Angelus: A Call to Prayer

September 2019

1. Pray for the heART of Friendship Art gallery, an art program sponsored by Friendship Community in Lancaster City. Pray for continued funding as well as for opportunities for individuals served by Friendship to experience creative expression and fulfillment through the arts.

2. Continue to pray for the salvation of persons that Rolando and Andrea* are walking with. Pray for their sons, Wilmer and Daniel, in their interactions with friends and for wisdom for Daniel in his decision about whether he should switch to an online school.

3. Pray for the staffing needs of Friendship Community as it offers needed services for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism. There is a high need for more staffing to help provide these services in Friendship and other providers throughout the country. Pray for quality staff who have a heart of service.

4. Hannah Zimmerman has come through a busy summer of many opportunities to walk alongside current and future missionary children. Pray for renewed strength and wisdom as she continues to connect with and encourage children and youth.

5. Pray that the dedicated team members of Friendship Community (over 400 full and part time employees) will continue to find fulfillment in their ministry to people who experience intellectual disabilities and autism.

6. Pray that Friendship Community can be a model of efficiency, quality, creativity and integrity in demanding and changing times. Pray that above all else, God be glorified and honored through the ministry of Friendship Community.

7. Landis Homes asks for prayer for the 100s of volunteers who make Fellowship Day on Sept. 14th possible. Through their work, funds are raised to help residents cover the full costs of care when they are at their most vulnerable.

8. Praise God for the college students who have served at Friendship Community over their summer break. Their service has been a blessing. Pray for coverage of shifts as the students return to school. Pray for staffing needs to be covered during this time of staffing shortages in human service provider organizations such as Friendship Community.

9. Please pray for the country of Kenya, especially consider praying for Stuart and Amaris Allan as they have transitioned to Nairobi, Kenya, where Stuart will provide leadership at Amani Gardens Inn. Amaris will continue to use her medical skills in and around Nairobi. Pray for the children as they transition into a new setting with a new schedule and different cultural and societal elements.

10. Please pray for the Middle East, please pray for Imogen* as she began her long-term assignment in August. Pray that God would open her mind to absorb the language and that she would sense God’s presence with her.

11. Please lift the Credentialing Commission as they meet today. Please pray for everybody involved, especially the pastors that are being interviewed today.

12. Continue to pray for Joe and Gloria Bontrager as they finish their assignment as non-resident volunteers to East Africa with EMM on August 31. Pray for God’s grace and wisdom to empower them in the time of transition.

13. Pray for the individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism and their families who are served by Friendship Community. Pray for their safety and health and that their lives will continue to be celebrated and valued by our society.

14. Please pray for Ethan* as he transitions to a 50 percent non-resident role in East Asia with EMM. He will continue his responsibilities as a regional representative.

15. Pray for Michael Clancy as he works through EMM; he has many opportunities to walk with and disciple
people struggling with addictions. Pray for wisdom in balancing his work and family life in Lebanon, Pa.
Praise God for those who are finding freedom and new life in Christ.

16. Please pray for the country of Cambodia, especially ask God to continually encourage John and Debbie Coats as they teach and encourage others in following Jesus in Cambodia.

17. Pray for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism served by Friendship Community who are aging and who may need additional medical care. Pray for resources to meet their needs and wisdom in planning for the next level of care for these individuals.

18. Pray for the Friendship Community Worship Team as it ministers to local churches. Praise God for the opportunity for people who have intellectual disabilities and autism to use their gifts to honor and praise God.

19. Pray for favor from the public funding sources of Friendship Community. Pray for wisdom for our leaders in government as they work with the demands of many government-funded programs that impact the lives of many people.

20. Please pray for the Conference Executive Council as they meet today. Ask the Lord for His divine direction.

21. Please pray for the STEP classes as they have their monthly session today. Pray for the facilitators as well as the students for guidance.

22. Pray for Debbi DiGennaro and her family as they adjust to living in the U.S. Debbi will continue in her role as the EMM regional representative for East Africa through December. Pray for wisdom as she leads from a distance.

23. Pray for the country of Thailand. Pray for Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin as they continue to walk with and disciple new believers. Join with them in praying for more local friends for their children and for grace with language learning.

24. Skylar and Mia* need our prayers for wisdom as they live and minister in a difficult part of the world in the Middle East. Ask God to be very near to them.

25. Pray for the strength and safety of many individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism and their families who are waiting to receive services from Friendship Community or other providers. Over 20,000 people with intellectual disabilities and autism in Pennsylvania are on waiting lists for residential services.

26. Pray for Nathan and Valerie* as they continue to teach and resource mission teams coming to their city. Join with them in praying for movements of people coming to faith in Thailand!

27. Pray for Paula* as she trains and equips persons working to bring peace in high conflict situations. Pray for safety in travel and physical health and strength in a busy schedule.

28. Please pray for the Fall Leadership Assembly happening today in Elizabethtown. Pray for Gods time and leadership. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide the leaders for the event and for the participants to be showered with His presence.

29. Pray for wisdom and direction for Ted and Julie Smoker in Guatemala as they discern how they can best come alongside the K'ekchi' people and demonstrate God’s love and hope. Pray also for the whole family as they continue to learn both Spanish and K’ekchi’ languages.

30. Pray for the Friendship Community leadership teams – pray for wisdom and discernment as they grapple with budgets, regulatory demands and the safety and future of the people served by Friendship.

“...and pray for each other ...the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” James 5:16

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