

# Angelus: A Call to Prayer

August 2020

*“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8*

1. Omar Guzman, a leader in the Garifuna Church and LMC pastor, has had immigration problems since his trip to Honduras in June 2019. Very recently, three members of Omar's family along with two others from the town were abducted from Triunfo de la Cruz. Please pray for their safe return as soon as possible.
2. Pray for protection and good health for the Friendship Community Individuals and Team Members as well as their families.
3. The EMM Presidential search committee will begin interviewing candidates in August. Please pray for God's leading and discernment for each person involved in this important decision process.
4. Please pray for Landis Communities. Pray for all those team members who work outdoors keeping our locations safe and attractive. Please pray for strength as they work in the summer heat.
5. Please pray for the Jubilee Ministries; pray that the men in our Aftercare Program would surrender all aspects of their lives to Jesus.
6. Pray that leaders would continue to have the focus and courage to lead people deeper into Jesus and experience more of His Spirit in the midst of the chaos and swirling emotions of our time.
7. Please pray for the Jubilee Ministries; for the right connections, with the right people, at the right time, who would have a heart to support our work with the men and women in prisons throughout the state of PA, and in our Aftercare Program.
8. Please pray for Thailand; Andre and Karen Provost have developed a five year plan to reach four different ethnic groups in their province. Pray for them as they begin training their first leader from the Kui group. Pray for wisdom as they identify three potential leaders for initiating the movements in the other three people groups.
9. Pray for the Individuals and Team Members as their daily lives and routines have changed due COVID-19. Pray for the Individuals who are not able to attend closed day programs. Pray for activity and creativity to fill their days.
10. Pray for Hong Kong. Please pray for Glenn and June Kauffman as they walk alongside the local conference of Mennonite churches in Hong Kong. Pray that the churches can provide hope and encouragement to the communities around them and that many will come to know the Lord.
11. Please pray for Belize, Pray for Bill and Judy Houser as they relate to the Belize Evangelical Mennonite Church as international partner delegates. Pray for them as they support and encourage church leaders during the challenges of the pandemic.
12. Please pray for the credentialing commission as they meet today with candidates from multiple districts and regions within LMC. Pray that the Holy Spirit would impart wisdom, clarity, and discernment for everyone involved. Give thanks to God for the men and women who serve in our fellowship of congregations.
13. Pray for favor from the public funding sources of Friendship Community, especially in the changing times of COVID-19. 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.
14. Pray for Jonathan Bornman as he works for EMM on the first full draft of his dissertation and prepares to meet with the Pre-Submission Sub-Committee in Sept. Praise the Lord for new modes of ministry and new opportunities that have emerged for Jonathan and the team to continue to teach.
15. Pray for Michael Clancy as he teaches and disciples men in prison in the USA. May God give him compassion and perseverance as he also walks alongside those who have been released from prison and are choosing to make a change in their lives.

16. Remember Lancaster Mennonite School administration and staff as a new school year begins this month. Pray for wisdom and clarity as decisions are made for a safe return to school in this time of uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
17. Pray for Guatemala. Please pray for wisdom and direction for how Ted and Julie Smoker should go forward with their business vision in the new economic climate that will exist when things open back up. Join with them in praying that the harvest of coffee and corn will not be negatively impacted by the shutdown. Continue to pray for physical and emotional health and safety for the family.
18. Pray for Linda and Phil Gottschalk in the Netherlands as they have virtual visits with their family and supporters. Pray for good connections and the finances needed for their next term. Pray for them as they prepare for the fall courses they will teach.
19. Please pray for pastors and their congregations both in the United States and in many other countries around the world in regard to physical, mental, and spiritual health during this time of transition and uncertainty.
20. Please pray for West Africa, praise the Lord that Beryl Forrester has been able to continue his teaching through online methods. Pray for the development of additional study materials that students can access online and where Beryl and others can interact with them. Thank the Lord that the church is flourishing in spite of some of the restrictions that were in place.
21. Pray Central Asia. Pray for joy and creativity for Alexander and Maria\* and their boys as they spend their summer in Central Asia instead of in the US. Pray for wisdom for Alexander in the many business connections he has and as he mentors others.
22. Please pray for the STEP program and students as the new school year begins. Pray for the STEP director as she navigates the changing health safely policies for instruction. Pray for all the students and instructors as they engage in learning and growing in their ministry skills and relationships. Please pray for the orientation meeting with all the classes happening today via zoom and in person.
23. Pray for the Czech Republic especially for Stacy and Vojta Prknovi as they spend their summer in the Czech Republic instead of in the US. Pray for good connections with supporters and for the needed funds for another term. Pray for Stacy as she teaches English and supports the local church.
24. Pray for rest and refreshment for Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin and their children during their home leave in the US. Pray for creativity and good connections with supporters. They are scheduled to return to Thailand this month; pray that God will lead in his timing for them to be able to return.
25. Please pray Jonas and Hannah\* and their children as they returned to Germany in July. Pray for them as they transition back to their relationships and responsibilities. Pray for the children as they begin school.
26. Please pray for Kenya, pray for Stuart and Amaris and their family as they have completed their assignment and are transitioning to life here in the US. Pray for ease in the continued transitions.
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28. Please pray for the country of Spain. Praise the Lord for the training and encouragement that Paula\* and her team is able to provide for those who assist others who are dealing with trauma. Pray for Paula as she also provides follow up on-line coaching for those who were part of the training.
29. Please lift our authorities and leaders unto our Lord. Pray for this time as the country elections are approaching. (*1 Timothy 2:1-3*)
30. Please pray for Andres and Angelica Prins from EMM as they have felt God rekindle the vision for more directly reengaging the people of North Africa among whom they previously served and witnessed. Pray that the necessary pieces will come together and that God will open the doors where he would have them serve.
31. ***“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” ~Number 6:24-26***

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