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# Praying for the Armed Forces October

# Sun 5 Oct 25

Loving Lord, today we pray for all those in the RAF Quick Reaction Force. We lift before you each of the pilots and engineers who are currently on constant readiness and alert status, prepared to swiftly launch armed aircraft to defend the UK's interests. We pray that you will strengthen and sustain them and be with their families at this time of added tension around the World. Amen.

## Sun 12 Oct 25 Military Training

Lord God, we pray for all those who are currently in their initial training after joining the Navy, Army or the RAF. We pray for you to give them all the stamina, determination and skill they need for each part of their training and that they will feel prepared for whatever the future holds. We also pray you will give wisdom, compassion and guidance to those who will teach them. Lord, please enable them to be men and women who serve with integrity, compassion, mercy and insight. Amen.

# Sun 19 Oct 25 Navy Carrier Strike Group 25.

Lord God, we pray for the 4500 military personnel who are deployed on this 8 month exercise, and their families back home. As they prepare for the long journey back to the UK in the coming months we pray for continued stamina, strength, safety and resilience as they continue to work in close quarters with each other, without much downtime or personal space. Amen.

# Sun 26 Oct 25 PTSD and Combat Trauma.

Loving Lord, we pray for all those affected by PTSD and Combat Trauma. This week we especially pray for those who will experience flashbacks and added stress with the sound of fireworks going off around them. Please help them to reach out and seek help and support and provide the appointments and resources they need. Lord, we ask you to break into all the dark and lonely places they are experiencing and bring your restoring hope, light and healing to them in body, mind and spirit. Amen.



# Praying for the military community

# November

## Sun 2 Nov 25 Ukrainian training.

Lord God, we pray today for all those UK military personnel who are offering training and support to Ukrainian military personnel through Operation Interflex. We especially pray today for those involved in the two new courses teaching soldiers good command skills and training service personnel to be instructors to others. Please help the Ukrainian personnel to clearly understand the training they receive and enable them to implement it well when they return to the front lines. Amen.

### Sun 9 Nov 25 Remembrance Sunday.

Father God, we come to you today so thankful for the freedom that we enjoy in our country. We remember the sacrifice of all those who have given their lives to secure that freedom in the two great wars and all the areas of conflict which have arisen since. Lord, we pray that you will strengthen and sustain all those currently serving in our military today. We ask that you continue to lead and guide our military leaders in the challenging days ahead and that the leaders of our Armed Forces will always seek your wisdom in their planning and strategies. Amen.

## Sun 16 Nov 25 Military Families.

Father God, we thank you for placing us in families, today we pray for all military families across the UK and around the world on overseas postings.

We pray for strength, courage and comfort for them in all the extra challenges that they face due to having a spouse or parent in the military and living in a military context. Please be everything that they need and bind them closely together today and in the challenging days ahead. Amen.

#### Sun 23 Nov 25

#### World tensions and conflicts.

Lord God, we pray for our military personnel who are seeking to support our international partners across the world by offering protection and a deterrent to further future aggression and loss of life. Today we particularly pray for those supporting Eastern European NATO countries through running a number of joint exercises. Amen

### Sun 30 Nov 25 Military Christian Organisations.

Father God, we lift before you the Defence Christian Network as they seek to connect, support and inspire Christians across Defence and bring a Christian presence in the MOD. We pray for NMBS (Naval and Military Bible Society) as they seek to provide bibles and other Christian resources to serving personnel, and we pray for The Cornelius Trust as they seek to further the Christian faith within the Armed Forces by providing grants for serving personnel to attend Christian events or to help them run events to share the Gospel. Bless them and use them we pray.



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## December

## Sun 7 Dec 25 Military Chaplains

Dear Loving Lord, we lift before you all our Military Chaplains ministering to the Royal Navy, Army and RAF. We especially pray for them as they lead Christmas services with their military personnel in the coming days. We pray that you will inspire them to explain the real meaning of Christmas in relatable ways and that many will discover Jesus's love for them through their messages. Amen.

## Sun 14 Dec 25 Peacekeeping roles

Loving Lord, we bring before you all those from our military who are currently involved in peacekeeping roles in Cyprus, Somalia and South Sudan and other areas around the globe. In this season, where the angels declared peace and goodwill to all, we pray that you will give them all the wisdom, strength, integrity and stamina that they need to maintain peace and protect the innocent.

#### Sun 21 Dec 25

Deployments and exercises – Heavenly Father today we pray especially for all those serving personnel who are currently deployed overseas and will be away from their families over the Christmas period. We pray for good communication with those they love and for grace, strength, comfort and resilience to be with them and their families at this time of separation. Amen.

#### Sun 28 Dec 25

#### Preparing for the future

Father God as this year comes to an end and we look to the year ahead we pray for all those in the military who are preparing and planning for what might be around the corner this year in terms of world politics, potential escalations in areas of conflict and UK safety and security. Please grace them with your wisdom and insight and enable them to make plans centered on trusted intelligence, mercy, justice and integrity. Amen.