



## **AFCU Prayer Alert**

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**Life in the Forces**

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Whilst all Christians are called to be salt and light, the challenges of serving in the Armed Forces make this particularly difficult. Lonely postings, exercises or operations often expose young Christians to many difficult situations and make them disconnected from Christian fellowship. The peer pressure is enormous and unrelenting. It is difficult to sustain a credible and effective witness in such an environment.

The AFCU are very aware of the need to encourage and support Christians in the military and work to ensure that members are able to get fellowship and discipleship on a regular basis through running various events throughout the year which are tailored to them and linking them to dedicated prayer groups for prayer support. They also signpost them to fellowship groups that meet on military bases and various social media groups which link serving Christians so that they feel less isolated. The AFCU office pray for 4 serving members each day in their office prayers.

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- For all Christians who are currently serving in the Armed Forces. Pray for them to find good fellowship with other Christians, for them to attend AFCU events where they will gain fellowship and good teaching.
- Pray that they will be willing to get linked to a prayer group for regular prayer support while they serve.
- Pray for them as they seek to witness to their peers and for good conversations that enable them to share something of God's love and peace.
- Pray for their faith to be strengthened each and every day and for them to not be drawn into any unwise situations.

### **Chain of Command**

Those serving in the Armed Forces are privileged to work in an environment that selects, trains and honours those in leadership. With authority however comes tremendous responsibility. This can ultimately be giving orders that result in the death of those under one's command. Most of the time however it is trying to match diminishing resources to an expanding set of tasks and priorities.



## PRAYER POINTS

- Thank God for the opportunities for leadership that the Armed Forces provides. Pray that each person will receive all the training that they require to be a good leader.
- Pray for the many courses run by Chaplains as they encourage young officers to develop a strong moral code in all the decisions they make.
- Thank God for the number of military leaders who have a strong Christian faith. Pray that God will give them all the wisdom and insight they need to be God's leaders in the military.