



AFCU PRAYER ALERT April 2024

Serving in the Military – RAF

[UK Forces airdrop over 10 tonnes of food supplies to civilians in Gaza - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[First Ukrainian pilots graduate from RAF flight training - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

The RAF are often called upon to support various international conflict situations and humanitarian response efforts. Here are two that they are currently involved in.

Gaza

The RAF have recently airdropped over 10 tonnes of food supplies into Gaza as part of international efforts to provide urgently needed life-saving assistance to civilians. An RAF plane flew from Jordan to airdrop this aid along the northern coastline of Gaza. UK personnel worked closely with the Royal Jordanian Air Force to plan and conduct this mission.

Ukraine

The first 10 Ukrainian pilots who have undergone intensive training under the guidance of Royal Air Force instructors have graduated from flight school. They will now do their advanced flying training provided by the French Air Force before learning to fly F-16 fighter jets.

This effort is a key UK contribution to the Air Capability Coalition, which is co-led by the United States, Denmark and the Netherlands. This initiative is helping build an air force consisting of modern fighter jets to form the cornerstone of Ukraine's armed forces. These capability coalitions were set up last year providing a long-term commitment to supporting Ukraine's armed forces, with the UK co-leading the maritime and drone coalitions.

Prayer points:

- Please pray for all our military personnel supporting humanitarian crises around the world including the situation in Gaza. Pray for God's strengthening and sustaining as they often face intense and dangerous situations and long grueling hours of work.
- Please pray for all those Military Personnel who are struggling to process what they have seen and heard as they offer their support and reach out to those in need.
- Please pray for wisdom and grace for all those who are offering training and support to Ukrainian military personnel to equip them for the Russian invasion of their country.
- Please pray for God to make the 'impossible possible' and bring about lasting ceasefires and discussions to create paths to lasting peace, that the world may see God's kingdom done on earth.