



The Shield
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Praying for the Canadian Military Community



Join us throughout the month of September as we pray
for the following individuals and issues.

Canada

“Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”. (taken from The Book of Common Prayer)

Leaders

The military grows leaders often from ordinary men and women who did not expect to be a role model to their peers, their family, and their community. Whether an individual is in an official leadership position or not, all are expected to be the example. We ask for God protection and strength for those who willing accept the challenge.

Consider praying: *“Father, we know many of our comrades do not know you as Lord and don't have the advantage of drawing strength and encouragement from your Word. Reveal yourself to them so as to allow them to find a loving God who wants to help them be the best leader possible. Protect them from the pressure of making decision based on personal gain or praise and help them lead justly, morally and with concern for those under their command. Amen”*

Operations

Our military willing go anywhere in order to bring a sense of peace, safety, and contentment to people they do not even know. These operation can be rewarding but also dangerous. Visit the DND web page that outlines current operations and each week adopt an operation to pray for.

Operations: <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/operations/current-list.page>

Consider praying: *“Father, we bring our deployed military before you and pray that they find a way to depend on you to sustain them during difficult and often dangerous situations. We pray for those who know you and ask you to use them to provide comfort to their peers. We pray for their spiritual and emotional resiliency so that regardless of what they face, they are effective in their military roles and responsibilities. Amen”*

Chaplains:

We are blessed in this increasingly secularized society to have Chaplains serving our military in all the places our military serve. They can be found wherever our military walks the ground and so they face the same trials and dangers as they do. They need our support and prayers to derail the forces that seek to neutralize their message of hope and salvation.

Consider praying: *“Father, we are reminded that you have told us that there is strength in unity and that a divided house will fall. Help us do our part to support our chaplains. We thank you for inspiring us, nourishing us, and uniting us with this vision of a community. Grant to us the wisdom that comes through the synergism of faith and action. Help us to be your people of faith in all place where our military families dwell and our chaplains serve. Amen.”*

Military families

Often when a serving member is away from home, they leave behind a significant other who must ensure life in the home continues as normal as possible. The stress of running the household alone is real but compound this with their loneliness, makes the situation more difficult. We acknowledge this strength behind our military and ask you pray with for the spouse left behind.

Consider praying: *“Heavenly Father, we offer our prayers for the home front spouse and ask your blessing over their lives. We pray they would trust You and that they would be firmly rooted in Christ and the Word and draw strength from Him. We pray for their joy, hope, endurance, strength, patience, protection and safety. We pray against fear, loneliness, fatigue, despair, depression and that support would be present when needed, that friends, family, co-workers, neighbours would rise up and extend assistance and encouragement. Amen”*

The MCF

We are on mission with God to bring His good news to our military community. This mission is not only limited to those on the executive, but includes all who call Jesus Lord. We can conservatively estimate that the community of serving and retired military and their families is well over 1 million and so we need many to serve and pray for them.

Consider praying Psalm 145:13-16 as your own inspiration to join us on mission: *“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen”*

