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**OUR MISSION:** To assist in the development of Christian leaders in the armed forces of the world and in the establishment and growth of military Christian fellowships.

## OCTOBER DAY OF PRAYER AND PRAISE!

20 October 2018

AMCF and ACCTS' annual Day of Prayer and Praise is 20 October. Please join believers around the world as we pray for Christian outreach to the armed forces. To inform us as we pray, we have listed the top 25 most powerful armed forces (statistics from [globalfirepower.com](http://globalfirepower.com)) and the top 25 most populous nations (statistics from the U.N.). Information about religious persecution is from [worldwatchmonitor.org](http://worldwatchmonitor.org).

Please pray that military Christians in the 46 nations which do not currently have a military Christian fellowship (MCF) will be able to develop an MCF, in God's timing. In nations that do have MCFs, pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom for their leaders and God's provision for their financial needs.

Uphold in prayer AMCF President General Srilal Weerasooriya and the regional vice presidents: Col. Torbjorn Bostrom, Chap. Eric Burton, Group Capt. Sunday Igwe, Col. Omar Larrazabal, Capt. Peter Louwrens, Col. Joaquín Maldonado, Comm. Saleem Mathew, Col. Daniel Alain Njoya, Lt. Col. Nestor Ogilvie, BGen. Isam Oumeish, Col. Ernesto Sacro, Comm. Mike Terry, Lt. Col. Andrew Tzeng, and Brig. David Wakaalo.

**Afghanistan:** Pray for peace in this nation and an end to Taliban activities.

**Algeria:** Less than 1% of Algeria's population is Christian. Please pray for them. *Military power: #23*

**Argentina:** Uphold in prayer the MCF of Argentina as it hosts the AMCF South American Conference from 10-12 October and an Interaction leadership

program from 14-18 October.

**Armenia:** Give praise for military Christians who are working to establish an MCF.

**Australia:** Give praise for this active MCF and pray for its Pacific Interaction (23-26 October) and AMCF Pacific Region Conference (26-28 October). *Military power: #21*

**Bangladesh:** Pray for younger people to join the MCF and for fellowship and unity at the MCF's annual conference on 18 November. Pray for safety for Christians as persecution against them increases. *Population: #8*

**Bhutan:** Intercede on behalf of Christians, who have faced recent religious harassment. Pray that they will stay strong in their faith and that religious freedom will be realized in Bhutan.

**Brazil:** Give praise for the vibrant and very large MCF. Ask that MCF leaders and members be guided by the Holy Spirit in a spirit of oneness. *Population: #5 Military power: #14*

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**Bulgaria:** Give praise for the first chaplain to be appointed in Bulgaria since 1942. Ask that the MCF continue to change hearts and lives in Bulgaria's armed forces.

**Burundi:** Pray for the return of political normality in Burundi, which has been accused of human rights violations. Give praise for military believers and their faithfulness to Christ.

**Cambodia:** Praise God for the MCF of Cambodia, where Christians account for .4% of the population. Praise God for open ministry doors in this nation through MSO's work. Ask for His guidance on all they do for Him.

**Canada:** Pray that the MCF's annual meeting, 9-12 October, will inspire members as they live out their faith. Pray for new members to be drawn into the fellowship. *Military power: #25*

**Chile:** Pray that the MCF will be strengthened and the number of military believers will grow. Pray for the unity of Christ among all Christian military personnel.

**China:** China has recently cracked down on religious activity by shutting down churches and burning Bibles. Pray for strength and faith for the millions of Chinese Christians and ask that religious freedom prevail in this powerful nation. *Population: #1 Military power: #3*

**Colombia:** Praise God for increased political peace in this nation. Ask that military believers share Christ's peace with their coworkers, friends, and family. Thank God for the impact that students who attended the Defense Language Institute in Texas are having in their country.

**Congo:** Pray for a peaceful presidential election on 23 December and that military Christians will be salt and light in their culture.

**Cuba:** Ask that religious freedom become reality in Cuba.

**Democratic Republic of Congo:** Pray for the

ongoing humanitarian crisis and war in this nation, asking for peace and justice. Praise God for military believers. *Population: #17*

**East Timor:** Pray for the MCF, a young military and police fellowship. Pray for more ministry opportunities and outreach between denominations.

**Ecuador:** Ask that the number of military believers in this nation grow and the MCF be strengthened.

**Egypt:** Pray that AMCF will develop contact with military and civilian believers in Egypt. *Population: #16. Military power: #12*

**Ethiopia:** Pray for national unity and give praise for the recent peace accord with Eritrea. *Population: #12*

**France:** Ask that the unity of Jesus continue to prevail in the lives of military Christians. Pray that the MCF's ministries will increase. *Population: #22 Military power: #5*

**Germany:** Ask that younger, active-duty military people become involved in the MCF. *Population: #16 Military power: #10*

**Ghana:** Praise God for military believers and their ministries to coworkers and ask that they be bound together in Christian unity.

**Guatemala:** Pray that military believers will share Christ's hope while serving in one of Latin America's poorest nations. Pray for stability after recent political changes.

**India:** Give thanks for the Holy Spirit moving across the Indian military, resulting in the growth of MCFs. Pray as the MCF hosts the Pan India Cornelius Network meeting 23-26 November. Pray for safety of believers as Hindu nationalism rises and violent acts increase. *Population: #2 Military power: #4*

**Indonesia:** MCF-Indonesia is reorganizing under a government-approved foundation - pray for favor as they apply for governmental approval and give praise for the perseverance of military believers. *Population: #4*

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**Military Power: #15**

**Iran:** Pray for the spread of Christianity in Iran and the development of a just government. *Population: #18 Military power: #13*

**Iraq:** Pray for the knowledge of Christ to flourish in Iraq.

**Israel:** Praise God for a flourishing military ministry among Israel's military Christians and uphold their various outreaches in prayer. *Military power: #16*

**Italy:** Ask that military believers follow Christ's leading in all their work for Him. Praise God for the MCF, which has been growing, and their outreach, leadership, and vision to other nations in the region. *Population: #23 Military power: #11*

**Japan:** The MCF of Japan is a small group – pray for its growth, asking that Christianity spread among Japan's armed forces. Pray that the Japanese people will turn to Christ. *Population: #11 Military power: #7*

**Kazakhstan:** Pray that military Christians will grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ while facing restrictions on their faith.

**Laos:** Pray that the MCF will continue to meet regularly. The government has tightened restrictions on Christian activity - please pray against this infringement on religious rights.

**Malawi:** Ask that military believers continue to grow into full maturity in Christ and lead others toward maturing faith.

**Malaysia:** This nation is a broad mix of religions, including Islam, Buddhism, Christianity, and Hinduism. Pray for wisdom for Christians as they share their faith in such a diverse environment.

**Mexico:** Pray that an MCF will be formed in this nation and that, in the meantime, military believers will find ways to encourage each other in their faith. *Population: #10*

**Moldova:** Pray for the MCF as they look to God to find new leadership and to continue their effective work during a very difficult economic climate where many potential MCF workers are leaving the country to find work elsewhere in Europe.

**Myanmar:** Pray for wisdom for Christians as religious tension is increasing. Pray for courage for military Christians during a time of national turmoil.

**Nepal:** Pray with the MCF as it restructures itself to better meet the needs of its members. Thank God for its growth and pray that MCF leaders and members will have God's guidance as they expand.

**Nigeria:** Give praise for the MCF, which hosted the PanAfrica Regional Conference in September. Ask that conference participants make a difference in their own countries and have a broader perspective on spreading Christianity throughout Africa. Pray against the violence toward Christians in Nigeria. *Population: #7*

**North Korea:** Pray that denuclearization will continue, and that peace will reign in this nation and region. Pray for Christians in this nation where it is extremely dangerous to follow Christ. *Military power: #18*

**Pakistan:** Pray that the MCF and its members will stay strong during trying times. Pray against the increasing violence toward Christians. *Population: #6 Military power: #17*

**Peru:** Ask that military believers in Peru exhibit the fruits of the Spirit in all they do for the Lord. Ask that their MCF grow both spiritually and numerically.

**Philippines:** Praise God for Christianity's strength in this nation. Ask that MCF members continue to share Christ with others and strive for unity in the essentials of the faith. *Population: #13*

**Poland:** Ask that the MCF in Poland continue to attract new members and find ways to

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share Christ with the armed forces. *Military power: #22*

**Russia:** Give praise for strong military believers in this powerful nation and pray that their lives will continue to draw others to Christ. Pray for unity and love among Christians in different faith denominations. *Population: #9 Military power: #2*

**Saudi Arabia:** Pray for the small number of Christians in this nation, where religious freedom is not allowed.

**Somalia:** Pray for the safety of Christians in this nation where it is dangerous to follow Christ.

**South Africa:** Give praise for the active MCF and pray that it will draw others to Christ. Pray for progress in mutual ministry with chaplains and that the MCF would continue to be a regional leader among MCFs. *Population: #25*

**South Korea:** Pray that the 10-13 October East Asian Interaction, hosted by the MCF, will bear fruit and enhance East Asian fellowships. Give praise for the outreach the MCF has in South Korea and nations around the globe. *Military power: #7*

**South Sudan:** Praise God that a peace agreement has been reached between warring factions and ask that it be upheld. Pray that prosperity will begin to flourish in this, the world's poorest, nation.

**Spain:** Pray with the MCF and its members as they grow together in faith and the desire to share Christ with their coworkers. Praise God for the revival of local chapters of the MCF. *Military power: #19*

**Sri Lanka:** Give praise for faithful Christians and pray against the increase of violent acts against believers in this nation.

**Syria:** This nation has been besieged by war for nearly seven years. Pray for peace, pray for wisdom for national and international leaders, and pray for relief for the war-wea-

ried citizens of Syria. Pray for the return of national Christians who were displaced or driven out.

**Taiwan:** Pray with military Christians and the MCF as they seek God with all their hearts and trust in Him. Pray for wisdom as they share Christ's good news within their religiously-diverse society. *Military power: #24*

**Tanzania:** Pray that MCF activities will increase and bring many military personnel to Christ. *Population: #24*

**Thailand:** Pray for unity and increased involvement of active-duty members in the MCF. Pray for the MCF's annual meeting in February. *Population: #20*

**Turkey:** Less than .2% of this nation's population is Christian. Pray for these brothers and sisters who are so often without fellowship. Pray that relationships that have been forged with individual military people will continue to be beneficial. *Population: #19 Military power: #9*

**Ukraine:** Pray for the many ministries of military believers in Ukraine, from their work with refugees to their outreach to widows and orphans. Give praise for their devotion to Christ and ask for His blessings on their MCFs.

**United States of America:** The USA is ranked as the most military power in the world -- pray that US military and political leaders will have wisdom in using that power in ethical ways, especially in the current atmosphere of cultural unrest. Ask that the lives of military Christians will draw their coworkers to Christ and His hope. *Population: #3 Military power: #1*

**United Kingdom:** Praise God for faithful military believers in the UK and ask that they continue to find ways to attract young, active-duty Christians to their fellowships. *Population: #21 Military power: #6*

**Uzbekistan:** Pray that the news of Christ's redemption and hope will spread through

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out Uzbekistan's armed forces personnel.

**Venezuela:** Pray for a peaceful restoration of democracy, increased national stability, and that military believers will have Christ's hope and share it with those with whom they work. Pray for a restoration of their economy and leaders who are just.

**Vietnam:** Pray that new religious-activity laws won't hamper military ministry in Vietnam. Pray that the MCF will be able to

develop chapters throughout the country. *Population: #15 Military power: #20*

**Yemen:** Pray for this war-besieged nation and its citizens, who face great famine and disease.

**Zimbabwe:** Pray for wisdom for Zimbabwe's leaders during difficult times, and ask that peace and prosperity come to this nation.

## Principal Supporting Organizations

Three organizations serve in supporting roles for AMCF's ministry. Pray that all three PSOs will attract younger staff to continue the ministries and give thanks to God for the great cooperation between the three PSOs. Please uphold them in your prayers:

**ACCTS (USA):** Pray for ACCTS staff members' upcoming mission trips to various locations, including Brazil, Bhutan, India, and Nepal. Pray for the financial provisions to carry out all their work.

**MMI (UK):** Pray with MMI as it implements actions God gave them during their September Week of Prayer and ask that their financial position be strong to do so.

**MSO (South Korea):** Pray that MSO members will be spiritually equipped to carry out Christ's work and pray that they will be able to raise enough financial support to carry out their ministry.



Prayer is the easiest and hardest of all things; the simplest and the sublimest; the weakest and the most powerful; its results lie outside the range of human possibilities—they are limited only by the omnipotence of God. -- E.M. Bounds

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"Christians have been beaten, whipped, starved, humiliated, mutilated, tortured, hung, burned at the stake, crucified, and fed to lions; yet two thousand years after a man called Jesus of Nazareth walked the streets of Jerusalem, 1,734 million people alive on this earth today call themselves by the ever-dividing, ever-uniting word: Christian. God is still scattering the seeds a few righteous renegades planted in a city called Antioch."  
– Beth Moore



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