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Angelus: A Call to Prayer

January 2019

1. Praise God for fresh, new starts...and for a brand new year!
2. As the new year begins, please pray for the Human Resources teams at Landis Communities as they seek out team members for Landis Homes, Welsh Mountain Home, Landis at Home and other places.
3. The Glen Lapp Memorial Volleyball tournament will be held at Lancaster Mennonite High School on January 5 and 12. Please pray for the tournament participants and also the family and friends of Glen Lapp as they celebrate his life and remember his commitment to service in the name of Christ.
4. Please pray for No Longer Alone Ministries' clients and their families as they struggle with depression and social anxiety during the holiday season.
5. Pray for Black Rock Retreat and all the New Year will bring. Also, pray for the following upcoming events: Jr. High Winter Camp Retreat, Summer Camp Open House and Silent Sanctuary Retreat.
6. Pray for the new pastor of Crossroads Mennonite Church and his family to find appropriate housing, and for the children's adaptation after moving from out of state. Pray for the congregation to embrace them with God's arms. Pray for the whole body to become one and prepare to move together in God's Spirit.
7. Consider joining the prayer group at the LMC offices as they meet at 7 p.m.
8. The second quarter ends on January 11 at Lancaster Mennonite School. Please pray for both teachers and students during the final week of this quarter.
9. Pray over the credentialing commission as they meet today.
10. Pray for Bianca Neff, a recently appointed EMM worker and founder of Petra Peacebuilders. Ask that God will lead her as she continues supporting EMM workers with resilience coaching and training.
11. Please pray for Ethan and Emma* and their family as they make plans to transition to Pennsylvania. They will continue in their role as regional representatives but wisdom is needed in working out the details. They ask for prayer in ending their time overseas well.
12. Ask God's blessing on the three STEP classes that meet today - for endurance in the middle of the school year, opportunities to apply what they are learning, and provision of time to juggle their many responsibilities.
13. Remember the Lancaster Mennonite School students participating in the High School District Orchestra and Band Festivals in January. Pray that students can relax and perform to the best of their ability and enjoy their interactions with other musicians.
14. Mike and Roberta Lotvola, and their family, serve with discipleship training. Pray that God will empower Mike in his teaching at the discipleship training school in Kaiserslautern. Ask that the students will more clearly see who Jesus is and how they can love and serve Him.
15. Pray for safety, discernment, and God's grace for Felix and Ruth*, and their family, ministering to immigrants.

16. Pray for Skylar and Mia*, and their family serving in Asia, as they work with unreached people. Ask that the Lord would open hearts to respond to Jesus' call. Pray for good health for this family.
17. Ask God's favor for a strong finish to LMC's 2018-2019 fiscal year (January 31, 2019).
18. Ask God's blessing and guidance on the Conference Executive Council as they meet this morning.
19. Thank the Lord for the wonderful connections that John and Debbie Coats are making with youth who are seeking the Lord. Pray that these young people will grow in their knowledge and ability to follow Jesus, our Lord.
20. Ask God to give clear direction to Galen and Phyllis Groff for leadership development in Belize and throughout Central America.
21. Ask God to favor David and Grace Shenk with insight as they work in Christian-Muslim relationships and as consultants for church leaders.
22. Pray for LMC staff as they continue to prepare for the March 15-16 Spring Leadership Assembly and Celebration of Church Life.
23. A Winter Open House is scheduled at each of the Lancaster Mennonite School campuses on January 24. Please be in prayer for prospective families.
24. Ask God for wisdom and grace for Daryl and Jen Hoover for each situation, which arises with a family of four boys, and with a group of students and leaders with VidaNet. Specifically, ask God for a permanent cook for Vida220.
25. Pray for Andres Prins and his work with the Christian-Muslim Relations Team as the team seeks "to equip Christians around the world for life-giving relationships with Muslims through dialogue, witness, peacemaking, and hospitality."
26. Ask God's blessing and wisdom for your pastor and all those involved in leading the worship service in your congregation tomorrow.
27. Mike and Karen Baker serve as non-resident workers for West Africa, overseeing the work of the churches in Guinea-Bissau from a distance. Pray for clear communication with leaders there and for those leaders as they seek to make disciples who are making disciples.
28. Ask God for daily strength and wisdom as Beryl Forrester teaches and encourages leaders in the emerging churches in Senegal and West Africa as a whole.
29. Pray that marriages and families will be strengthened.
30. Mark and Sarah Schoenhals praise the Lord for a generous donor who has made it possible for the building of a separate space for children's ministry. Continue to pray that church leaders and members will see the importance of teaching, ministering to, and building relationships with children and youth.
31. Pray for Bob and Miriam Phillips that God would continue to open doors for effective ministry in evangelism and church planting in a difficult culture.

**Name(s) changed or last name(s) omitted for security reasons.*