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### September 1 (Monday)

As we step into September, we give thanks for the peace that surpasses all understanding, a peace not found in our circumstances, but in the presence of Christ. Please pray that God's peace would cover every MAF program, every flight, and every team member serving in isolated and sometimes unstable regions. May this month be marked by unity, reconciliation and healing in communities experiencing conflict, in families navigating transition, and in hearts longing for hope.

### September 2 (Tuesday)

Praise God for the encouraging and Spirit-filled Prayer Zoom meeting last month. We're thankful for the powerful stories shared by our staff, the unity in prayer across states and time zones, and the faithful hearts who gathered to lift up MAF's mission.

### September 3 (Wednesday)

Joe Farren (pg. 12) - Please pray that God will continue to bless all our patients who are recovering in the hospital in Dili, **Timor-Leste**. Pray that His peace will descend on that hospital and His healing hands will be felt.

### September 4 (Thursday)

Please pray for the many tribes and communities across **Papua New Guinea**. In regions affected by the tribal conflict, ask for God's peace to reign and for unity to grow among divided groups. Please also pray for protection over our staff serving in these areas.

### September 5 (Friday)

On this International Day of Charity, we are reminded of the power of generosity and selfless service. Let's thank God for the generous hearts that make MAF's mission possible, from donors, praying supporters and advocates in Australia, to the pilots, engineers and their families serving in the field.

### September 6 (Saturday)

Michael and Karen Penn (pg. 9) - Later this year, Michael and Karen will step into a new role as visiting pastoral carers for MAF's Arnhem Land Program. In November, they'll spend two weeks with the team, offering a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support to staff and their families. Pray that God will

guide their conversations, refresh weary hearts and bring comfort and connection to those serving in this remote region.

### September 7 (Sunday)

This Father's Day, we give thanks for fathers and father-figures, for their love, leadership and the way they reflect our Heavenly Father. Please pray for the dads serving with MAF around the world, often balancing family life with the demands of mission and aviation in remote areas. Pray for strength, wisdom and rest as they lead their families and serve others.

### September 8 (Monday)

Chris and Ali Coffee (pg. 4) - Please continue to pray for Ali and the kids, who moved back to NSW in June to be closer to family. Ask for God's comfort and strength as they navigate this new season, following the loss of Chris. Pray that they would continue to feel surrounded by love and support, and that His peace would gently guide them through each day.

### September 9 (Tuesday)

Praise God for a grant received from the Australian Government to subsidise domestic violence flights in Arnhem Land.

### September 10 (Wednesday)

Praise God for the dedicated engineering team at the MAF **Mareeba** hangar, working tirelessly to maintain aircraft that support life-saving missions. With a high volume of work and limited personnel, pray for strength, endurance and unity among them. Please pray for the Lord to raise up more Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineers with servant hearts to join the mission, both in Mareeba and where needed most.

### September 11 (Thursday)

On this day of remembrance, we reflect on the events of September 11 and pray for peace in a world that still experiences division, fear and violence. As MAF continues to serve in regions marked by conflict, isolation and need, pray that our flights would be vessels of love, healing and reconciliation. Ask God to protect our teams globally, and to use every landing strip as a place where His peace can take root.



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#### September 12 (Friday)

Melissa Higgins (pg. 4) - Praise God for Mel's recent completion of training to fly the Cessna Caravan and for the many opportunities to connect with passengers. Pray for continued strength and energy for Mel and the **Arnhem Land** team as they serve in a demanding season.

#### September 13 (Saturday)

Please pray for the ongoing need for personnel across MAF globally, especially for skilled engineers to serve in our hangars and programs. As aircraft remain grounded in some locations due to staffing shortages, ask God to raise up the right people with servant hearts, technical expertise and a passion for mission.

#### September 14 (Sunday)

Give thanks for the ways the Gospel is being shared in **Arnhem Land**. Please pray for MAF's ongoing role in walking alongside Yolngu Christians as they witness to their own people. Ask that God would bless these efforts and open hearts to the hope of Christ in every homeland and community.

#### September 15 (Monday)

Matt Kaye (pg. 11) - Recently, Matt completed two Tok Pisin language courses. Praise God that he was able to share his testimony in Kompam. Give thanks for the hunger for God's Word across **Papua New Guinea**, especially in remote communities. Please pray that this spiritual hunger would go deep, shaping lives, transforming communities, and building a faith that is more than just skin deep.

#### September 16 (Tuesday)

The wet season in **South Sudan** is at its peak. Please pray for the pilots as they manage to fly in challenging weather conditions, and for the operational staff who need wisdom in discerning which flights can proceed each day.

#### September 17 (Wednesday)

Mark and Jodie Simmonds (pg. 6) - Please pray for God's guidance as Mark and Jodie prepare to relocate to Townsville, for a move that brings stability, family connection, and new beginnings. Pray for the entire family as they transition into a new home, with all three children beginning studies at James Cook University. Lift them up as they have a busy season

ahead, for smooth logistics, strength for Jodie as she starts a new job, and for Mark as he continues in his role as an International Safety Manager.

#### September 18 (Thursday)

Give thanks for the many churches across **Australia** who have joined us in celebrating 80 years of MAF through CineMAF, Mission Spotlight, and the 80 for 80 Initiative. Please pray for continued support as more churches engage with our 80th celebrations.

#### September 19 (Friday)

Ethan McMaster (pg. 4) - Please pray for the preparation of some community outreach flights during this second half of the year in **Arnhem Land**. Please also pray for the kids club in Yirrkala, that the kids will be engaged and continue to come and that the youth in these communities will come to know God.

#### September 20 (Saturday)

Please pray for our MAF team as they attend the ReachOut Missions Conference today. Ask God to guide every conversation, inspire hearts and open doors for future mission opportunities. Pray that those who visit our stand or hear our stories will be moved to pray, give or go.

#### September 21 (Sunday)

On this International Day of Peace, we thank God for the ministry of reconciliation that MAF has the privilege of being part of, flying into places marked by division, disaster and despair. Pray that MAF aircraft and our staff would continue to be vessels of peace, breaking through barriers and bridging isolated communities with the love of Christ.

#### September 22 (Monday)

Jeroen and Diana Zwijnenburg (pg. 11) - Give thanks for safe travels during their recent holiday, precious time with family in the Netherlands, and their safe return to Kompam, **Papua New Guinea**. Praise God for the Kompam Hospital becoming busy again with patients, for the safe return of medical students, and for the many guests who visited and encouraged the work being done there. Pray for continued health, protection on treacherous roads and for Jeroen and Diana as they serve faithfully in healthcare, administration and community development.



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### September 23 (Tuesday)

With over 76% of **Timor-Leste**'s population living in rural areas, accessing healthcare and essential services remains a major challenge. MAF continues to partner with the Ministry of Health and NGOs to fly patients, medical teams and development workers to where they're needed most. Please pray for strength and compassion for the MAF Timor-Leste team as they carry out vital medevac and support flights.

### September 24 (Wednesday)

John and Helena Hermanus (pg. 8) - Praise God for John's safe travels to and from **Timor-Leste** recently, and for the health and wellbeing of his family during this winter season. Pray for continued strength and guidance for John as he balances travel, ministry and family life. Please lift up Helena in her work supporting the hangar operations, and pray for their kids as they each navigate studies, ministry and life transitions. Ask that God would encourage and sustain the family as they continue to serve faithfully.

### September 25 (Thursday)

Give thanks that the security situation in **South Sudan** has been stable enough so that MAF can continue transporting people and providing services to people in remote locations who are in great need.

### September 26 (Friday)

MAF's impact in **Papua New Guinea** depends not just on skills, but on people with a heart aligned to God's mission. As Jesus prayed in John 17, we are sent into the world, not just to serve, but to shine His truth and love. Pray that God would continue to raise up team members with spiritual depth, Christ-like character, and a shared vision to see lives transformed.

### September 27 (Saturday)

Jason and Kim Job (pg. 9) - Pray for Jason, Kim and son, Sam as they step into new roles in **Mareeba**. Jason is coordinating major modifications on a newly acquired aircraft bound for **Papua New Guinea**, while beginning studies toward becoming a licensed

engineer. Pray for wisdom, strength and clarity in the hangar. Kim has returned to the classroom one day a week, alongside tutoring eight students - ask God to give her energy, insight and joy as she teaches. And praise God for Sam's new job and growing independence. Please pray for balance as he juggles school, work and friendships.

### September 28 (Sunday)

**South Sudan** continues to face a severe humanitarian and economic crisis, worsened by the impacts of climate change. As the needs grow, so does the demand for MAF flights to transport relief workers, supplies and hope to hard-to-reach areas. Pray for wisdom and efficiency as MAF maximises the use of shuttles and charters with limited resources.

### September 29 (Monday)

Garrett and Katie Munyard – Give thanks for the opportunities they had to visit MAF **Arnhem Land**, connect with churches, and spend time with loved ones before their future move to **Papua New Guinea**. Praise God for the encouragement they have received through generous supporters and mission-minded congregations. Please pray for energy and focus as they juggle full-time work, fundraising, travel and preparations for the field. Ask for God's provision, favour and peace as they take faithful steps toward their calling in PNG.

### September 30 (Tuesday)

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles..." Isaiah 40:31 (NIV). As MAF aircraft soar over remote mountains, jungles and deserts, pray that our teams around the world would be renewed in strength and purpose. Ask God to sustain our pilots, engineers and support staff. May each flight be a reminder that when we place our hope in the Lord, He carries us and the people we serve on the wings of grace and mercy.



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### **A Father's Day Devotional: A Legacy that Lasts**

"The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him." - Proverbs 20:7 (NKJV)

On Father's Day we pause to honour the men who have gone before us - their faith, their sacrifices and the legacies they've left in our lives. A Godly legacy is not built in a moment, but day by day, through choices of integrity, prayer and service.

This year, as MAF celebrates 80 years of ministry, we are reminded of the spiritual fathers and pioneers who faithfully answered God's call. Their obedience opened the skies for the Gospel, bringing help, hope and healing to isolated people. We stand on their shoulders today, continuing a legacy of faith in action.

Just as earthly fathers bless their children through their example, the legacy of those who served before us at MAF blesses countless communities around the world. Their faith inspires us to consider the legacy we, too, are leaving - one that points people to Christ and endures beyond our lifetime.

This Father's Day, may we give thanks for those who paved the way and commit ourselves to carrying forward the legacy of faith, courage and service. And for every father reading this, we pray you have a blessed day surrounded by love and encouragement. May you be strengthened to keep walking faithfully with God, knowing that your quiet acts of integrity and service sow seeds that will outlast you.

God bless and Happy Father's Day!

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