



# The Shield

## June 2020 edition



Praying for the  
Canadian Military Community

Join us throughout the month of June  
as we reflect upon and pray for the following:

**Preamble:** Below are themes we feel relevant to our ministry to bring the gospel to serving and retired members of the CAF, DND and their families. Each topic has a suggested prayer, but please feel free to offer a prayer in your own words.

### WEEK 1: 1-6 June

**PRAY FOR OUR NATION:** The COVID 19 virus is still having an impact on the daily-to-day lives of Canadians. Many have served selflessly during this crisis to help provide essential services to us. We are thankful for our medical personal who have stepped up to help care for the vulnerable.

Despite all the misery we see happening around us, we must be careful not to blame God or suggest He is testing us. We should be thankful that in His mercy and grace, He is in control and offers to be with during all good and bad times. We ask God in our national anthem to keep our land glorious and free but we must remember we also have a role to play. When we sing “we will stand on guard for thee (Canada)” it suggests that we will stand together for what is right while loving one another.

**Considering using this prayer for Canada:** *“Father, we humbly ask your blessing be on us as a nation. Be with those who have struggled with the isolation and inability to see caregivers. Protect our front-line workers from the virus and give them the strength to carry on. Protect them from being haunted by the misery they have seen and the stress they have endured. faced. Keep us glorious and free and remind us that You are in control. Amen”*

**PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS:** These have been trying days for our leaders as they struggle to make decisions affecting our physical, mental and economic health and safety. We ask that as God seeks after them, they reach out to Him asking for moral guidance that is both wise and just. At this time, we must put aside our political allegiances and pray for all leaders in a position to make a decision that affects our nation.

**Consider praying:** *“O Father, our leaders need your strength and love to do what is right for the people you have allowed them to rule over. Holy Spirit, will you reveal yourself to our leaders so that they may seek your wisdom and guidance during this pandemic. Protect them from the evil one who will tempt them with pride and power that can and will destroy their service to others and you. Amen.*

## WEEK 2: 7-13 June

**PRAY FOR THOSE ON OPERATIONS:** It has been a difficult time for our military over this past six weeks as seven lives have been lost and numerous families and communities have been hurt by these deaths. These tragedies are a harsh reminder that our service is both necessary and dangerous. We have sent military personnel into the thick of the virus to care for the vulnerable again, facing danger without a second thought to self. We must keep our military in mind during the pandemic, but we must not forget those who are serving away from home.

There are several ongoing operations involving Canadian Military personnel, each important and each with risks. Will you visit DND's operations website and this week, adopt an operation and pray for the troops serving on that operation.

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

**Consider praying:** *"Father, we are blessed as a nation to have men and women volunteer to serve our country thankful for those who volunteer to serve our nation. Protect our military who are providing service and care in communities affected by the virus as well as those serving around this world. We ask for you peace to come over those who lost a family member, colleague or friend during the recent military aircraft crashes. We also ask Holy Spirit, that you reveal God's plan and purpose for humanity so that these men and women can carry out their responsibilities with an assurance that the God of the universe is by their side and with their families, Amen.*

**PRAY FOR OUR CHAPLAINS:** Our chaplains have been called to serve God while serving our military community. They offer a holistic service helping with body, mind and so. This pandemic has made physical contact very difficult and has disrupted their ministry to the units they serve. Our chaplains need our prayers to carry on serving God and the military in this unfamiliar environment.

**Consider praying:** *"Holy Spirit, gift our chaplains with your wisdom and knowledge to serve our military well during this time physical disease and isolation. Protect them from the evil one who will try to destroy or discredit their witness and let them be a shining light to those blinded by the world around them. God grant our chaplains the strength to serve both home and on operations in a manner that brings glory to your name. Allow them to declare your truth wherever and whenever they are able. Amen."*

## WEEK 3: 14-20 June

**PRAY FOR MILITARY FAMILIES:** All Canadians, including our military families, are undergoing a new kind of family life currently. In addition to isolation, home school, keeping the family busy, and finding ways to obtain daily essentials, some of our families are doing this without a spouse who may be serving elsewhere. Our families play a key role in the morale of our military and so we must keep them in mind.

**Consider praying:** *"Heavenly Father, we come to you as the role model for parental love and ask that you help our families cope during this unfamiliar situation. you are a family God. Give wisdom and strength to those running the home alone and protect them from the evil one who will try to frustrate and demoralize them. We know many don't know you personally and that you do not stop*

*seeking after them. Help them connect with families who love you so that together they can grow and live life as you planned from the beginning. Amen”*

**PRAY FOR DND EMPLOYEES:** We speak of DND as being a large family with some members being in military uniform and others in the uniform of their workplace. The family works best when they’re in unity and we pray that we can show each other mutual respect while serving our nation together. The virus has disrupted the lives of our civilian workforce and we must remember them in our prayers.

**Consider praying:** *“Loving Father, for humanity is that we live in a harmonious relationship with each other. We ask for your strength and wisdom be granted to our military and civilians’ workforce as they work alongside each other developing friendships and mutual respect. We ask that you protect them from the dangers of this virus and that you protect their families from the challenges they presently face. We desire they know you and so open our eyes up to opportunities to share Jesus with all we meet.. Amen”*

#### **WEEK 4: 21-30 June**

**PRAY FOR OUR RETIRED MILITARY:** There are thousands of men and women living across this planet who, at one time, were in uniform serving their country. Many don’t realize that God created them for something which goes well beyond serving their country. They have value and purpose and their experience can still be an asset to the military and to the communities they live in. We must not forget them.

**Consider praying:** *“Father, we ask you to bless on those who have served and are now retired. We especially ask that your grace be extended to those who have left because of injuries. Bless them and their families and they experience a new life as retired military personnel. Bring someone who loves you close to them so they can understand their true purpose of service is to You. Amen”.*

**PRAY FOR THE MCF:** The Military Christian Fellowship of Canada has been invited by God to be on mission with Him to bring His love and truth to the world. We recently have been offering online activities to help people connect to God. These include Alpha, Next Level Small group, and a seminar on Moral Injury. We want to offer more and with God’s grace and mercy will be able to do so. Will you pray with us that we identify the right programs to offer and that others come alongside to not only spread the news but assist wherever possible.

**Consider praying:** *“LORD, we are thankful that you have invited us to be part of your mission to take the gospel to the world. You have blessed us with insight on how to serve our military community and we ask that you keep your loving hand over the leadership of the MCF so that they continually seek your will and not theirs. We thank you for the connections we have made through Alpha and the Moral Injury Online Conference and we ask Holy Spirit that you protect them during these uncertain times so that all they have heard about Jesus is not lost. Amen.”*