Angelus: A Call to Prayer

November 2020

1. As we near the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, we ask for prayers for all Landis Communities team members who are working during times of celebration and for residents and clients who may be missing family members due to restrictions on gatherings.

2. Please pray for Community Mennonite Fellowship as we welcome JoAnne Geiger as our new Director of Congregational Ministries. Please pray for a healthy and transformative transition as we seek God’s will for our church, for our community, and for our world.

3. Pray that today God’s will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. That the enemy will not have control of anything on this day and that the Holy Spirit will manifest Himself with His peace that overpasses all understanding!

4. Lancaster Mennonite School has three virtual Open Houses scheduled for the first two weeks in November. Please be in prayer for prospective families who attend and for administration and admissions staff as they answer questions and encourage families to consider LM.

5. Pray that God will lead the right persons to Yellow Creek as Youth Pastor and Children’s Pastor and for current sponsors and teachers to be energized and encouraged as they lead in the interim time.

6. Pray for JC Ebersole in West Africa as he serves as the executive director of the Africa Association of Bible Schools.

7. As a Spirit-led movement, pray for God to be moving within our congregations beyond any limitations and challenges brought on by COVID-19.

8. Pray for Leon and Naomi Zimmerman as they provide theological teaching, leadership development, and encouragement to EMM’s global churches and movements.

9. Pray for Steve and Beth Gibbs in their role as LMC international partner delegates to the Peru Evangelical Mennonite Church. They were not able to make their scheduled trip to visit in August. Pray for the church as they deal with the economic effects of COVID-19 and other challenges.

10. Pray for Marty Sollenberger as he works in information technology which includes computer repair and customer service here in the United States. Pray for Glenna in her role as library cataloger at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics (GIAL).

11. Please lift into your prayers LMC Credential Commission as they will be meeting today.

12. Please pray for EMM Banquet, pray that the donations will be multiplied so the Kingdom of Heaven will be shared.

13. Please pray for the LMC Bishop Board, EMM Board, and the Conference Executive Council as they will be meeting today in a joint meeting.

14. Please pray for the STEP program. Pray for the teachers and the students as they will be meeting today.

15. Pray for the Individuals and Team Members as their daily lives and routines have changed due to COVID-19. Pray for Individuals who are not able to attend closed day programs. Pray for activity and creativity to fill their days.

16. Pray for the Friendship Heart Gallery, an art program sponsored by Friendship Community in Lancaster City. The Gallery has been closed during COVID-19. Pray as it re-opens it will be able to continue to offer opportunities for individuals with disabilities and others to experience creative expression and fulfillment through the arts.
17. Give thanks for the Moms in Prayer groups that meet faithfully every week to pray for Lancaster Mennonite School.

18. Pray for Mark and Sarah Schoenhals and their family that the path will open for returning to Thailand in God's timing and for peace in the in-between time. Praise the Lord for the growth and initiative of the Life Enrichment Church leaders and continue to pray for them as they grow, lead, and cast vision together.

19. Pray for Laura and Michael* in the Middle East as they focus on being instruments of peacemaking and reconciliation of different religious groups. Pray for them as they disciple and mentor others.

20. Praise the Lord for the distance learning lessons that Beryl Forrester has recorded and that they are being used by many West African church leaders and their church communities. Pray for Beryl as he continues to record and make more lessons available. Pray also for continued good health.

21. It is Jonas and Hannah’s* desire to make disciples who make disciples. Pray for them as they help to lead an inter-cultural church, and mentor intercultural church planters in Germany.

22. Pray for continued energy, enthusiasm, and good health for faculty and students at Lancaster Mennonite School as they enter the excitement of the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

23. Pray for Phil and Linda Gottschalk as they have made the decision to leave Tyndale in the Netherlands after the 2020–21 school year. Ask God to arrange the pieces for their replacements, selling of their house, and that they will finish their time there well.

24. Pray for Luis and Jodi Ortiz as they discern the timing of an assignment in Cambodia. Pray also that they will follow God's leading as they invest in their local community in Lancaster, Pa., in the meantime.

25. “Give thanks to Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” Psalm 118

26. Andres Prins is a consultant for churches and leaders especially as it relates to sharing faith with Muslims. Pray for clarity and sensitivity in communicating the good news of Jesus to his Muslim friends and contacts.

27. Pray for wisdom for Alexander* as he gives leadership to workers in his region (Central Asia) and mentors others through the business for transformation. Pray for Marie* as she teaches and is a counselor in an international school, and for a good school year for their boys.

28. Pray for Hannah Zimmerman as she develops a curriculum for use in training and resourcing Third Culture Kids (TCKs). Pray for her as she coaches and connects with TCKs and their families.

29. Pray for the Friendship Community leadership teams – pray for wisdom and discernment as they grapple with health and safety concerns, budgets, regulatory demands, and the future of the people served by Friendship.

30. Praise the Lord for the way Austin Zuercher and others on staff at VidaNet in Costa Rica have been able to bless their local community and churches with acts of service. Pray for wisdom for Austin and leaders in the Mennonite church as they lead Zoom conferences and provide resourcing to local church leaders.

“...You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
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