

AFCU Prayer Alert

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Life in the Forces – Increased British involvement in the fight against Daesh.

www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-steps-up-role-as-the-fight-against-daesh-evolves

UK forces currently deployed at Al Asad Air Base will train further forward and provide increased force protection for UK personnel in and around the coalition bases as Daesh continues its retreat across Iraq and Syria. 2 RIFLES are currently based at Al Asad providing infantry, counter-IED, engineering and combat medical training to the Iraqi Security Forces, and will now patrol outside the base perimeter. The UK is also deploying a further team of British military medical personnel to Al Asad and will extend the deployment of British engineers at the base in the next six months. Over 600 British soldiers are currently in Iraq. UK troops have so far helped train over 58,000 Iraqi Security Forces. The UK's commitment from all three Services to the fight against Daesh across the region now numbers just over 1,400 military personnel.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the safety of all those currently deployed in Iraq and for their families at left at home.
- Pray that the Iraqi Security Forces will learn from our British personnel and that what they have learned will enable them to be better equipped for any future engagements.
- Pray for all those personnel involved in working closely with high level officials in Iraq. Pray that they will have all the grace and wisdom they need to be able to have productive discussions and develop a more stable sustained solution for this war torn country.
- Pray that the Daesh retreat across Iraq and Syria will continue and that the terrorists involved will meet with the risen Christ and turn away from violence.

Service of Prayer for the Armed Forces

www.afcu.org.uk/event/service-of-prayer-for-the-armed-forces

The Annual Service of Prayer for the Armed Forces will be taking place on 9th November 2017 at St. Margaret's Church in Westminster. This event is arranged by the three military Chaplaincy departments and the AFCU. It provides an opportunity to ensure that the importance of praying for our armed forces is given a high profile within our Country. It takes place, as usual, directly after the opening of the field of remembrance outside Westminster Abbey. Over the years this service has brought comfort to many who have come to London to remember loved ones that they have lost. It is valued by those who want to thank God for his protection and sustaining throughout their military careers. It also provides an opportunity for members of both Houses of Parliament and those working in London to come and join in this service with us.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for all those who are coming to London over the Remembrance Day weekend, especially those who are grieving the loss of their loved ones that they would know God's strength and comfort.
- Pray for all those currently in the Army, Navy and Air Force that they would be kept safe both at home and overseas. Pray that many would be drawn into a saving knowledge of Jesus through the lives and witness of Christian colleagues and Chaplains around them.

- Pray for all those who will attend the service this year that they will feel God's presence and peace throughout the service and in their discussions with AFCU members and staff, and members of the Chaplaincy departments.