

## **Angelus:** A Call to Prayer

## October 2019

- 1. Let's give thanks to our Lord for His gifts and gifts. Please pray for those that work the fields, the soil. Let's give thanks to those that are harvesting not only the fields but for the Kingdom of God.
- 2. Please pray for the staff at Welsh Mountain Home as they provide care to residents there. Welsh Mountain Home provides a warm, welcoming place for older adults and dependent persons. It is committed to maintaining an atmosphere of simplicity and integrity with a Christian emphasis. It is an affiliate of Landis Communities.
- 3. Africa has been a focus at North Leo Mennonite Church for many years. We are grateful that Lauren Payne was able to commit to a year of service in South Africa with MCC through its SALT program. We invite prayers for her work and adjustments during this experience that grew out of God's call in her life. Others from church, are preparing for winter trips into mission areas of Cameroon and Burkina Faso.
- 4. October 4 and 5 is Homecoming and Fall Festival weekend at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for a good time of celebration, fun and catching up with former classmates. Give thanks for the many lives enriched by years spent at Lancaster Mennonite.
- 5. Please pray for Community Mennonite Fellowship in Milton as we transition to a new pastor. Please pray for Pastor Tim and Dawn as they adjust to a new area and routine.
- 6. We are thankful for God's leading that we have found an Associate Pastor. Please pray for Doug Gerber as he begins his ministry at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church.
- 7. Pray for Central Asia, especially for Alexander and Maria\* as they connect with people through business for transformation and teaching. Pray also for the boys in school and in relationships with their peers.
- 8. Please pray for the Europe worker retreat will be held on October 3–8. Pray for those resourcing the adults and children and for each participant that they will find joy and will be refreshed to return to their places of service.
- 9. Please pray for the Credentialing Commission as they meet today. Pray for wisdom and direction as they go through the day with different meetings.
- 10. Pray for Leon and Naomi Zimmerman from EMM as they prepare leadership training materials for upcoming trips. Ask for safety in travel as they resource churches around the world.
- 11. Pray for Jonas and Hannah\* and their family as they are in the U.S. for a sabbatical. They would like to build good rhythms for family time. Jonas and Hannah intend to spend time in writing as well. Pray for meaningful times together and for rest and renewal
- 12. Pray for parent-teacher conferences taking place on Oct. 10 and 11 at Lancaster Mennonite School. These are important times for parents and teachers to talk together to ensure students are receiving the education and care that they need.
- 13. October 14-18 is Commitment Week at Lancaster Mennonite High School. Pray for chapel speakers; Rashard Allen and Hunter Hess as they encourage and inspire students and faculty to live as Christ lived, in whatever situations they encounter. Praise the Lord with Jan Heindel for the trust that is building between her and those she is connecting with. Pray for her as she mentors one of the female youth leaders in her church. Pray for wisdom and creativity for those areas to which she gives leadership in the church.
- 14. Pray for strength and perseverance for Lea\* as she relates to those who are interested in learning more about her relationship with God. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give her the words to speak when the opportunities arise. Continue to pray for rest in a busy schedule.
- 15. Please pray for the Children's ministry event happening at LMC tonight; "Provoked to Intercede". Pray for the speaker, Cheryl Drouillard as she will be sharing what God has for the participants to hear.
- 16. Pray for the actors and all those behind the scenes as they perform Romeo and Juliet at Lancaster

- Mennonite High School on October 17-20. Pray for calmness, confidence, and enjoyment as their many weeks of preparation result in successful performances.
- 17. Pray for Mike and Roberta Lotvola as they continue to disciple young adults. Pray for wisdom in finding a healthy rhythm of work and rest.
- 18. Lift up Ben and Lena\* as they continue the important ministry of bringing fresh water to many people in their region. Pray that they can find healthy rhythms and know when to pause and disengage from their work.
- 19. Please pray for STEP and SEED classes as they will be meeting this month.
- 20. Pray for wisdom for Wendell Nofziger as he gives leadership to the elementary school at Academia Los Pinares. Pray for his wife, Melanie, as she walks with and disciple women. Pray for good friends for their children.
- 21. Pray for Bobby and Amanda Peoples as they continue to work with children and youth who are at risk. Pray for wisdom in research and development for new programs.
- 22. Pray for the Netherlands, pray for Bob and Miriam as they share God's love, mentor, and disciple ministry leaders in Amsterdam.
- 23. Praise God for the many opportunities Andres Prins has had to travel and be a witness to the power of Christ. Pray that the seeds sown will produce abundant fruit for God's glory. Pray for the progress of the Amharic translation of "A Muslim and a Christian in Dialogue."
- 24. Pray for wisdom and focus for Stacy Nofziger Prknová as she plans lessons for the many groups she teaches. Pray for good connections with her students. Pray also for wisdom in finding a good balance with her schedule.
- 25. Please pray for the Bishop Board meeting happening today. Pray for God's guidance as they meet to discuss different issues in their agenda.
- 26. Jon and Heleen Yoder plan to complete their assignment in December. Pray for them during their last few months that they will be at peace about what they are able to accomplish and can release the rest to others to carry on. Continue to pray for their ministry to children with disabilities.
- 27. 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.
- 28. Prayer for the future of the Sunnyside Community, having recently learned that the development plans have fallen through. This only serves to deepen the level of distrust between community members and the city. Although disappointing, we trust in God's timing and ask for prayer that our community would continue to grow with affordable housing and access to public resources.
- 29. A prayer of thanksgiving for all of the fruit from small group trips to see *Jesus* at Sight and Sound Theaters recently. It was such a blessing to be part of this experience and to see the impact that it had on many community members who are not regular church attenders. We pray for the Holy Spirit to nourish the seeds that were planted through this experience.
- 30. Please pray for Millersville Mennonite pastors; Wes and Millie Penner as they prepare the final details of their sabbatical time. Pray also for their congregation's administrators and leaders as they will be leading the church while the pastors are on sabbatical.
- 31. Please pray for protection for all the children that will be outside during "trick or treat". Ask for the Lord's Angels to protect them.

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

<sup>\*</sup>Name(s) changed or last name(s) omitted for security reasons.