



The Shield

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Praying for the
Canadian Military Community



Preamble: Below are themes we believe are relevant to the ministry of the Military Christian Fellowship of Canada. Can you set some time aside to pray for the themes for the week assigned?

WEEK 1: 1-7 July

PRAY FOR THOSE ON OPERATIONS:

Current operations and joint exercise lists:

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

Will you visit this operation site daily and pray for the activity?

PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND ITS LEADERS

(<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 a strong, healthy family life.
- Experience physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to guide and guard their thoughts and speech.
- Have the courage to do what is proper and grace in doing it.

WEEK 2: 8-14 July

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LEADERS

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

PRAY FOR OUR SERVING MILITARY

Heavenly Father, we commend your gracious care and keeping all the men and women in our military at home and abroad. Defend them daily with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them the 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

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 trust You when they're tempted to give in to fear, take their thoughts captive to Your truth, and 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 deepen the family bonds. Help the children of parents who've been deployed to feel Your strong love, know Your comfort, develop endurance, and learn to trust You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Week 3:15-21 July

RETIRED MILITARY

Faithful Father, thank you for being the source of all true joy in life. For those who have served our country in the military, we pray that they continue to be filled with your strength flowing through them. We thank you for their sacrificial service on our behalf. We pray that they will continue to carry out their lives with integrity and honour. We praise you that our names are written in your book of life. We thank you for your grace, which has been sufficient throughout our lives 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

It is hard to accept that we have military colleagues who have become homeless, living on the streets or in shelters in our cities. This occurred for many reasons, 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.

DND EMPLOYEES

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 allow 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- 31 July

PRAY FOR OUR CHAPLAINS

- Pray that chaplains will be alert and ready to speak to the spiritual issues that come their way.
- Pray that the chaplain would be appropriately courageous in presenting the Gospel during their counselling, 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 amid 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, 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.

