

PRAYER GUIDE FOR DEPLOYMENT

Pray Effectively - Pray Intelligently - Pray Now

Pre-Deployment Period:

- Pray that the soldiers will listen and learn well during their training period so that they are better prepared for whatever situations they will face.
- Pray for soldiers and their families as they make necessary preparations for one spouse to be away for an extended period of time.
- Pray that the spouses who are left behind will find spiritually-strong support systems to help them cope with the absence of their husband or wife.

Deployment Period:

- Pray for the safety of military troops.
- War can cause hearts to become open to the gospel in unexpected and unanticipated ways.
- Pray that non-Christian soldiers will allow God to speak to them, and that Christian soldiers will be available to encourage their steps toward faith.
- Pray also that their families back home will be open to Christ's hope.
- Pray that Christian soldiers will find other believers with whom to fellowship and share encouragement.
- Ask that soldiers have courage when it is most required of them, and place their trust in God.
- Many soldiers are very young – just out of school – and far away from home for the first time. Pray that they will mature in wisdom and spiritual strength during this time.
- Pray for wisdom and a clear mind for those who carry great responsibility and make life and death decisions.
- Pray for wisdom for the Chief of the Defence Staff and the other Chiefs of Staff, and other military leaders.
- Pray that they will grow as a result of their suffering, rather than become bitter or angry.
- Pray that their physical bodies will be able to get periods of rest to stay healthy.
- Pray that their work will bring peace to wherever they are stationed.
- Pray that soldiers will act with righteousness and justice at each step of the way.
- Ask that marriages stay strong, despite frequent and long separation periods.
- Pray for children of deployed military personnel.
- Pray that they will feel the presence of God in their lives.
- Pray that soldiers will work together as a team to accomplish their goals.
- Pray that military chaplains will give good, godly counsel to those who seek it.

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

- James 5:16

Post-Deployment Period:

- Pray that the transition back home will be as peaceful – and joyful – as possible for soldiers and their families.
- Pray that soldiers who need help with post-traumatic stress disorder will seek help and be directed toward good resources.
- Pray for patience on the part of the soldier and his or her family as they make adjustments to their post-deployment life.
- Pray that communication between family members will remain clear so that misunderstandings don't arise.