

# Angelus: A Call to Prayer

## October 2021

1. October is pastors appreciation month and we would like you to lift all LMC pastors in prayer asking the Lord for their daily heart connecting with Him, for their families, for protection from the enemy's attack, and encouragement. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)
2. October 1 and 2 is Homecoming and Fall Festival weekend at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for a good time of celebration, fun, and catching up with former classmates. Give thanks for the many lives enriched by years spent at Lancaster Mennonite.
3. Please pray for the 35 individuals from EMM and LMC who are participating in the Movement Leader's Collective with Exponential. LMC & EMM will meet on October 2nd and the 4th Tuesday of each month for the next six months.
4. Please pray for the team at Welsh Mountain Home as they work together to provide quality services with Christian compassion to assure every resident is treated with dignity and respect.
5. Give thanks to all the administrative assistants, maintenance, custodial, and food service staff at Lancaster Mennonite School as they continue to spend many hours working to provide a safe environment for all students, faculty, and staff.
6. Pray for God to give Lucy\* in the Middle East the words to speak when she is asked difficult questions about God and faith. Praise the Lord for the relationships she has developed in her English classes and with other friends.
7. Pray for parent-teacher conferences taking place on Oct. 7 and 8 at Lancaster Mennonite School. These are important times for parents and teachers to talk together to ensure students are receiving the education and care that they need.
8. Prayers are welcome for the LMC staff as they face many upcoming transitions including the office move to 450 N Prince Street, staff retirements, new staff coming on board, changing governing structures, and growing in intercultural and APEST competency.
9. Pray for the Individuals, Team Members, and families associated with the Friendship Community who are grieving the deaths of friends and family.
10. Pray for Austin Zuercher as he leads VidaNet's community outreach programs, and also plans and leads the short-term teams that come through the ministry while traveling to different parts of Central America.
11. Pray for the Board of Directors as they lead the search process for a new CEO to replace Gwen Schuit who is retiring this year. We are thankful for Gwen's leadership these past twelve years.
12. Pray for Clara and Vince\* in South Asia as they engage in pioneer witness and intercession in a predominantly non-Christian setting. Praise the Lord for the miracles of healing and transformation among the people they are working with.
13. Please lift the credentialing Commission as they will be meeting today. Pray for the commission and for the pastors and leaders they will be meeting. Ask God for His direction during this meeting.
14. Pray for Michael and Laura\* as they pick up their work again after a visit to the US. Praise the Lord for the many house churches that have begun and pray that they would be multiplied so that many more Jews would come to know Christ.
15. 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.
16. Please pray for the 38 STEP students and the 18 new students as they adjust to the homework and schedule. May The Spirit bless, guide, and equip each one for such a time as this.

17. Pray for Alan and Carol Wert serving in Wales to persevere in their areas of ministry even when the visible transformation is incremental and hard to see. Pray for Brenin as he heads into his final year of high school and for discernment for his future.
18. Pray for Phil and Linda Gottschalk as they spend time on a sabbatical. Pray for times of renewal and refreshment. Praise the Lord for providing a home for them to purchase in Lancaster.
19. Pray for Stacy and Vojta Prknovi in the Czech Republic as they move to a new home in a new city. Pray for new relationships with neighbors and those in the community. Stacy continues to teach English to moms and children at the family center and Vojta is able to work again in the prisons which have reopened after being closed for many months.
20. Please pray for the Mennonite World Conference as they are preparing for the World Conference in Indonesia next year in July. Please pray for Indonesia as they trying to have vaccinated and to get ready for the Conference.
21. Pray for Andre and Karen Provost as they would like to raise up a team who would move to Thailand and work with them among the 18 million Isan people of Northeast Thailand. Join them in praying that they can also find Isan truth seekers, who they can train to carry the message and to plant churches throughout the villages around them.
22. Please lift LMC Bishop Board and the Conference Executive Council as they will be meeting from today till the 24 of October. Please ask the Lord for direction.
23. Please continue to pray for the addicts and those among us who need healing. Pray that they would find The Potter's House ministry.
24. 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.
25. Pray for Elizabeth\* to have wisdom and good relationships with all those around her. Join her in praying for great fruitfulness.
26. Pray for William Higgins as he will be serving globally providing discipleship training, leadership development, and mutual learning and encouragement with EMM's partners.
27. Pray for favor from the public funding sources of Friendship Community. 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.
28. Please pray for the staff, Bishop Board, and CEC of LMC, to fully benefit from the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI), which they have begun to take months ago. Pray for Karl McKinney as he works diligently on it.
29. Please pray the IDI will be understood and used as a resource for reflection, to help LMC to see more clearly how we think about and relate to one another; so that we might be led by Holy Spirit to experience together what we are meant to experience: life in Christ together; transformation into a righteous and just people by Christ together; doing good works in creation together. Please pray as well for new teams being formed to ensure that every leader in every congregation is offered the IDI and other resources, to share in these experiences together, as well.
30. Pray for Andres and Angelica\* as they have recently moved to North Africa. Pray for good transitions and meaningful relationships to develop quickly.
31. 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.

*“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.*