

Angelus: A Call to Prayer

May 2020

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.” Philippians 4:6

1. Please pray for peace in people’s homes. There are situations with higher tension between spouses and also more stress on families with children during this crisis of COVID-19.
2. Landis Home Community asks for prayer for all those who work at caring for residents and clients during these uncertain times. Landis Homes is working so hard to keep everyone safe and healthy. They would also ask for prayers for those making the difficult but necessary decisions during these unprecedented times. They are thankful for the many expressions of support and love we are receiving across the organization. They are so blessed to be connected to so many churches and individuals who are praying for us.
3. Pray for sad hearts missing the beauty of congregational singing. But thank God that harmonies.org was able to help fill in.
4. Give thanks that Lancaster Mennonite faculty and students adjusted quickly to remote learning and pray that they will continue to remain focused on their work through the end of the school year.
5. Nathan and Valerie* and their children have completed their assignment in Southeast Asia. Pray for them as they transition back to life in the U.S.
6. Pray for Lea* in East Asia who had to come to the U.S. earlier than planned. She has been staying in touch with other teachers and friends from her school. Pray for peace and wisdom as they work on plans in the midst of uncertainty. Pray for her as she plans for a sabbatical.
7. Landis Communities asks for special prayer for all those family members giving care to loved ones who are aging. May they feel a special measure of grace and peace as they serve as caregivers.
8. Ask God to give Michael and Laura* in the Middle East for their creativity, compassion, and courage as they relate to both believers and unbelievers.
9. Pray for STEP classes as they meet today via zoom.
10. Pray for wisdom for Stacy Prknová as she works with others to figure out new routines in the midst of the current world situation. Pray for creative ways to interact with the students and parents at the Family Center.
11. Pray for Ben and Lena* in Southeast Asia as they relate to and care for those who work with them in providing access to clean water. Pray that the business can continue to be a blessing to many who get physically clean water through the filters
12. Pray for Wendell and Melanie Nofziger in Honduras as they take on some additional responsibilities at the school where they work due to some staff leaving. Pray for good family times together and for joy in their work and relationships.
13. Please pray for the Credential Commission as they meet today.
14. Pray for Ted and Julie Smoker in Guatemala as they will find creative ways to continue contact with the coffee farmers and be able to encourage them during this difficult time.
15. Please pray for the LMC Conference Executive Council as they meet today in Lancaster PA. Please pray for God’s discernment and the decision to be made.
16. Please pray for the STEP program as they will have graduation day.

17. Pray for Skylar and Mia* in East Asia who has been unable to return to their location. Pray for God to continue to move and stir hearts among their friends in their country of service.
18. Please pray for Nicholas* in Africa as he seeks to be a witness in a predominately non-Christian setting. Pray that people will come to know Jesus through Nicholas' words and actions.
19. Pray for students of Lancaster Mennonite School, especially seniors, as they mourn the loss of daily contact with their peers and the cancelation of concerts, dramas, sports activities, and other events that would normally occur in May.
20. Pray for Galen and Phyllis Groff who are in the U.S. longer than planned. Pray that they can be a source of encouragement to the church in Belize even from a distance.
21. Ask God to guide Michael and Nancy Hostetter as they mentor and disciple many people including businessmen and women, Christian leaders, and friends.
22. Please pray for the men in the Jubilee Ministries Aftercare Program. Pray for good health as they live in close quarters with one another. Also, pray for their relationships with one another as more men will be joining the program soon.
23. Pray for the students who are graduating from Lancaster Mennonite School. Give thanks for their journey this far and pray that they will be open to God's leading as they face changes and decisions for the next steps in life.
24. Pray that families sing together until congregations can gather again.
25. There is a great need in Kenya that Stuart and Amaris Allan can help to meet — both medically and logistically. Pray that by God's strength and will, they can intervene for others with the skills and gifts God has given them
26. Joe and Yvonne Garber in Tanzania as they serve as International Partner Delegates to the Tanzania Mennonite Church (KMT) on behalf of LMC. Pray for strong relationships of mutual encouragement and support with leaders of the Tanzanian church.
27. "...Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." Matthew 6:8 *"With God nothing will be impossible."* — Luke 1:37
28. Pray for Jonathan Bornman as he finishes up his dissertation. Pray for him and the other members of the Christian-Muslim Relations Team as they continue to build bridges between Christians and Muslims.
29. Please pray for Thailand, pray for Andre and Karen Provost as they continue to relate to the Kui people. Praise the Lord for the opportunities they have had to show the Jesus film and for those who are interested in knowing more. Pray that God would give Andre and Karen the wisdom and love that they need.
30. Pray for administration and staff of Lancaster Mennonite School as they close out this school year and look ahead to decisions that need to be made for the fall.
31. Please pray for all the pastors and all the church leaders as we hope; they will continue receiving knowledge, love, understanding from the Holy Spirit to guide Christ Church.

***"...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***

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