



# **The Shield**

## **June 2022 Edition**



### **Praying for the Canadian Military Community**

**Preamble:** Below are themes we believe are relevant to the ministry of the Military Christian Fellowship of Canada. Please set some time aside to pray for the themes on the week assigned. This month we have quoted from some prayer sites that suggest prayers for themes similar to ours. These sites can be helpful when you do not know what to pray. Links are included.

#### **PRAY FOR THOSE ON OPERATIONS**

**Current operation and joint exercise lists:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/operations/military-operations/current-operations/list.html>

We encourage you to visit this site daily and pray for the operations listed?

#### **WEEK 1:1-7 June**

#### **PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND ITS LEADERS**

[\(https://www.nationatprayer.ca/what-to-pray-for/\)](https://www.nationatprayer.ca/what-to-pray-for/)

- **WHAT TO PRAY FOR THE NATION**

- That Canada will be a country that honours and serves God
- That Canada will be a nation which demonstrates righteousness, justice, compassion and generosity
- That the Holy Spirit will bring renewal across our land
- That Canada will be a nation which fosters acceptance, forgiveness, sharing and working together for a better Canada
- Pray for Canada's leadership in international relations and policy
- Pray for the spiritual strength of the nation

- **PRAY THAT ELECTED LEADERS WILL:**

- Be individuals of integrity, grace, and conviction
- Be willing servants
- Be individuals of vision, perseverance & character
- Be filled with wisdom and discernment
- Have endurance, health and protection
- Have strong, healthy family life
- Experience physical, emotional and spiritual well being
- That the Holy Spirit will guide and guard their thoughts and speech
- Have courage to do what is right and grace in doing it

## WEEK 2:8-14 June

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LEADERS

(<https://lisanixonphillips.com/10-prayer-points-military/>)

Pray for God to raise up godly leaders and equip them to act according to His Word and will, and that our military leaders will make decisions that please God. Pray that military leaders will restore our country's faith in God back in the ranks of our military and make spiritual readiness a high priority for all military personnel.

## Week 3:15-21 June

### PRAY FOR OUR SERVING MILITARY

(<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/topical-prayers/prayers-armed-forces>)

*Heavenly Father, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women in our military at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; and give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and help them to know that nothing can separate them from Your love; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### PRAY FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

(<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/powerful-and-timely-prayers-for-our-military.html>)

*Father, We ask You to place Your hand of protection and peace on the families of those who have sent a loved one to serve in the military. In their absence, give the families at home provision for their needs and strength to manage their homes alone. Help them to trust You when they're tempted to give in to fear, to take their thoughts captive to Your truth and to rest in Your sovereignty and goodness. Comfort them in loneliness and anchor them in Your unchanging love. We ask You to use the adversity of distance for Your good -- to strengthen their marriages and to deepen the bonds of family. Help the children of parents who've been deployed to feel Your strong love, to know Your comfort, to develop endurance and to learn to trust You. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

### RETIRED MILITARY

(<https://connectusfund.org/>)

*Faithful Father, thank You that You are the source of all true joy in life. For those who serve our country in the military, we pray that they would be filled with Your strength flowing through them. We thank You for their sacrificial service on our behalf. We pray that they would carry out their work with integrity and honour. We praise You that our names are written in Your book of life. We thank You that Your grace has been sufficient throughout our life and will faithfully carry us home. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen*

## **PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY WHO, FOR WHATEVER REASON OR CIRCUMSTANCE, HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES HOMELESS**

**VETS Canada:** <https://vetscanada.org/>

It is hard to accept that we have military colleagues who have become homeless living on the streets or in shelters in our cities. There are many reasons why this occurred, and we must be cautious not to point fingers or suggest blame. We can pray for them, and we can join support groups that exist to get them back on their feet. Visit VETS Canada to find out what you may be able to do to help.

## **DND EMPLOYEES**

(<https://connectusfund.org/9-good-inspirational-prayers-for-the-workplace#prayers-for-teamwork>)

*Lord, it is another beautiful day that You've enabled us to come to our place of work. We thank You for our colleagues. Jesus, help us to work as a team. Remove comparison and rivalry mentality from our hearts and help us to focus on the greater good, which is the support of our military. Let our workplace be enjoyable and help us to live in harmony with each other. In Your all-powerful name, we pray, Amen.*

## **WEEK 4:22- 30 June**

## **PRAY FOR OUR CHAPLAINS (<https://pcamna.org/ministry/chaplain-ministries/>)**

- Pray that chaplains will be alert, and ready to speak to the spiritual issues that come their way.
- Pray that the chaplains would be appropriately courageous in the presentation of the Gospel during their counseling, worship services, and discipleship and Bible study classes.
- Pray that they would be a positive influence and godly witness.
- Pray that they would have a sense of God's peace in the midst of danger.
- Pray for the chaplains families.
- Pray that they might know the comfort, strength, and peace of God.
- Pray for the safety of our chaplains.

## **PRAY FOR THE MILITARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF CANADA**

The MCF recognizes that they have been invited to participate in God's mission to take the Word to the world. They have been specifically assigned to reach out to the military community, both serving and retired and their families. Your prayers and notes of encouragement corroborate the mission, and we are grateful for the power of Jesus and the love of His children. However, you can be part of this team, and you are invited to connect with us to find out how you can serve God in His MCF ministry.