

GATHERING AROUND THE THRONE:

15 SEPTEMBER

Because of space constraints, most of these prayer items had to be shortened from their original form. We encourage you to visit www.

Be always on the watch, and pray. -- Jesus Christ, Luke 21:36.



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15 September is AMCF's annual Day of Prayer and Praise. Please join us around Christ's throne to pray for the unique needs of military Christians around our globe. Perhaps you can pray on that day with members of your military Christian fellowship (MCF)... perhaps you will be alone in your prayer closet... or perhaps you will be praying in the fleeting moments of non-duty time as you serve your nation... but however you pray, please echo the spirit of unity and love found in AMCF's prayer, which was adopted in 1930:

"Heavenly Father, we thank you that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin. Bless the service men and women of all nations, and grant that we who know the joy of being 'all one in Christ Jesus' may be filled with your love and pass it on to others through the power of the Holy Spirit until His coming again."

AMCF President General Lee's prayer items:



1. pray that military Christian fellowships (MCFs) will be established in the 85 countries which do not yet have them;
2. pray that more people will pray at noon every day for the countries with no MCFs. *(continued on page 2)*

PLEASE PRAY:

Pray for the ministries of these vice presidents, & give praise for their service as volunteers:

Africa, East: Major General Njuki Mwaniki
Africa, French-Speaking: Commandant (Ret.) Gaston Gnoumou
Africa, Southern: Captain Peter Louwrens RSN (Ret.)
Africa, West: Air Cdre Ishaku Komo
America, North: Lt. Col. (Ret.) Nestor Ogilvie
America, Central: Colonel (Ret.) Joaquin Maldonado
America, South: Major (Ret.) Doctor Jose de Almeida
Asia, South: General (Ret.) Srilal Weerasooriya
Asia, South East: Major General (Ret.) Ruben Ciron
Asia, East: Vice Admiral (Ret.) Sherman Lei
Europe, North East: Colonel Torbjorn Bostrom
Europe, Central & South: Major (Ret.) Mark Fillingham
Middle East: Major General (Ret.) Imad Maayah
Pacific: Group Captain Rev. Allen Neil

Pray for these supporting organizations:

ACCTS (U.S.A.) pray that all ACCTS ministries will be biblically-based, Spirit-led, prayer-centered, and people-focused.

Accts Military Ministry International (U.K.) pray for Colonel Jos McCabe, the new chief executive/team leader, & all ministry efforts.

Mission Support Organization (S. Korea) pray that the people who attended MSO's English Camps (in Cambodia, Burkina Faso, Angola, & Central America) will grow in Christ as a result.

AFGHANISTAN pray for Christ's peace to come to this conflicted nation.

ALBANIA pray for continued wisdom/maturity for the two MCFs, & pray for their unity.

ANGOLA give thanks for the official establishment of an MCF, & for the Aug. 07 English camp; pray that those who attended will continue to seek Christ.

ARGENTINA praise/pray for the MCF & its leaders as it expands into each province; pray for their efforts at establishing evangelical chaplains - give praise for their chaplaincy school.

ARMENIA praise for the very active MCF; pray for wisdom for MCF members.

AUSTRALIA pray that delegates who attend the 20-23 Sept. Pacific Regional Conference & the 23-26 Sept. Interaction will be equipped to establish, develop, lead & serve MCFs; pray for wisdom for MCF council & staff workers.

AUSTRIA pray for the Spirit's leading on the MCF's 3/08 skiing retreat, on chaplains, & on the 2 national MCFs.

AZERBAIJAN AMCF co-workers have contacts in this Islamic nation; their situation is difficult - pray for their encouragement.

BAHAMAS pray for the MCF as it plans for & funds a regional April 2008 conference.

BANGLADESH pray for growth & wisdom for members of this young MCF.

BELARUS praise for the lively MCF; pray for encouragement & protection.

BELGIUM praise for 2 ongoing Bible studies; pray as the MCF struggles with the consequences of military down-sizing.

BOLIVIA pray for protection for military & civilian Christians as they remain faithful in spite of government pressure against religion.

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA as this nation continues to deal with the aftermath of genocide, pray that military Christians will lead the way in forgiving their enemies; pray that AMCF co-workers will develop stronger contacts with military Christians.

BOTSWANA pray for the establishment of an MCF that includes more soldiers (presently, it is mainly chaplains).

BRAZIL give praise for the approx. 200,00 MCF members; pray that all who attend the MCF's national conference (20-23 September) will be renewed in their military ministry vision.

BULGARIA praise for the active MCF; pray for the recently-established chaplaincy program & wisdom for chaplains.

BURKINA FASO Pray for wisdom for chaplains, & for new governmental leaders.

BURUNDI pray that military Christians will help birth a revival among the armed forces.

CAMBODIA pray that a medical outreach initiative for military families will help many choose to cross over from death to life in Christ.

CAMEROON pray that those who attended a Military Ministry event in Aug. will grow in Christ as a result of that event. *(continued on page 3)*

CANADA pray that the MCF's 26-27 Oct. conference will inspire all who attend; that Bibles will be distributed to soldiers without delays; for troops in Afghanistan; that Canadian Christians will pray for deployed troops & their families.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC praise God that child soldiers have been demobilized from national service.

CHAD praise that Chad is demobilizing child soldiers from its national army.

CHILE pray that religious activities in Chile's military will increase; that more chaplains will be hired, & that the Chilean church will become more involved in armed forces ministry.

CHINA pray that God's Spirit will be poured out on China's armed forces; pray for open doors.

COLOMBIA pray that the two MCFs will be able to take advantage of the continued reduction in guerilla and drug dealer activities.

COMOROS ISLANDS pray for perseverance for the small number of military Christians in this African, Muslim nation; pray for D., a missionary; pray against persecution of Christians.

COSTA RICA pray for wisdom for the MCF's new board of directors as they expand the ministry to the nation's police, primarily through chaplaincy activities.

CUBA pray for Cuba's military Christians, who quietly serve Him until they can freely worship.

CZECH REPUBLIC pray for renewed vision for members/leaders of this informal MCF in a time of societal disinterest in spiritual matters; pray for chaplains & the military academy ministry.

DEM REP of CONGO give praise for military Christians' ministry vision; pray against national violence/corruption.

DENMARK there are now only remnants of the former MCF in this nation - pray for revival and a new start.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC pray for those who completed a chaplaincy training earlier this year; that Dom. Rep. service personnel who attend the Panama conference (Aug.) will be continuously inspired.

ECUADOR praise for cooperation between the two MCFs; pray that it will increase as they work with service personnel, primarily in the navy and army.

EL SALVADOR pray that the three new MCFs (which took the place of the old MCF) will be able to join together to present a united voice to the government & be more effective.

ERITREA pray against religious persecution.

ESTONIA pray for a successor for the chief chaplain when he retires; pray for encouragement for the small number of military Christians.

ETHIOPIA pray that military Christians will be prudent as they serve in a nation whose believers experience persecution.

FINLAND praise for the lively Finnish MCF's 15th anniversary; pray for blessings on this MCF, which is a spiritual light-house in the region.

FRANCE praise for faithfulness of military Christians in this nation, which opposes open religious expression; pray that MCF members will become more involved, & that the new MCF board will have wisdom.

GERMANY pray that members of the 2 German MCFs will seek His power as they minister in an increasingly non-religious nation; pray for ways to attract younger members.

GHANA U.N. troops from Ghana are deployed across their region - pray that those who are Christians will maintain and share their faith wherever they are stationed.

GUATEMALA pray for wisdom for military Christians & chaplains & for military marriages.

GUINEA pray that military Christians will be guided in God's truth during the current political crisis.

HAITI watchdog groups have labeled Haiti as #1 in corruption world-wide; pray that military Christians will lead the way in hating evil & loving good; praise God for those who are so faithful to Christ.

HONDURAS pray for God's clear leading as the MCF considers how to provide evangelical chaplaincy ministry to military Christians.

HUNGARY pray that the one-year-old MCF will continue to grow spiritually & numerically; pray for its leaders; pray for a continued, strong chaplaincy - some want to abolish it.

INDIA praise for AMCF's first contact with active-duty military Christians in India's navy; pray for military Christians to



More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.

-- Tennyson, The Passing of Arthur

impact their workplace for Christ.

INDONESIA military Christians continue to follow Christ despite persecution & hardship; give praise for them, and pray for their strength in adversity.

IRAQ pray that peace, justice, & righteousness will come to this beleaguered nation.

IRAN pray for prudent & well-reasoned decisions to be made by Iranian leaders.

IRISH REPUBLIC pray that the small, informal group of military Christians will have more contact with other Christians & bear fruit.

ISRAEL give praise for Israeli military Christians! Pray for peace.

ITALY pray for more contacts w/military believers who have a heart for evangelism & for establishing an MCF.

JAMAICA pray for military Christians as they help their country fight lawlessness.

JAPAN give praise/pray for the monthly cadet Bible study at the defense academy & its two committed leaders; pray for continued, strong cadet leaders & spiritual seekers.

JORDAN give praise for military Christians in this Middle Eastern nation, & pray that they will continue to turn to Christ as their help & protector.

KAZAKHSTAN pray that military Christians will find endurance & encouragement in Christ; pray that their spirits will be lifted despite ongoing religious oppression.

KENYA pray for successful planning for the 2008 AMCF Pan-African Conference (9/08); that the conference will motivate delegates from African nations that do not have MCFs to establish MCFs.

KOREA, NORTH this nation ranks #1 in terms of religious persecution; pray against that persecution.

KOREA, SOUTH praise for this effective, large MCF; pray for re-invigorated small groups & for preparations for the 2009 Quinquennial Council for AMCF leaders.

KYRGYZSTAN pray against alcoholism among service personnel, both Christian & non-Christian; pray that military Christians will know that Christ alone is solid ground.

LEBANON pray against the ongoing violence.

LESOTHO thank God for the newly established chaplaincy; pray for the MCF's spiritual & numeric growth.

LIBERIA pray that Liberian military Christians & any international military Christians stationed in Liberia (which hosts thousands of U.N. peacekeepers) will model Christ's love to those they encounter during their duties.

LITHUANIA give praise for ongoing ministries, such as the cadet Bible camp, which impact this nation & others in the region.

MADAGASCAR praise for results from evangelistic English camps & chaplains' keenness to establish an approved MCF; pray that that process will be guided by God.

MALAWI pray for stronger & closer relationships with the chaplaincy.

MALI give praise as Mali authorities are introducing Christian chaplains & officially acknowledging the MCF; pray for the MCFs growth.

MAURITIUS praise that Christians in the security forces are trying to form an MCF committee; pray for God's leading for them; pray for wisdom & growth for the already-established but young MCF.

MEXICO praise for ongoing barracks ministries; pray for safety as government forces fight in the sharply-increased conflict with drug cartels.

MOLDOVA praise for the MCF's ongoing evangelistic events; pray for the development of a chaplaincy, distribution of Bibles/printed materials, & for the 7-9 Sept. marriage seminar.

MONGOLIA give praise for 10 years of MCF ministry; pray for the MCF to raise up additional leaders & for continued unity/ cooperation between Christian organizations.

MOZAMBIQUE pray for the establishment of a chaplaincy & that the MCF will abound in growth & wisdom.

MYANMAR pray that military Christians will be used by God to let justice & righteousness prevail.

NAMIBIA pray for the establishment of an MCF inclusive of soldiers (presently the MCF has only chaplains).

NEPAL give praise for monthly MCF Bible study; give praise & pray for fellowship groups which meet in three cities.

NETHERLANDS uphold MCF members as they send forth Christ's truth in this nominally-Christian nation; pray for Christian chaplains as they struggle w/the appointment of humanist chaplains.

NEW ZEALAND pray for chaplains who are working in camps, bases, & with deployed troops; for safety of deployed troops & for their families who are left behind.

NICARAGUA pray that the MCF's Bible studies, prayer meetings, & other activities will result in continued growth.

NIGERIA pray that military Christians in this increasingly-Islamic nation will stand strong in Christ's love despite persecution. (continued on page 5)

NORWAY pray that the MCF will flourish rather than decline; pray that this nation - the world's richest, by GNP -- will also become spiritually rich.

PAKISTAN pray that the Lord will be the refuge & shelter for the small number of military Christians in Pakistan.

PANAMA give praise for the Aug. regional conference & Interaction; pray that those events will continue to encourage all who participated.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA pray that MCF members will be able to attend the Australian SW Pacific Conference to be encouraged in their faith.

PARAGUAY pray against an apparent increasing opposition to the MCF's principal ministry; pray that these ministry doors will remain open.

PERU pray for the election of new MCF directors, for wisdom for chaplains, that the MCF will have a great impact on the nation, & for preparations for the 2008 South American conference.

PHILIPPINES pray that military Christians will continue to wait for the Lord & put their hope in Him as Christians in their nation face violent attacks by extremists

POLAND praise for Polish MCF's 10th anniversary; pray for the MCF's anniversary celebration 21-23 Sept., for numerical/spiritual growth, & for good relationships with the chaplaincy.

PORTUGAL pray for this small but vigorous MCF as it recruits younger military Christians; pray for the establishment of prayer cells.

ROMANIA praise for recent & ongoing ministries; pray that chaplains & military Christians will continually fix their eyes on Jesus.

RUSSIA pray for the MCF, which ministers strongly to service personnel despite some harassment; pray for a better tolerance of the MCF by officials.

RWANDA as this nation continues to rebuild from war & strife, pray that military Christians will be used by God to rebuild the spiritual health of their nation.

SAO TOME E PRINCEPE pray for the MCF to grow.

SIERRA LEONE pray for endurance for military Christians in this, the world's poorest, nation.

SINGAPORE give praise for military Christians in this nation, & ask that God give them wisdom as they work alongside their Taoist and Buddhist peers.

SLOVAKIA pray for unity & fellowship among chaplains; pray for the eventual formation of an MCF.

SLOVENIA praise for the ministry of the chaplaincy; pray

for wisdom for chaplains & other military Christians, & for responsiveness by those they serve.

SOUTH AFRICA pray for the establishment of MCF sub-committees in 9 provinces; for the MCF's promotion/growth in all four military branches; for a God-given vision for the future; & for wisdom/discernment for the new MCF president.

SPAIN praise for recent, new contacts made; pray that military Christians will be "all one in Jesus Christ."

SRI LANKA praise for military wives who have recently formed a ministry support group; pray that military Christians who received training in leading Bible courses will start groups soon.

SUDAN pray for peace.

SWAZILAND thank God for progress made toward establishing MCF groups at the different bases; pray that this progress will continue.

SWEDEN pray for more young people to join the Swedish MCF; pray for their evangelistic efforts.

SWITZERLAND pray for churches/para-church groups which are ministering to young people doing their compulsory military service.

THAILAND give praise & pray for the small number of military Christians in this primarily Buddhist nation.

TAIWAN pray that the 2007 Asian conference (16-18 Oct.) will equip participants to take the Gospel to their military colleagues.

TAJIKISTAN pray that military Christians in this primarily-Islamic nation will know that the Lord is their strength during troubling times.

TURKEY pray that AMCF co-workers who have contacts in this nation will find ways to make Christ's salvation known to Turkish nationals.

TURKMENISTAN pray that military Christians will continue to act ethically in a nation that struggles with corruption.

UGANDA give praise for the relative stability Uganda now experiences; pray that this will enable military Christians to better share Christ's love with their co-workers.

UKRAINE give praise for annual evangelistic English camps; pray for continued access to military installations & open hearts as the MCF distributes Bibles & literature.

UNITED KINGDOM pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance on the MCF's annual gathering (19-21 Oct.), for a replenishment of the prayer groups, & for the new Naval Christian Fellowship leader. (continued on page 6)

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URUGUAY give praise/pray for continued blessings on the MCF's national-level ministry through weekly radio broadcasts.

USA praise God for CMF's 30th anniversary; pray for CMF & OCF to effectively reach U.S. personnel for Christ & help fight spiritual complacency; pray for wisdom for national leaders & for safety for troops in war zones.

UZBEKISTAN pray for wisdom for military Christians; Christians are heavily monitored by the nation's Religious Affairs Committee.

VENEZUELA pray for continued discernment for military Christians during troubled times.

VIETNAM pray that the Vietnamese who will attend the Taiwan conference in Oct. will catch a vision for forming an MCF among retired military.

ZAMBIA pray that future military ministry possibilities, including a women's ministry workshop, will come to

fruition as God wills.

ZIMBABWE pray that an MCF will be established to include soldiers (presently it only includes chaplains); ask that military & civilian Christians who are living with 3,700% inflation levels stand strong in Christ despite difficult times.

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