



The Shield

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Praying for the Canadian Military Community

Preamble: Below are themes relevant to the ministry of the Military Christian Fellowship of Canada. We desire that you refer to these themes throughout August, time and time again, and pray for the community that God has invited you to bless. Consider taking the sample scripture provided in each subsection and turn them into your prayer.

PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND ITS LEADERS

Consider praying that Canada:

- will be a country that honours and serves God
- will be a nation which demonstrates righteousness, justice, compassion, and generosity.
- be a nation which fosters acceptance, forgiveness, sharing and working together for a better Canada
- leadership in international relations and policy

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LEADERS

Consider praying this: *“Father, hear our prayers as we ask that you bring the spirit of Christ to those who lead our military. Guard them as they exercise authority over those entrusted to their care. Bless their efforts. Guide their judgment so they may make decisions in conformity with your law and for the common good. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen”*

PRAY FOR THOSE ON OPERATIONS

Consider praying this: *“Heavenly Father, we know you are near to those who call upon your name in faith.*

Look upon those serving away from home and keep them in your safekeeping, no matter where the road may lead. And when this operation is ended, bring them safely home to those who love them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

PRAY FOR OUR CHAPLAINS

Consider praying for chaplains to have opportunities to be relevant, that their faith would be apparent, and for witnessing opportunities to come about naturally.

PRAY FOR OUR SERVING MILITARY

Consider praying this: *“Heavenly Father, our military needs your protection from the evil one who takes many forms aimed at destroying their courage and hope. Many serve away from the comfort of their family and can feel alone. Will you fill them with a feeling of comfort and let them know the God of the universe cares for them. Will you invite them to hear and understand the words of truth your son Jesus has shared with the world? Amen.”*

PRAY FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Consider praying this: *“Lord, be with those who wait for the safe return of their loved ones who serve in the armed forces of their country. In faith and hope, we turn to you for comfort. Grant that we may trust in your mercy as we await their safe return. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen”*

PRAY FOR THE MILITARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF CANADA

Consider praying this: *“Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you, putting our ministry in your able hands. Help us focus on the work you’ve called us to do. Let our roles be aligned with your purpose for us. We depend on your wisdom and your guidance. We pray that our priority remains to help the military members to walk in you. Do not let anything sway us away from our true mission and vision. Amen”.*

