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Praying for Our World's Armed Forces

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to the brothers and sisters of the AMCF family scattered around the world, who are all one in the Lord. We give thanks and praise to the Lord, who allows us to observe the AMCF Day of Prayer on Saturday, 20 September 2008, promising us, "Ask and it will be given...."

God had all countries organize their military forces, and called us to carry out the Great Commission, the most important task in human history, through this organization. He gave our predecessors the goal that every country in the world have a military Christian fellowship, and that the MCFs become mature and effective.

We have been blessed by the Lord to have MCFs in 116 countries in the world. However, there are still 80 countries that do not have MCFs and need our prayers and help for the establishment of MCFs.

In Romans 15:20, the Apostle Paul mentioned, "It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation." In order for us to accomplish the Great Commission of the Lord, we need to have this kind of attitude, having as our priority the establishment of MCFs in these 80 countries where there are no MCFs.

The key to the victory at Rephidim, in the early history of the extension of the Kingdom of God, was prayer. The Israelites would not have been routed in the first battle at the small city of Ai if they could have excluded the cause of God's wrath through prayer. Our Lord said, "This kind can come out only by prayer." (Mark 9:29)

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:17



In order for us to please the Lord by accomplishing our goal, I hope that we will earnestly pray, along with other prayer items, that all the countries -- from Iceland in the Atlantic Ocean to the Cook Islands in the Pacific -- will have MCFs. Of course, we will continue to pray for this at noontime every day.

We earnestly hope that our prayers on the AMCF Day of Prayer will be accepted by God as Jabez's prayer was (1 Chronicles 4:10). We also hope that, as we pray together on the same subjects on the AMCF Day of Prayer around the world, although we do not see one another, we will be bound by one bond of love and filled with the joy of being one in Christ Jesus. I pray that all our brothers and sisters in the Lord will be filled with His grace.



In His love,

*General Lee, Pil Sup
President, AMCF*

September 20th is the annual AMCF Day of Prayer and Praise. Please join us on that day – whether as an individual prayer partner or with your military Christian fellowship – as we pray in communion with other military and civilian Christians around the world.

A Resilient Church Via Nation-to-Nation Witness

AFGHANISTAN pray for peace; pray that opium production will cease (Afghanistan is the world's largest exporter) & that a Christian presence will arise.

ALBANIA pray that members of this nation's two MCFs will be daily evidence of God's redemptive power to those around them.

ANGOLA praise for MCF growth; pray for increase in Bible studies & prayer meetings.

ARGENTINA as this nation struggles with high inflation, pray that military Christians will have continued compassion for the lost & suffering.

ARMENIA praise for AMCF co-worker trip to Armenia in May; pray that the people they met during that trip will see their lives transformed by the Holy Spirit.

AUSTRALIA pray for AMCF VP for the Pacific, Group Captain Rev. Allen Neil; pray that MCF members will have many opportunities to reach

out to those who are deployed and to their families at home.

BAHAMAS pray that members of Bahamas security forces will be guided by God as they combat violence and other problems.

BANGLADESH pray for Bangladesh's soldiers & people, who have been hit hard because of rising food prices.



BELARUS pray that military Christians will remain strong in this nation that has become internationally isolated.

BOLIVIA pray for wisdom and perseverance as military Christians serve during extremely difficult political situations which verge on civil war.

BOTSWANA pray that this nation's stability will help military Christians as they minister to their co-workers.

BRAZIL pray for the ministry of AMCF VP for South America, Major

(Ret.) Doctor Jose de Almeida; pray for increased military ministry in this nation; pray for an end to dengue fever, which is epidemic in parts of Brazil.

BULGARIA praise for 10 years of military Christian fellowship.

BURKINA FASO pray for the ministry of AMCF VP for French-speaking Africa, Commandant (Ret.) Gaston Gnomou; pray for English camp programs, which will be held in three places in Burkina Faso; pray for wisdom for chaplains, who

"Through the ages a 'cross pollinating' evangelization seems to have made the church resilient. For example, Germanus, a Frenchman, strengthened the church in England by eliminating heresy, by preaching and teaching, and by establishing schools. A few centuries later Boniface, an Englishman, revived the church in France and established it in Germany."

– Germanus of Auxerre (378?-448)

don't receive official training for their jobs.

BURUNDI pray for a successful peace process between rebels and the army.

CAMEROON pray for an end to the political unrest; that AMCF co-workers will be able to take a planned trip to this nation to encourage military Christians.

CAMBODIA pray for successful English camp programs, to be held in five places; pray that many will come to Christ as a result of these programs.

CANADA give praise, & pray for, their nationwide military prayer program.

CAPE VERDE ISLANDS give praise for the new MCF; pray that members will prayerfully listen to the Holy Spirit as they minister.

CENTRAL ASIAN NATIONS pray that the ongoing persecution in several of these nations will not discourage military Christians, but would cause them to grow stronger in faith & in numbers.

CHAD pray that military Christians will keep God's kingdom and His will as their central focus despite rampant conflict & corruption.

CHINA pray for ongoing earthquake recovery efforts; that faith in Christ will spread during these difficult days; pray for Christians to share Christ's hope during August Olympics.

COMOROS pray against persecution of military & civilian Christians.

COLOMBIA pray for safety & wisdom as military Christians work against the high levels of violence in their nation.

CONGO pray that God will reveal His plans for military Christians in this nation, which has seen renewed fighting.

COTE D'IVOIRE pray for peaceful, fair national elections on 30 November.

CUBA pray that positive changes will occur to allow for complete religious freedom.

DEM. REP. OF CONGO pray for an end to the ongoing conflict, which is one of the most deadly since WWII; pray for a strengthened MCF & for military Christians who serve under often-suspicious authorities.

DENMARK pray that the once-functioning MCF in this nation will be revived.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC pray for salvation of non-Christian military personnel & for planning of a '09 Caribbean regional conference for military/police.

EGYPT give praise, & pray for, several retired Christian officers with whom we have contact; pray that their faith will grow stronger daily.

ETHIOPIA give praise, & pray for, committed military Christians in Ethiopia & for the recent AMCF co-worker trip to encourage them; pray for God's intervention to strengthen the fellowship during troubled times.

FINLAND pray for revival among Finland's armed forces.

GAMBIA praise for recently-formed MCF; pray for God to act in & through MCF members.

GERMANY praise for 110 years of MCF; pray for the three organizations (COV, AGS & GKS) which share Christ in the military & for the newly elected COV board & its leader.

GRENADA pray for the ministry of AMCF VP for North America, Lt. Col. Nestor Ogilvie (Ret.).

GUATEMALA pray for the ministry of AMCF

VP for Central America, Colonel (Ret.) Joaquin Maldonado; pray that military Christians will be allowed to minister in more bases, & that commanders' hearts will be touched.

GUINEA BISSAU praise for the new MCF; pray that God's Word will go forth through MCF members & be fruitful.

IRELAND

pray for new life & fellowship for military Christians.

INDIA pray for the MCF as it seeks to develop more groups.

INDONESIA pray for God's leading on all who attend the Indonesia conference in October '08; pray for wisdom as military Christians co-exist & co-serve with Muslims in this, the world's largest Muslim population nation.

IRAQ pray for peace in this war-torn nation.

ISRAEL pray for military Christians as they live out God's authority over their lives & missions.

JORDAN pray for the ministries of AMCF VP for the Middle East, Major General (Ret.) Imad M & other military Christians in this region.

KENYA pray for the ministry of AMCF VP for

East Africa, Major General Njuki Mwaniki; pray for the 9-13 September AMCF regional conference in Kenya; ask that participants be living proof to their co-workers of God's redemption & love.

KOREA, SOUTH pray for the ministry of AMCF President General (Ret.) Lee, Pil Sup; that the

new national president will display good leadership in a tangled economic situation; for all the ministry efforts of the Military Evangelism Observation (MEO).

LEBANON pray for peace in this war-torn nation.

MEXICO pray that military Christians will continue to serve faithfully & free of corruption during increasing anti-drug operations.

MOLDOVA pray that the changing political environment won't hinder the MCF; for the MCF's family conference in September; for God to touch soldiers' lives who have received New Testaments.

MONGOLIA pray for ongoing Bible studies for junior officers & cadets; for good relationships between military authorities & the MCF.

MYANMAR (BURMA) pray for ongoing cyclone recovery efforts; pray for those who are in power, that they will see what is best for the country; pray that one day people can live & worship in freedom.

NIGERIA pray for the ministry of AMCF Vice President Air Cdre Ishaku Komo.



"It is true that few people hate war more than those manning its front lines. Man forms instruments for war. God changes them into tools of peace. That is at the heart of this promise in the book of Isaiah: 'Come, let us go to the mountain of the Lord... They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore' (Isaiah 2:3-4)."
-- Chaplain R. Stroud, as quoted in OCF's Command magazine

NORWAY pray that MCF members will be energized for their outreach to junior officers, enlisted personnel, & others.

PAKISTAN 2008 is the “Year of the Soldier” in Pakistan; pray that more soldiers will hear Christ’s words of hope & accept them into their hearts; pray for Accts MMI staff members who minister in this nation.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA pray for wisdom for government leaders; for wisdom in implementing PNG Defense Force reforms; that chaplains will be Spirit-led in their work.

PHILIPPINES pray for the ministry of AMCF VP for Southeast Asia, Major General (Ret.) Ruben Ciron; praise that the MCF recently distributed 800 Bibles & arranged for follow-up for spiritual seekers; pray for spiritual growth for the large number of new military Christians.

PERU pray for unity among military Christians as they share Christ with their peers.

POLAND pray that military Christians will understand Christ’s will for their lives & witness.

ROMANIA pray that the MCF’s annual conference, 17-19 October, will inspire people to continuously minister on the gospel’s behalf.

RUSSIA pray for wisdom for military Christians as they fight against misunderstandings & distrust from government leaders.

RWANDA pray for peace & stability; that the Holy Spirit will enable military Christians to overcome ethnic hatred & apathy.

SIERRA LEONE praise, & pray for, for the MCF’s ongoing ministries in their country & nearby ones.

SINGAPORE praise for MCF publications; pray for the MCF’s ministry endeavors.

SOMALIA pray for peace, as Mogadishu recently saw its heaviest violence in a decade.

SOUTH AFRICA pray for the ministry of AMCF VP for Southern Africa, Captain Peter Louwrens RSN (Ret.); pray with the MCF as they endeavor to develop MCF chapters in all 9 provinces; pray for the Durban area, which just had their MCF launch recently.

SRI LANKA pray for the ministry of AMCF VP for South Asia, General (Ret.) Srilal Weerasooriya; pray for the new MCF committee; pray for open doors to minister to serving servicemen in the combat zone; pray for more navy military Christians.

SUDAN praise for a strong MCF in Khartoum; pray for peace & justice for this nation where hundreds of thousands have died.

SWEDEN pray for the ministries of AMCF VP for Northeast Europe, Colonel Torbjorn Bostrom (Ret.), & other military Christians in Sweden.

TAIWAN pray for the ministry of AMCF VP for East Asia, Vice Admiral (Ret.) Sherman Lei, & other Taiwanese military Christians.

UGANDA pray that peace may come in full to Uganda.

UKRAINE pray for a new assistant director for the MCF; for a new MCF magazine editor; for MCF members dealing with severe inflation rates.

URUGUAY pray that this highly-secularized nation will see revival, especially among military personnel.

UK pray for the ministry of AMCF VP for South Central Europe, Comm. (Ret.) Brian Parker; pray for a British MCF’s annual conference, 3-5 Oct.; pray for planning for the AMCF European Conference, 29 May – 2 June ’09.

Day of Prayer

USA pray for military personnel & their families to have grace & wisdom as they live out their faith despite criticism; pray for planning for the Aug. '09 North American Regional Conference & Wall of Prayer.

VENEZUELA pray for military Christians who serve in a time of deep national unrest and divisions.

ZAMBIA pray that chaplains who have attended a training course will be better equipped to help their nations' troops.

ZIMBABWE pray for an end to the governments' violence & intimidation; pray for stability to return to this nation.



Oh Lord, our world and our times are in your hands. Cause us to desire You, and Your will for this world, above all things.



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