



# The Shield

May 2023 edition

## 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 May, 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.

In addition, will you join with the President of the MCF and others to commit to praying at 10:02 AM daily as we ask:

- Lord, please spread Your gospel throughout the military community.
- Lord, please use the MCF as an instrument of your messaging.
- Lord, please use me as one of your harvesters.

(For more details about “10:2” see the latest newsletter from April 26<sup>th</sup>, the 26<sup>th</sup> April FACEBOOK entry and read Luke 10:2)

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

**Consider praying this:** *“Dear Lord, we come before You today to pray for our elected leaders. Leaders among us who need courage and integrity to stand for what is right. Lord, we ask You that You would be present in their lives and that they would be willing to ask You for wisdom to make wise decisions that will benefit every Canadian and uphold a standard of moral values for our nation. Amen”*

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### **PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LEADERS**

**Consider praying this:** *“We know, Lord, that when there is moral rot within an organization, both the guilty and innocent are affected. So, we ask You, God, to please help our military leaders to be wise and knowledgeable so that they can bring stability to the Canadian Armed Forces. We pray that our military leaders would be encouraged to live a lifestyle that promotes good moral traits and respect for all. Amen”.*

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

**Consider praying this:** *“Heavenly Father, thank You that You defend Your people with Your mighty hand. Please hear our prayer as we lift our military serving on operations away from home. We know they serve tirelessly to defend what is right. Bless and protect them, Lord, and use their work for the good of our nation and Your glory. May they know Your presence with them at this time. Amen.”*

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## **PRAY FOR OUR CHAPLAINS**

**Consider praying this:** *“Heavenly Father, bless and protect our Military Chaplains. Fill them with the joy and courage of their vocation as personal ministers of Christ in preaching and nourishing us with the word; It is in the power and authority of Jesus' name we pray this. Amen”*

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## **PRAY FOR OUR SERVING MILITARY**

**Consider praying this:** *“Heavenly Father, we praise You in advance for Your hand of protection over our military. They have answered a call to protect and defend their fellow countrymen, so today, we ask that You place a hedge of protection around them. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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## **PRAY FOR MILITARY FAMILIES**

**Consider praying this:** *“Lord, may Your love encircle our military families as they endure the separation and hardships that can come with service life. May Your hope go before them, carrying them through the difficulties and stresses they face. May Your wisdom be beside them as they live and work in this unique lifestyle. Lord, keep them safe under the shadow of Your Almighty wings. Amen”*

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## **DND EMPLOYEES**

**Consider praying this scripture:** *“Let the favour of the Lord our God be on us; establish for us the work of our hands— establish the work of our hands!” Psalm 90:17, CSB.*

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## **RETIRED MILITARY**

**Consider praying this:** *“Father, we are grateful for the decades of sacrificial service which our retired military gave on our behalf. We pray that in the years to come, they recognize You are near them and want to bring them satisfaction and well-being. Remind them they can continue to serve their community, our nation, and our world. We ask that You be with them and bless them in every new endeavour. Amen.*

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

**Consider praying this scripture:** *“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake, He became poor so that you through His poverty might become rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9)*

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

**Consider praying this scripture:** *“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and everyone else, just as ours does for you. May He strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all His holy ones.” 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13*

