### The Shield



# Aug 2023 edition Praying for the Canadian Military Community



Thank you for joining us in prayer. In Luke 10:2, it is recorded that Jesus appointed seventy of His followers to precede Him and tell others about Him and His gospel. Jesus called all His followers to appeal to "the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest field." So, as you and I pray through this month's Shield, let us keep our minds focused on asking that harvesters be sent into all the contexts we will pray about.

#### 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."

#### PRAY FOR THOSE ON OPERATIONS - Consider praying this:

"Heavenly Lord, 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"

**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 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."

## 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."

