



The Shield



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Praying for the Canadian Military Community

Preamble:

We are one month into 2021, and for some, it seems like more of the same; lockdowns, restricted movement, and uncertainty about the virus. Thankfully, we have God and each other to keep our hopes alive as we face the world of 2021. Our prayer calendar guides us to pray for those who know Jesus as saviour and those who have yet decided to follow. Don't forget the lost in your prayers and ask God to extend His grace to them so that they may find the truth to a full life.

Below are themes relevant to the Ministry of the Military Christian Fellowship of Canada. Our mission is to bring the gospel to serving and retired members of the CAF, DND and their families. Each topic has a suggested prayer, but please feel free to pray in your own words.

PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND ITS LEADERS:

¹“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right, and you will be commended.”

Romans 13:1-3 (NIV)

Consider praying: *"Jesus, we know that all authority and power has been given to you, but at this time, the evil one has been allowed to push his influence over the world, trying to turn us upside down and destroy the structures you have allowed to exist. Jesus, will you extend your grace to our leaders and draw them to you so that they can see the truth as they exercise their authority over us. Amen"*

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LEADERS:

²“The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my saviour; ³ my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. He is my refuge, my saviour, the One who saves me from violence. ⁴ I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and He saved me from my enemies.”

2 Samuel 22:2-4, (NLT)

Consider praying: *"Father, our military leaders are in a position that can impact the life or death of their subordinates. Many recognize that responsibility and don't take it lightly. But some have not reflected on the position of the sacrifice our military have and may casually exercise their authority. Amen"*

PRAY FOR THOSE ON OPERATIONS:

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends”

John 15:13 (NKJV).

The following link provides details on the Operations where our military serve. Please visit the site and select an operation to pray for, not just one day, but choose an operation each day:

<http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/operations/current-list.page>

Consider praying: *“Lord, we are thankful for the men and women who sacrifice by serving our nation. We know they face all kinds of danger while serving on operations. Protect them from physical, emotional, and psychological hazards and allow them a sense of peace as they are separated from their loved ones. In your mercy and grace, protect them. Amen.”*

PRAY FOR OUR CHAPLAINS:

“Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well”.

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-8. (NIV)

Consider praying: *“Father, we are grateful for the compassion and love our chaplains extend to our military. We know they are men and women of flesh and blood, but in calling them, you have given them the necessary wisdom and love to bring hope and peace to those they pastor. Continue to bless them as they seek to bring your truth to men and women facing circumstances unlike many in this world. Let them be your hands and feet to those who are lost. Amen.”*

PRAY FOR MILITARY FAMILIES:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;

In all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight”.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Consider praying: *“Loving God, we pray for those left behind as their spouse’s serve. We know that when families are separated because of military service, fear and anxiety can play havoc on the home. We ask that you gently nudge our military families with reminders that you are always with those who love you and call you saviour. For those who don’t know this truth, extend your hand over them and draw them to you. We rely on each family’s strength to keep our military moving, so we call on you to bring that unity and calmness to them. Amen”*

DND EMPLOYEES:

“Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labour:
If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up”
Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10a (NIV)

Consider praying: *“Lord, our country is served by men and women who wear the uniform and those who do not. They are all contributors to service to our nation and let no one think otherwise. Will you bless those who serve as civilians for DND and protect them from physical and emotional harm. Help all DND recognize the value of partnership and teamwork so that your name is glorified by the relationships that form. Amen.”*

RETIRED MILITARY:

“The glory of the young is their strength;
the gray hair of experience is the splendor of the old”
Proverbs 20:29 (NLT).

Consider praying: *“Father, you have told us that you know of plans for us, which include times of hard work and time of slowing down. We also know that at times, those who retire from the military feel disconnected and forgotten. Bless them in this time of their life to know that your plans for them are good and that they have a place in the world. Remind them of your truths and love and encourage them to be ambassadors of the Gospel to those around them. Amen”.*

PRAY FOR THE MILITARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF CANADA:

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth”.
2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

Consider praying:

“Heavenly Father, we need Your strength, wisdom and encouragement as we seek to join your mission to take the Gospel to our military family who does not know you as Lord and Saviour. Grant wisdom to those who lead this Ministry as we try to discern the way to glorify You through this Ministry. Thank You for calling those who lead and be with them in times of joy and concern. Amen.”

