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Angelus: A Call to Prayer

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1. As spring nears, please pray for the building and grounds teams at Landis Homes and Welsh Mountain Home. Pray they are safe as they work making the campus ready for spring.
2. Please pray for the churches in Cuba, their request is due to the extreme general shortage that this pandemic has brought which is a shortage of basic foods, medicines, personal hygiene products, etc. and people are desperate. Please pray also for their church leaders to be able to guide them.
3. Pray for the group from Living Light Church that is in the preparation stage of being a Neighboring Team through Bridge of Hope. Pray that the Lord connects them with the right family and that the love of God fills each of them and flows through them as they serve.
4. Please lift pastor Robert Brody in prayers. He asks that the partial vision loss in his right eye will be restored.
5. Pray for the Individuals and Team Members of the Friendship Community who are beginning the process of vaccinations. Pray for peace, wisdom, and discernment.
6. March 19 is "World Changer Day" at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray that this fundraising event will give students a chance to care, serve and give as they see themselves as the hands and feet of Jesus, making a positive impact on the world. Students will engage in acts of service in their classrooms throughout the school day, partnering with Mennonite Central Committee and local organizations.
7. Pray for Wendell and Melanie Nofziger and their children as they move to Costa Rica at the beginning of March to begin a new assignment. Pray for Wendell as he assumes responsibility as the new Director of VidaNet and Melanie as assistant director. Pray for the children as they say goodbye to their family and friends and settle into a new place. Pray for smooth transitions.
8. The last quarter of this school year at Lancaster Mennonite School begins on March 29. Pray that students, faculty, and staff will continue to work with energy and enthusiasm toward the completion of another good year in spite of all the new challenges presented by the pandemic.
9. Please continue to pray for the LMC pastors who have been faithful in bringing the messages of Christ to their congregations. Please pray for their physical, emotional, and spiritual health.
10. Please pray for the LMC Credentialing Commission as they will meet today.
11. Parent-teacher conferences are being held on March 11 and 12 at all Lancaster Mennonite School campuses. These conferences provide good opportunities for discussions on the best way to enable each student to learn to the best of their ability. Pray for parents and faculty as they meet and also for the students that will lead some of the conferences.
12. Pray for the Individuals and Team Members of the Friendship Community as their daily lives and routines have changed due to COVID-19. Pray for the Individuals who are not able to attend closed day programs. Pray for activity and creativity to fill their days.
13. Please pray for the STEP classes as they are meeting today for their regular session.
14. Pray for Tom Eshleman in his role as an LMC international partner delegate relating to the Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala. Pray that he would soon be able to travel to meet with the church leaders there to encourage them.
15. 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.
16. Pray for West Africa especially pray for JC Ebersole as he serves as the executive director of the Africa Association of Bible Schools. Pray for the various Bible schools which provide teaching, resources, and encouragement to pastors and leaders.
17. 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.

18. Sonya Harnish in Albania. Asks for prayer for attentiveness to God's Holy Spirit as she continues to build relationships in the community as well as the church community. She also asks for courage to share from her own journey with Christ!
19. 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.
20. Please lift the **LMC Celebration of Church Life** event happening today and it is going to be totally virtual. Pray for God's guidance, protection, direction, and clarity with everyone involved with the equipment, coordination, and presentations for the event.
21. Pray for EMM President Marvin Lorenzana as he experiences his first month as EMM President. Pray for wisdom as he gets to know the EMM community and adjust to his new role. Also, pray for his wife as she is also adjusting to the new changes.
22. Please pray for Costa Rica and for Austin Zuercher as he seeks to balance his time between ministry work, personal life, and college! Pray also for him and the VidaNet team as they welcome the Nofziger family to their new roles as director and assistant director of VidaNet.
23. Peter Sensenig has joined the Christian-Muslim Relations Team, in which he connects with churches and provides resource development as his wife, Christy, continues with her midwifery training. Pray for the children as they continue with homeschooling and the whole family as they plan and prepare to move to France later this summer.
24. 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.
25. Pray for encouragement and creativity for Brad and Margie* working in the Netherlands as they reach out through an art ministry. Pray for wisdom as they work in leadership development.
26. 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.
27. Pray for Jonas and Hannah* in Germany as they desire to make disciples who make disciples. Pray for them as they help to lead an intercultural church and mentor intercultural church planters.
28. Mark and Sarah Schoenhals eagerly anticipate what God wants to do among the Isaan people, and they invite you to join them in praying for them. Pray for the way to open for them to return to Thailand to join in the work God is doing.
29. Pray for the ongoing work of Bible translation that has continued through the help of internet-based programs and methods through Wycliff, which Marty and Glenna Sollenberger work with. Praise the Lord that even during the pandemic, He is reaching people with the Good News of His Kingdom!
30. Pray for Phil Gottschalk as he teaches three courses and walks with three mentees in spiritual formation. Pray for Linda, who also is teaching two courses. Pray for strength and health for both as they also work at packing up their house to get it ready for sale.
31. Praise the Lord for the new Christian-Muslim relations Bible study material in North Africa that has been launched for use by churches. Pray for lives to be impacted through this material. Ask the Lord to lead and open the way for Andres and Angelica Prins to return to North Africa later this year.

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans...” Romans 8:26

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