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Angelus: A Call to Prayer

December 2019

1. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:1~ Let's pray for LMC staff as we are preparing for the next year. Pray for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit.
2. Mike and Nancy Hostetter serving in Chile. They are currently in the U.S. connecting with supporters and family. Pray also for times of refreshment as they move into a time of sabbatical.
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. The Lancaster Mennonite School senior class will be traveling to Washington DC Dec. 5 and 6. Pray for safety as they travel and pray that they will have an enjoyable, enriching time with friends and chaperones.
5. Pray for Darrel and Miriam* and their family in Germany as they minister in a church that has become a home to immigrants from many nationalities. Pray also for Daryl as he gives oversight and leadership to EMM workers in West Europe.
6. Pray for Michael Clancy as he disciples men in prison and those who have been released. He also is training others to mentor and walk alongside these men. Pray for transformation in the lives of these men.
7. 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.
8. Pray for Nathan and Valerie* as they coach, train, and equip others to serve in Asia. They have decided to complete their assignments this summer. Pray for them as they seek God's direction for their next steps.
9. All Lancaster Mennonite School campuses will be presenting Christmas concerts the weeks of December 9-20. Pray that all students will perform to the best of their ability, that everyone will be calm and that students, faculty and those attending the concerts will feel the presence of God as they celebrate the joy of the birth of Christ.
10. Ask God to continue to give Paula* wisdom and strength as she works to empower peacebuilders and foster their resilience in Spain. Pray for wisdom for Paula and her team as they plan for 2020.
11. Please pray for the Credentialing Comity as they are meeting today. Ask the Lord for wisdom as they are making important decisions.
12. Pray for those attending the annual Africa retreat being held December 12-15. Pray for those providing input for the adults and children.
13. Pray for 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 the STEP class meeting today. Please ask the Lord to bless the teachers and students as they prepare for today.
15. Ted and Julie Smoker and their family are here in the U.S. for home leave. Pray for times of refreshment and good connections as they spend time with family and friends. Pray also that they can raise the funds needed to continue to minister among the K'ekchi' people.
16. Pray that all Lancaster Mennonite School students, faculty and staff can relax and enjoy the Christmas break. Remember those that will be traveling and pray that this Christmas season is a meaningful time for all with family and friends. Also, pray that those who may feel lost at this time of year will find support and

comfort from others.

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 Angie Earl as she serves as a consultant on the Christian-Muslim Relations Team. Pray for wisdom as she interacts with many people from other countries.
19. Praise God for the opportunity Phil and Linda Gottschalk have to teach students from all over the world as these students then return to their countries and share Jesus.
20. Please pray for LMC Bishop Board and the Conference Executive Council as they meet today.
21. Pray for Clara* and her new husband, Daniel*, as they settle into married life. Pray for her in the transition of moving and joining her husband in ministry. Pray for them as they continue to discern God's leading in ministry.
22. 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.
23. Please pray for different churches as they are having special events this time of the year to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!
24. Pray for Eric and Janelle* and their children as they learn the language and continue to develop relationships. Pray for wisdom as they walk alongside and support those who come to the international church in which they are involved.
25. "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests". Luke 2:14
26. 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.
27. Pray for Timothy and Madison* as they continue to work in business for transformation. Pray for the many opportunities they have to share with others about the Living Water. Pray for lives to be transformed.
28. Pray for Marty Sollenberger as he works in information technology with Wycliffe Bible Translators at the International Linguistics Center in Dallas, Texas. Pray for his wife, Glenna, in her work as a library cataloger at Dallas International University.
29. 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.
30. Pray for Leon and Naomi Zimmerman as they provide leadership training for ministry partners around the world.
31. Pray for the Lord Jesus Christ Year! Pray that His Kingdom come and His will be done. Have a blessed New Year 2020.

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

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