Consider offering this prayer for our leaders: *Heavenly Father, we know that you allow men and women to hold authority over us with the intent they seek to serve you first, so they can serve us well. Many leaders have not sought the wisdom you offer in scripture nor bow before you in prayer asking for your wise counsel. We want to stand before you on their behalf and ask that you continue seeking after them drawing them to you. We pray that you nudge them when they are going astray causing them to question their ethical and moral decisions. We pray Lord that they all come to know you as their Lord. Amen”*

OPERATIONS

It is an unfortunate reality of this world that men and women must willingly place themselves in harm's way, accept being away from their families and communities, and live in trying conditions in order that some form of justice and hope is brought to people in other nations who are suffering. Our military men and women have never failed to rise up to the challenge when called upon, no matter the risk. They need our support and prayers. Visit the CAF operation link at <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/operations/current-list.page> and pray for those on operations home and abroad.

Consider using this prayer as you pray for our military serving away from their homes:

“Father, we the world sense of justice and morality has been corrupted by the evil one and we call on your power and authority to do battle against Satan’s evil forces. We have men and women serving all around the world and although they do so willingly, they don’t choose to do so with the intent of being injured or killed. Will you be with our military as they seek to right some wrongs in this world. Will you

give them a sense of peace that their families are being looked after and that the God of the universe cares for them. Amen”.

CHAPLAINS

It has been said several times in this prayer guide that our chaplains’ roles and responsibilities are weighty. They not only accept responsibility to guide the spiritual welfare of our military, who constantly face uncertainty because of the nature of their work, but they also offer mental health and social guidance to aide them so they can function in the society around them. They are not exempt for the realities of the world and need our prayers to encourage them as well as strengthen them physically, spiritually and morally.

Consider praying: *“Father, we ask that you bless those who minister in your name with a healthy body, sound mind and sensitive spirit. Grant physical strength equal to each task you give them. Be with them as they give their time to others. Keep our chaplains strong when they come under spiritual attack and help them to be self-controlled and alert. Give them wisdom and protect them from the enemy’s attacks. Amen.*

MILITARY FAMILIES

When the military is focused on the mission, it is often the family that gets set aside. They often lose out on the presence of a serving parent who is either in preparation to serve or is away serving. They miss out on daily interactions and affection and this can cause emotional issues. And so, they need our prayers to protect them and where possible, they need our willingness to be a parent type figure to them so as to give the left-behind spouse a time of rest. Remember the families of our military when you pray this month.

Consider praying: *“Father, we bring before you the spouses and children of our military families who patiently wait for their returning spouse. Be near to those who are missing their deployed parent and spouse and help them to understand they are loved by them even if they are far away. Bless them with an abundance of love and support and calm any fears they have about their spouse or parent. Amen”*

THE MCF

There are many who voluntarily serve the MCF community and do so not for their glory but for God’s. It is all for Jesus and despite their willingness to do all they can, the volunteers are human and need the support of the community to keep them focused and fresh. We are thankful that men and women want to stand beside the military community to pray with them and to guide them towards Jesus. The MCF admits we can not do this without Jesus leading and His children praying. Pray for your MCF and its leadership.

Consider praying: *“Father, we pray for rest spiritually and physically for our volunteers and that they know that it is not their ministry they are leading, but yours. We pray that they will finish each day better than they started. We pray that they will take time to have fun, do things they enjoy, spend time with their family, and get away often to find peace and solitude. We pray you raise up people around them to assist them, serve them, honour them, encourage them, pray for them, admonish them, and protect them. Amen”*