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Angelus: A Call to Prayer

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1. Please pray that people would take seriously the call to discipleship and look outward to the community around them.
2. Pray for The Potter's House as they continue to minister to men and women who are in need of healing from addictions and life's dysfunctions.
3. The month of April is busy at Lancaster Mennonite School with an online fundraising auction, drive-thru chicken barbecues, and a mini-golf tournament. Pray that all will be successful and that faculty and students can enjoy these special events while remaining focused on their classes.
4. Please ask the Lord to help with planning and the provision for The Potter's House Fundraiser Banquet at Shady Maple on May 20th.
5. Pray for the country of Myanmar (also called Burma) where a February coup d'etat by the Burmese army has left many peaceful protesters killed or arrested. The Burmese army has long used violence against civilians and in particular the country's ethnic minorities like the Karen, Chin, and Rohingya. In the months before the coup, an army offensive drove as many as 8,000 ethnic Karen people to flee their homes in what aid groups say is the worst upheaval there for nearly 10 years. Remember also Karen people here in the U.S. who worship in LMC churches who are deeply concerned for their loved ones and the effect that recent actions will have on peace within Myanmar and refugee camps in Thailand.
6. Pray for the Individuals, Team Members, and families associated with Friendship Community who are grieving the deaths of friends and family.
7. 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.
8. Please pray for the MCC Relief Sale as this year will be virtual on April 10. They will have events beginning April 1st till April 10. Pray that the Lord will multiply their financial goals.
9. Please pray for Hong Kong, pray for the Mennonite churches in Hong Kong to continue to grow and flourish. Praise the Lord for the encouragement and prayer that Glenn and June Kauffman can provide as they relate to the church community there as LMC international partner delegates and non-resident EMM workers.
10. Please lift the STEP program as they will be meeting today for their regular classes. Pray for the staff, teachers, and students as they spend the day in session.
11. Pray for Steve and Bethany Horst and their children as they return to Thailand this month. Pray for smooth transitions back and comfort as they say goodbye to family and friends in the U.S. Praise the Lord for new believers and pray with Steve and Bethany for 2021 to be a year of God's kingdom coming and growing in Ubon Ratchathani province.
12. Pray for Jade* in the Middle East to continue to put her hope and trust in Jesus as she goes through a transition in her job. Pray for God's provision and direction. Praise the Lord for the opportunities she has to share about the hope that she has in Christ.
13. Praise the Lord for Don Sensenig's faithfulness in serving as a consultant for ongoing relationships and ministry in Vietnam. Pray that he can be an encouragement to our brothers and sisters in Vietnam.
14. Please pray for the New LMC Credentialed Leaders as they will have their orientation today.
15. Pray for Owen and Abby* in Southeast Asia as they continue to build relationships and share the good news. Praise the Lord for the opportunities to disciple and walk alongside those in their community.
16. Pray for Kandace Glenn to find a good balance between work and personal time. Pray for strength and good health as she meets with staff and students, plans and leads retreats, Bible studies, and other activities for the dorm, and continues to study the Khmer language in Cambodia. Pray for the students who have heard the gospel — and now believe — to be strengthened in their faith.

17. Pray for creativity and continued opportunities for Leon and Naomi Zimmerman to provide theological teaching and leadership development to EMM's global partner churches and movements.
18. Today (April 18) is the spring open house at Lancaster Mennonite School. Please pray for prospective families who are considering if LM is a good fit for their families. Also, remember those who are already enrolled for the 2021-22 school year.
19. Praise the Lord for the opportunities Jonathan Bornman from EMM, he has had to connect various friends and partners. Pray that Jesus will be glorified and His kingdom advance according to his will. Pray for Jonathan as he makes plans for an upcoming sabbatical.
20. Please pray for the Landis Communities, particularly this summer as they prepare different events.
21. Pray for Mike and Roberta Lotvola in Germany as they teach and disciple young adults. Also, pray for their daughters in school.
22. Remember the students involved in the Lancaster Mennonite High performance, *All the World's A Stage*, April 22-25. Pray that everyone - actors and those behind the scenes - will enjoy the experience and will feel a sense of accomplishment for well-done performances.
23. Please pray for the LMC Bishop Board as they will be meeting today. Pray for the Holy Spirit to show the path to follow.
24. Pray for Paula* as she serves as a coach and organizational leader for Petra Peacebuilders. This is an organization dedicated to providing preemptive resilience support for people working to build peace in places where fieldwork takes a heavy toll.
25. Pray for Paula* as she serves as a coach and organizational leader for Petra Peacebuilders in Spain. This is an organization dedicated to providing preemptive resilience support for people working to build peace in places where fieldwork takes a heavy toll.
26. Praise the Lord for God's faithfulness to John and Debbie Coats in the big and small things in their lives in Cambodia. Pray for them as they walk in obedience and trust.
27. Praise the Lord for the opportunities Angie Earl has to share the good news with her Muslim friends. Pray for her and the rest of the Christian-Muslim Relations Team as they seek to build bridges between Christians and Muslims.
28. Pray for Timothy and Madison* and their boys in Southeast Asia as they prepare to come to the U.S. this summer. Pray for refreshment and good connections with family and friends.
29. Pray for Luke and Sherelle Charles as they continue to plan and prepare for moving to Belize. Pray for their financial support to come together.
30. Pray for Joe and Yvonne Garber as they serve as LMC international partner delegates to the Tanzania Mennonite Church. The church has ambitious goals to reach their nation for Christ. Pray that Joe and Yvonne can be an encouragement and blessing to them in this mission.

“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

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