

Angelus: A Call to Prayer

January 2020

1. "But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31~ Consider praying for those brothers and sisters that face difficulty and persecution around the world.
2. Pray for the persons leading the support groups coordinated through Landis Communities. They serve the whole area and provide help for caregivers with loved ones walking with Memory Loss and Parkinson's Disease.
3. Pray for Living Light Mennonite Church as we launch into a "Year of Prayer" that we would each sense a deep hunger from the Lord to grow closer to Him.
4. The Glen Lapp Memorial Volleyball tournament will be held at Lancaster Mennonite High School on January 4 and 11. Remember 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.
5. Pray for wisdom for David and Grace Shenk as they prepare for speaking engagements and for safety in their travel.
6. The second quarter ends on January 10th at Lancaster Mennonite School. Please pray for both teachers and students during the final week of this quarter.
7. Praise the Lord that Mennonite Church West Africa is witnessing a great opportunity for growth. They are being invited to inaugurate Mennonite congregations in three locations in three different countries. Pray for Beryl Forrester as he visits and teaches in these new communities and helps with the organization of the congregations.
8. Please pray for the Credentialing Commission as they meet today.
9. In Psalm 39, David prayed, "O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!" (v. 4). Let this be our prayer as well. May we realize how fleeting our life is and how important it is that we not waste our brief time. May we use every moment for God's great glory and praise.
10. "Pray for the staff and students at The Potter's House as we face the pressure of intense spiritual warfare. Pray for us as we put on our full spiritual armor (Ephesians 6)."
11. Please pray for the country of Sierra Leone. Pray for Jon and Heleen Yoder have extended their assignment through the end of February. Pray for a good transition with the new hospital administration and incoming missionaries. Pray that they will end well.
12. Please pray for the Middle workers, especially pray for Jade* as he returned to the Middle East last month. Pray for God's grace, peace, and strength in this time of transition and as she begins her new teaching job.
13. Pray for Phil and Linda Gottschalk in the Netherlands as they continue their involvement in leadership training at Tyndale Theological Seminary. Pray also for Linda in her work in the seminary library.
14. Praise the Lord for the things God has been doing in Thailand this past year: six new believers were baptized and people are taking steps of obedience and opening themselves to God's healing. Pray for Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin as they work and pray about how to balance ministry, homeschool, and rest.
15. Pray for Jayden and Anika* and their children as they continue settling into their new location. Pray for their cross-cultural adjustment and language learning. Praise the Lord for the team that has welcomed them and helped them in the transition.
16. Please pray for Costa Rica. Praise the Lord for the good connections that Daryl and Jen Hoover and their family have experienced during their home leave. Pray for all the funds to come in for their second term.

17. Pray for an emerging house church and for the new believers in various locations. Pray for spiritual protection for each one as they take baby steps of faith. Praise the Lord for an intern who has come to help Mark and Sarah Schoenhals with child care and homeschooling.
18. Please pray for the Conference Executive Council meeting today in Lancaster PA. Please pray for the leaders and for the Holy Spirit to guide their decisions.
19. Pray for STEP as they meet today for their classes.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. Jeremy and Jennifer Janzen and their three children as they transition to Thailand to serve as regional representatives. Pray for them as they initially focus on learning the Thai culture and language. Pray for the children who will be attending an international school.
23. A Winter Open House is scheduled at each of the Lancaster Mennonite School campuses; tomorrow, January 23. Please be in prayer for prospective families.
24. Pray for Galen and Phyllis Groff in Belize as they mentor and disciple those in their neighborhood and church community. May the Holy Spirit fill and equip them as they pour themselves into the lives of others.
25. Pray for helpful, open discussions at the January parenting seminars at each Lancaster Mennonite campus where mental health professionals, educators, pastors, and parents will discuss and wrestle with questions about how we cultivate a climate of mental health and holistic growth for our students to flourish in a competitive world.
26. Pray, *"That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (3:17-19).*
27. Keep praying for Mike and Nancy Hostetter as they are currently in the U.S. connecting with supporters and family. Pray also for times of refreshment during their sabbatical.
28. Please pray for LMC staff that is involved in the planning and coordination of the Celebration Church Life. Pray for wisdom for the decisions being made.
29. 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.
30. Please pray for Omar Guzman, moderator of the New York City Council of Mennonite Churches and pastor of Evangelical Garifuna Church of Manhattan, He continues to be denied re-entry into the United States following a visit to Honduras earlier this year. Intercede for his wife and children.
31. "In all things **Pray**," 2 Chronicles 7:14. Select a family member who is unchurched or without Christ and pray that they would come to faith in Christ.

***"...but as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD,
I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me." Micah 7:7***

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