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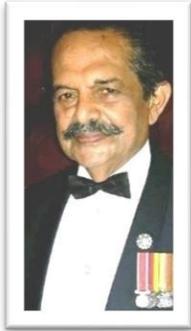
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AMCF'S Day of Prayer and Praise 24 October 2020



Join Christians around the world on 24 October, for AMCF's annual Day of Prayer and Praise! Believers around the world will pray on this day as individuals or by gathering in groups, where safely possible. Use this prayer bulletin on 24 October and throughout the month. You might find it useful to break the following prayer bulletin into parts – for instance, pray for a few prayer items each day during the month.

And as you pray, give praise! In over 160 nations, military Christians are sharing Christ and His hope with their coworkers, families, and friends. God is at work in our world through these dedicated military believers, and good things are happening for His kingdom here on earth!



COVID-19 & Military Ministry:

A Message from AMCF President General (Ret.) Srilal Weerasooriya

COVID 19 is now one of the greatest enemies facing military Christian fellowships (MCFs) – **yet the world’s militaries are functioning normally despite it, so we in AMCF still have our mission. That has not changed.**

We must find ways and means of reaching military personnel. AMCF vice presidents and MCF leaders worldwide have been active by having virtual conferences and teaching sessions. I encourage them to keep up the momentum. At the moment, this is the only option available for international ministry in many nations. The pandemic has brought many restrictions, but in some countries the restrictions have been relaxed and limited numbers of people are permitted to meet together for Christian meetings and church services. We must encourage MCF leaders to not sit back but to take advantage of opportunities to get together whenever they can.

In my own country (Sri Lanka), we have had only 13 deaths due to COVID, with over 3,000 infected. Through the gradual lifting of restrictions, the MCF is meeting physically now in Sri Lanka. We are not the only country where God has been gracious.

I am praying that the MCFs will be kept alive and strong worldwide. Pray fervently that we find a solution. It may take over two years to produce a vaccine and administer it. These are discouraging thoughts, but we have to look up and turn to Jesus.



The Bible is replete with stories of God’s supernatural intervention. In 1 Samuel we read of David being discouraged when he realized that the Amalekites had attacked the city and taken their wives and children hostage. The people were contemplating stoning David, yet he led his

men to rescue their families. The world today is in a similar situation. As the pandemic has caused devastation in our nations, taken away our loved ones, taken away our peace, and destroyed economies, some may be left discouraged and desperate.

We need to be like David and put our trust in God, for God is still in control. We must never forget that. Think about a rainy cloud that settles on top of you – yet the sun is always shining above that cloud. It is only a matter of time until the clouds part and the sun shines.

Right now:

1. Remember what God has done for us in the past, count our blessings, and give thanks.
2. Remember what God has promised in Joshua 1:9 -- the Lord is with us wherever we go.
3. Remember to never lose faith and always work toward our goal. God is omnipresent, omniscient, and the creator of earth. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

I leave you with this thought: When you pray, pray with confidence. Believe that He is more than able to meet your needs.



AMCF DAY OF PRAYER REQUESTS

General Prayer Items:

AMCF Leadership Pray for the AMCF president, vice presidents, and leaders of all national military Christian fellowships (MCFs). Pray that vice presidents will be able to broaden their ministries. Pray that MCF leaders worldwide will face challenges in the strength and wisdom of the Lord, and that all who are associated with AMCF will share Christ in ways that promote AMCF's motto of "all one in Christ Jesus."

AMCF's Principal Supporting Organizations Pray for MSO's discipleship training programs in East Asian countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam) and also Central Asian countries. Ask that 2021 ministry plans, such as MSO's annual training program MEO, will be implemented without disruption due to COVID. Pray for MMI's plans for future ministry and God's leading on those plans. Pray for ACCTS' planning of an AMCF Interaction program.

UN Peacekeepers Pray for discerning, professional performance by military Christians in peacekeeping, military, and other forces working to restrain terrorism and war; for Spirit-led readiness to share Christ's hope; for their safety; and for repentance for those who need to seek it.

Persecuted Believers Pray for Christians in nations where it is difficult to be a Christian. Open Doors USA lists the following nations as the most difficult in which to be a Christian: North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan, Eritrea, Sudan, Yemen, Iran, and India.

COVID-19 Pray for protection from this virus and healing for the sick. Ask for God's wisdom on all who are working toward a vaccine. Pray for wisdom for world leaders in dealing with the virus and economic consequences. Pray for nations which need economic recovery. Many MCFs have not been able to meet in-person often and many ministry opportunities have been canceled or postponed. Pray with them as they use video meetings and online platforms.

Military/civilian relationships Our prayer items are focused on military personnel, but please also pray for civilians in each nation, especially those that are in conflict. Pray for their safety and for good relationships with the military. Pray that armed forces personnel will act with justice and integrity. Pray for peace in our troubled world.

Afghanistan Ask that the Lord opens doors for ministry. Pray for peace and justice.

Angola Pray for the development of a military chaplaincy; for the MCF's distribution of 50,000 camouflage-covered Bibles; and for home prayer groups seeking Holy Spirit-led revival.

Argentina Pray for wisdom for Argentina's leaders as they deal with economic crises and a third year of recession. Pray that military believers will be beacons of Christ's light in a difficult time.

Armenia Pray that a military Christian fellowship will grow and flourish, and for promising inroads with military believers who are interested in starting a national MCF.

Bangladesh Pray that the number of military Christians will grow in this eighth most populous nation.

Belarus Pray for a peaceful resolution to unrest relating to presidential elections and for MCF members to keep in contact with one another, despite coronavirus restrictions.

Belgium Pray that military Christians will work to restore the MCF and that it will grow spiritually and numerically. Pray for the establishment of an MCF group at the national NCO training base.





Brazil Pray for this large MCF's multitude of ministries. Pray as they adjust plans due to COVID-19, which hit Brazil hard and has taken the lives of several MCF members. Ask for God's leading as the MCF plans to host the AMCF World Conference in 2024.

Burkina Faso Pray against terrorism, which has significantly increased. Pray for wisdom for military Christians in the small MCF which faces great challenges in the current spiritual warfare.

Cameroon Ask for discernment, wisdom, and restraint by leaders and government and separatist forces; pray for guidance for military believers.

Cape Verde Pray for the MCF's growth and unity, and for its leaders. Thank God for a current open door and pray for increased outreach to uniformed personnel (military, police, and firefighters).

Central American Region Pray for encouragement for MCF leaders and spouses who meet electronically by Zoom every week. Pray for wisdom for national leaders in facing the pandemic despite a shortage of health care professionals and an outbreak of dengue fever.

Chad Pray for God's guidance as military Christians reach out, cooperate, and deal with government restrictions. Pray against terrorist-inspired misunderstandings and attacks.

China Pray that China's leaders will turn to Jesus. Pray that discipling relationships in China will grow deeper. Ask that Chinese students in the U.S. hear about Christ and find meaning in Him. Pray that one day there will be large numbers of military Christians in this, the most populous nation on earth.

Colombia Pray with the MCF's leaders and members as they share Christ in a nation that has been hit hard by COVID-19. Pray for their outreach to younger armed forces personnel.

Cuba Pray that military Christians will one day have full religious freedom.

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Pray for peace, justice, and cooperation between ethnic groups. Pray against violence and that food supplies will reach the hungry. Pray for efforts to distribute a Bible in a language many military personnel speak -- Lingala.

Denmark Pray that military believers will be successful in revitalizing this military Christian fellowship.

Egypt Pray that one day Christianity in Egypt's armed forces will flourish.

Ethiopia Pray that the number of military Christians will increase greatly in this nation.

France Pray for this nation, which has been hard-hit by the coronavirus. Pray that military believers will share Christ's hope with others.

Germany Pray that young military personnel will join the MCF and work in unity with MCF leaders to reach their nation for Christ. Pray for their ministry outreach to other nations.

Ghana Pray for peaceful elections in December and that the MCF will grow to include ministry to all security forces branches.

Guinea Bissau Pray for the MCF's continued dedication to Christ and for more members. Lift up plans to build a fellowship center, and pray for political stability, economic growth, eradication of poverty, and strong restraint on social corruption.

India Pray for unity, spiritual growth, and increased ministry for India's MCF. Pray that its members will be wise and safe in sharing Christ and pray in particular for commanding officers who follow Christ. Pray for India's work against COVID-19.

Indonesia Pray for economic recovery from COVID-19 and healing for all sick. Ask that military believers share Christ's care and love faithfully.

Italy Pray as the nation recovers from the first wave of COVID-19. Ask that military personnel have success in sharing Christ with others, and for recognition of the MCF, which will open the doors to wider ministry.

Iran Pray that the good news of Christ will spread throughout this nation and for the invisible church there, which is growing despite persecution from national leaders.





Iraq Pray for peaceful and wise decisions by Iraq's political and military leaders.

Japan Pray for an increase in size for this nation's small MCF. Pray that Christ's love will draw many military personnel to Him.

Kazakhstan Pray that the number of military believers in this Central Asian nation will grow.

Kyrgyzstan Pray for Christians in this nation, who are approximately 15% of the population. Pray for full religious freedom and safety for believers, especially those who are facing persecution for their stand on the truth of the Gospel.

Maldives Pray for religious freedom in this closed country and for the formation of an MCF.

Mali Ask for wisdom for military believers to help diverse ethnic communities work together.

Mexico Pray for the expansion of fellowship for military believers. Give thanks for opening up opportunities to reach the military with the Gospel, and for increased governmental tolerance.

Moldova Pray for vision and stamina for MCF leaders as they hold video meetings and provide discipleship for MCF leaders in Moldova, Central Asia, and Russia's Far East.

Mozambique Pray for spiritual growth of MCF members and continued dedication to the Lord's work. Pray for wisdom in dealing with COVID-19 and against hostilities that have killed hundreds of people.

Nepal Pray for strong military families that remain spiritually vigilant in stressful times. The MCF hasn't been able to meet often physically – pray for their increasing use of electronic communications and ongoing ministries.

Niger Pray for an end to terrorist activities and that they will be put to shame and confusion. **Nigeria** Pray against terrorism and for peace. Ask for wisdom for military/para-military believers to defuse problems. Pray that God will block all who would subjugate, dispossess, or kill Christians. Pray for righteous leaders.

North Korea Pray for freedom for this nation's citizens. Pray that leaders will abandon their pursuit of nuclear weapons. Pray for the North Koreans who suffered due to recent typhoons.

Pakistan Pray that the number of military believers will increase in this nation, which is 97% Muslim.

Philippines Pray for security and safety during recent terrorism spikes; for terrorists to surrender to the Lord; and for protection of medical, military, and police personnel. Ask for open doors to establish an effective chaplaincy that will minister to the needs of military and their families.

Peru Pray as this nation battles increasing COVID-19 cases. Ask that MCF leaders and members remain strong in their faith.

Portugal Pray for God-led government decisions regarding the chaplaincy and chaplain appointments.

Romania Pray that MCF members will help bring many military personnel to Christ. Ask for wisdom in ministry efforts and protection against COVID-19 for MCF members and families.

Russia Pray for in-person and online MCF meetings to bless the spiritual lives of participants. Pray for the wide-ranging work being carried out for military personnel and God's kingdom, and for spiritual unity of MCF members spread across the vast nation. Pray for safety of soldiers on the frontline of the Russia/Ukraine conflict, and for establishment of a just peace in the region.

Sao Tome Pray for potential MCF leaders as God uses them to spread the Gospel; pray for continued evangelism in the barracks and for official recognition of the MCF.

Somalia Pray for victory against terrorism and strength for military Christians.



South Africa Pray for the MCF to be able to unify all groups; for encouragement of members; for strengthening ties between the MCF and military chaplaincy; for godly leadership at all levels; and for protection for military people and families.



South Asia Region Pray for safety/health of all armed forces and their families who work to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Pray for recovery from economic crises and unemployment in most nations in the region.

South Korea Pray for Koreans suffering from the recent re-spread of COVID-19, and for the outreach of the Korean MCF, which supports many other MCFs

in the region. Pray for Mission Support Organization's training for foreign military students in November.

Spain Pray for unity and guidance for military believers and against a second wave of COVID.

Sri Lanka Ask for continued integrity for military believers and wisdom in sharing Christ.

Sudan Pray for safety of Christians in this nation, which is primarily Muslim, and that recent changes in the country's constitution will open doors for more Christian witness and outreach.

Thailand Pray for the growth of this MCF and for perseverance for military Christians.

Ukraine Pray for ministry to soldiers on the frontline of the Ukraine/Russia conflict; ask God for additional opportunities to serve military and widows during quarantine; and pray for continued outreach to injured soldiers in Kiev's military hospital.

Venezuela Pray for economic recovery after the collapse of Venezuela's oil industry. Pray for wisdom, moral courage, and strength for military believers.

Vietnam Pray for wisdom, safety, and spiritual strength for military Christians.

UK Pray with MCF members as they share their faith and follow Christ during difficult times.

USA Pray for peaceful elections in November, for the fight against COVID-19, for wisdom for national leaders at a time of unrest and division, and for military Christians' witness to their coworkers.

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