

# Australia



## Scriptures for the ADF

**Project: N/A**  
**Tax Deductible**



# 170

full time and part time Army chaplains spread across Australia, and 95% are Christian chaplains

# 581,100

people have served in the ADF / 2.8% of the Australian population aged 15 years and over (2021 census)

# In 2021

60,300 people were currently serving in Regular service

### Overview

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Bible Society Australia (BSA) seeks to serve and equip chaplains and Christian ministries who are working with the Australian Defence Forces, ministering to Australians serving with the armed forces, by providing Bibles and Scripture Resources through Scripture Grants.

### The Need

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There is sustained demand for specialty Scriptures in the ADF, as men and women take up the opportunity to search the truths of the Bible, encouraged by their 'padres'. There are many chaplains and ministries serving the armed forces, who are in need of Bibles and Scripture resources to share as a part of their work with servicemen and women. BSA has provided specialised ADF badged Bibles for members of the armed forces for over 100 years.

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. – 2 Timothy 2:15, NIV*

## Goals

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The goal of this project is to Open The Bible to people serving in the ADF. By resourcing ADF chaplains and other Christian ministries with Scriptures and Gospel materials, they can engage people with God's word. This grant shares the transformative hope of the gospel, equipping gospel workers with both God's word and the ability to encourage and disciple those they work with.

In 2025, BSA is looking to deepen our warm relationships with the ADF chaplaincy and provide vital Scriptures and resources that they need to support and encourage Australian Armed Forces personnel.

## Impact

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The impact of this Scripture grant is ultimately seen in the changed lives of recipients. BSA has supported and partnered with Military Christian Fellowship-Australia (MCF-A), Focus Military Ministry, Solid Rock ministries, Sallyman/Sallyma'am, Everyman's Welfare Service, and AMCF (the international arm of MCF-A) as well as the chaplains who work within the ADF, and ADFA. In addition to this, BSA reprinted the Waterproof New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs for the Navy, Army and RAAF, as well as the CEV full Bible.

BSA continued to provide its current range of camouflage scriptures, ADF specialty books and other supportive gospel materials to the ADF. BSA partnered with ADF support ministries to produce new materials that help ADFA graduates dig into the Bible and think through the issues of service in light of Christ.

## Testimony

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*"[Having specialist ADF scriptures is an] amazing opportunity to talk about the love of Jesus Christ. Thank you. Our members love the devotionals and Bibles to take to sea." — Chaplain*

*"Thank you so much. Words fail to describe the expression on the face of someone who is receiving the first Bible that is theirs to own and read, and was produced for them as members of the military. These resources bring hope, reassurance, comfort. Officer training raises questions about life and values, many trainees are keen to re-engage with their Christian upbringing, others are searching for meaning. This grant helps me offer them something tangible." — Chaplain*

*"The ADF is a very demanding and stressful environment sometimes; being able to give our people a Bible for when they need it most, is invaluable. We have two... units on our base who are constantly requesting help and guidance in their setting. These Bibles will enable us to provide more care and resources for our people and equip them with the Word of God when we can't be with them" — Chaplain*

## Prayer Points

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- Pray for continued opportunities to Open The Bible with Australians in the Defence Forces, for chaplains to be encouraged and strengthened in their work, and for open hearts to hear God's word.
- Pray that many ADF members will find hope and peace through reading God's word in their ADF Bibles.
- Pray that God would give words of wisdom, life and grace to chaplains as they support ADF members.