



The Shield

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Praying for the
Canadian Military Community



"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" Ephesians 6:12

Please join us daily in this month of remembrance and pray for the themes identified daily. Every day, read the comment, then take some time to listen to God's guidance on what to pray. We are praying *His will be done*, so trust Him to feed your thoughts before you start to speak.

Also, will you prioritise the spiritual? Will you spend time praying for the salvation of those identified each day? Will you pray for the spread of the Gospel and the establishment of God's kingdom?

1 November – PRAY FOR YOURSELF – before you set out on this journey, ask yourself, "Am I right with God, with the neighbours, with self?". If you do not have a clear yes, your prayers are not offered with the heart God seeks. If there is unforgiveness, unconfessed sin, **or** lack of faith or trust in God's promises, repent, confess, and believe. Also, pray that God may use you as part of His plan of salvation to take the Gospel into the world so that others may hear His words and truth.

2 November - PRAY FOR YOUR COUNTRY – Thank God for the country you live in and ask it be God's will to keep your land *Glorious and Free* so we can worship Him, however, whenever, and wherever in our nation.

3 November - PRAY FOR YOUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS that they may seek God's wisdom and judgment as they rule over our nation. They are the ones who commit our men and women to our country's military service, and we pray their motives are moral. Pray God invites those government leaders who do not call Him Lord to join His family.

4 November – PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL POLITICAL LEADERS that they recognise their authority to rule over their communities is given by God and ask His counsel when making decisions. Pray God invites them to join His family.

5 November – PRAY FOR YOUR COMMUNITY that the love of brother and sister permeates the neighbourhoods. Pray that serving and retired Christian military living in these communities become involved in not only spreading the Gospel but living it and showing it to those around them.

6 November – PRAY FOR THE LEADERS OF OTHER NATIONS. Internal or external National conflicts do not start without reason, and those in power can control their responses. When countries address internal strife, they may divert attention by bumping heads with other nations. Pray for Godly leaders to seek justice and fairness within their borders. Pray national pride does not lead to unnecessary sabre-rattling. Pray God's will that all leaders bow before Him sooner than later.

7 November - PRAY FOR THE CHURCH that it grows and becomes an influence of truth both in and outside the military. Pray for boldness for the church family so they will respond to the Holy Spirit's nudging to share God's truth. Pray the church, focus on the truth that it is Jesus' church, and He alone is the way to the Father.

8 November – PRAY FOR THE CHAPLAIN GENERAL, Brigadier-General Guy Bélisle, as he provides guidance and advice to military leaders regarding spiritual matters affecting the military. Pray for wisdom as he oversees programs that provide spiritual and religious care, guidance and counselling to our military and their family.

9 November – PRAY FOR OUR CHAPLAINS that they may have the opportunity to share the Gospel with those military communities they serve.

10 November – PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES (parents, siblings, relatives) OF SERVING MEMBERS who express pride in the family member's decision but can become stricken by worry or fear. Pray they can accept Jesus as Lord so they can accept His grace, including His peace.

11 November – TODAY IS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE – We remember the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace"; notably the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, and all conflicts since then in which members of the Canadian Armed Forces have participated

12 November – PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LEADERS choosing to be Christ followers. Pray their leadership style is Christlike in that they speak honestly and wisely while showing concern and compassion for their subordinates.

13 November – PRAY FOR OUR SERVING MILITARY that they serve with honour and respect. Pray for their protection as they sometimes work in dangerous environments away from home and family.

14 November – PRAY FOR OUR RECRUITS, who have chosen to serve Canada, often taking them away from their community, family, and friends.

15 November - PRAY FOR THOSE ON OPERATIONS - The following web link lists the current operations and military exercises involving the Canadian military. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/operations/military-operations/current-operations/list.html>

16 November – PRAY FOR OUR INJURED MILITARY that they can receive treatment, care, and guidance on living with their physical or mental health injuries. Pray they come to know Jesus as saviour and Lord so His peace can reign in their lives.

17 November - PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILIES who follow the serving spouse/parent to a location away from their family support networks. They often sacrifice careers because of posting and act as a sole parent and household manager as the serving spouse is deployed or in training.

18 November – PRAY FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL, SOCIAL WORKERS AND MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST who care for our military personnel and their families.

19 November - PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY WHO HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES HOMELESS. It is unfortunate that military members, for various reasons, find themselves homeless or destitute. In many cases, mental health issues interfere with the VET, hindering their ability to make reasonable choices.

20 November - PRAY FOR OUR CIVILIAN WORKFORCE, who work alongside our military and often take up the workload when military personnel are deployed or on training.

21 November – PRAY FOR OUR RETIRED MILITARY, who often feel lost and unappreciated when their military career ends. These men and women still have much to offer the military community.

22 November – PRAY FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITIES NEAR OUR MILITARY FACILITIES, BASES, STATION, AND DOCKYARDS. Pray would open their hearts to the military community and offer spiritual and holistic.

23 November – PRAY FOR THE MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OTHER COUNTRIES. Many men and women are serving worldwide, sacrificing much for their countries. They face similar danger, hardships, and isolation as their Canadian counterparts and often do alongside them.

24 November – PRAY FOR AGENCIES SEEKING TO HELP THE MILITARY COMMUNITY that they continue to receive the resources needed to assist in whatever areas they serve. Pray their focuses are not only on the physical requirements of the individual but also on their spiritual needs.

25 November – PRAY THAT SERVING OR RETIRED MILITARY CHRISTIANS will find boldness and encouragement to be part of God's mission to take the Gospel to our military community who do not know Jesus as Saviour.

26 November – PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD. We read daily of corrupt governments using their military to terrorise and even kill Christians within their area.

27 November – PRAY FOR PEACE around the world. It is God's will that we live in harmony with each other, so we can pray that His will comes sooner than later.

28 November – THANK GOD FOR OUR MILITARY for willingly seeking to bring justice, aid, and peace to volatile regions worldwide.

29 November – PRAY FOR ONLINE DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAMS, such as ALPHA, that allow our military to connect with gospel discussions regardless of time zone or geographic location.

30 November - PRAY FOR THE MILITARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF CANADA that it will continue to seek understanding of God's will in its mission and effort to bring Glory to Him alone.