

# *Angelus: A Call to Prayer*

**December 2020**

- 1. As we near the holidays of 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. Pray for protection and good health for the Friendship Community Individuals and Team Members as well as their families.*
- 3. Please consider praying for Rohrerstown Mennonite church (RMC) for Guidance on their new year as they start with many new goals. Please pray for their church's strength since it has been a hard year. Their congregation had lost 3 church members.*
- 4. Give thanks for the health and safety of Lancaster Mennonite School faculty, students, and staff that allowed the school to provide in-person education during the first three months of school! Pray for continued good health for everyone.*
- 5. The Potter House asks to continue praying for the physical health of their students and their minds as they make life-changing decisions to follow Christ.*
- 6. 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.*
- 7. 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.*
- 8. Pray for Rohrerstown Mennonite Church - Spanish group for God's guidance on the new year leadership and trustee team and their goals for their congregation.*
- 9. Please lift into your prayers LMC Credential Commission as they will be meeting today.*
- 10. Pray for the pandemic response team at Lancaster Mennonite School as they work diligently to make decisions related to the ongoing pandemic. Pray for wisdom, patience, and strength as they determine the necessary steps needed to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and staff.*
- 11. Pray for God's guidance in our congregations in understanding our place in being people who know how to care for one another and others around them especially in this season when people feel extra lonely.*
- 12. Please pray for the STEP program. Pray for the teachers and the students as they will be meeting today.*
- 13. Please pray for all the team members working across all parts of Landis Communities. In these unusual times, we ask you to pray for their health and continued ability to serve residents and clients.*
- 14. 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.*
- 15. Pray that all Lancaster Mennonite School students, faculty, and staff can relax and enjoy the Christmas break. 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.*

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 that it will soon be able to continue to offer opportunities for individuals with disabilities and others to experience creative expression and fulfillment through the arts.
17. Praise God that although the COVID pandemic canceled all our normal ministry EMM Christian-Muslim Relations Team, it also created an opportunity to create new resources for our team and to equip Christ-followers for real relationships with Muslims.
18. Please lift in your prayers LMC Bishop Board and the Conference Executive Council as they will be meeting today. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide their decision and meeting.
19. Pray for Sonya Harnish in Albania as she co-coaches a girls soccer team and speaks into their lives. Pray for health, unity, and open hearts to what God has for the 18 students who are part of the Bible school. Pray for attentiveness for the staff to know the ways God would have them speak into their lives in this season.
20. Praise the Lord that schooling for the Horst family is going well. Pray for those who are continuing to lead outreaches to form new house churches in Thailand. Pray for God's protection and provision for those in the house churches.
21. LMC international partner delegates serve as a relational bridge between a global partner church of EMM and churches here in the U.S. Pray for discernment as LMC and EMM seek to appoint additional delegates, especially for Kenya and Honduras.
22. Pray for John and Debbie Coats' safety as well as the teachers and children in Cambodia. Praise the Lord that the sports events of the children's ministry are operating again. Pray for creativity and wisdom as they lead short lessons before the sports activities begin.
23. Pray for encouragement and creativity for Bob and Miriam Philips in the Netherlands as they reach out through art ministry. Pray for wisdom as they work in leadership development.
24. Praise the Lord for the blessing of morning walks with Jade's\* friend Kit Kat and the opportunity to share the truth with her in the Middle East. Pray for Jade as she seeks to model a Christ-filled life to her friends. Continue to pray for Gigi that she will respond to the HS's invitation to her.
25. Pray for wisdom for Timothy and Madison\* in Southeast Asia as they help to run the water filter plant and as they support and encourage the employees. May God continue to make himself known to those who purchase the water filters.
26. 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.
27. Pray for Jonathan Bornman from EMM as he defends his thesis. Pray also for wisdom in discerning what speaking engagements to accept and for God's timing for these teaching opportunities.
28. Pray for Glenn and June Kauffman as they continue relationships with the Mennonite churches in Hong Kong providing encouragement and prayer.
29. Derek\* has completed his assignment with EMM in North Africa. Pray for him as he goes to school for his bachelor's degree and continues to process his future. Pray also for the many friends he is leaving, that they would continue to grow closer to the Lord.
30. Please pray that Owen and Abby\* in South East Asia will see fruit from the Bible studies they hold with their friends. Praise the Lord for a new family member and pray that they will continue to grow in their walk with the Lord. Owen and Abby also ask for wisdom to walk in this new normal.

**“...For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6-7**

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

**LMC staff wishes you a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year 2021!**