

Angelus: A Call to Prayer

August 2022

- 1. Pray for Austin Zuercher as he serves with VidaNet, leading the community outreach programs. He also plans and leads the short-term mission teams that come through the ministry. Pray for him and his fiancée as they plan for their upcoming wedding in August.
- 2. Remember Lancaster Mennonite School administration and staff as a new school year begins this month. Pray that any remaining open positions will be filled and that everyone will experience a sense of anticipation and hope for the upcoming year.
- 3. Pray for William Higgins as he is teaching the Gospel of Mark to the Vietnamese Mennonite Church via zoom. Bishop Tuyen Nguyen is hosting and translating for him.
- 4. Join us in praying for God to call workers to serve in four global regions on which we're focusing: Central Asia, Central Europe, Southeast Asia, and West Africa.
- 5. Pray for Aaron and Katarina Miller as they serve in Tenglo Island, Chile. Ask God to bring about divine appointments with new friends and people they meet as opportunities to share about him.
- 6. Pray for the Holy Spirit to free us from the grips of racism, sexism and casteism in our minds, hearts and our congregations, organizations, businesses, families, neighborhoods, towns, cities, counties, states and villages.
- 7. Please pray for the Landis Homes Communities as they go day by day caring for their communities lives. Pray for wisdom for those in administration and for the health care givers.
- 8. Pray for protection and good health for the Friendship Community Individuals and Team Members as well as their families.
- 9. Pray for one another to learn the ancient disciplines of accepting one another, adapting to one another, antiracism, antisexism and anticasteism, so that together we can participate in dismantling racism, sexism and casteism. (Galatians 3: 26-28)
- 10. Please lift in prayers the Credentialing Commission as they will be meeting today.
- 11. Pray for Elam and Francesca* as they continue to discern and prepare for a long-term assignment in Central Asia.
- 12. Please pray for the EMM Board as they meet today and tomorrow.
- 13. Pray for the Friendship Heart Gallery, an art program sponsored by Friendship Community in Lancaster City. As the Gallery carefully resumes its on-site activities pray that it will be able to continue to offer opportunities for individuals with disabilities and others to experience creative expression and fulfillment through the arts.
- 14. Agree with us in prayer for God to raise up a church planting team member to join the work in the Czech Republic.
- 15. August 15-19 is a week for staff development at Lancaster Mennonite School. Remember them as they prepare for a successful school year and pray for wisdom and strength as they teach and model the life and teachings of Christ for their students each day.
- 16. Pray for Samson* as he transitions into his new role as catalytic coach for East Africa. Pray for wisdom as he works with EMM partners to develop strategy for missional training and sending of East Africans.
- 17. Pray for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism served by Friendship Communities 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.

- 18. Give thanks for the churches that seek to live out the call to follow Jesus, to grow in their own discipleship, and to witness to Christ's love for their neighbors and the world.
- 19. Please pray for the LMC Bishop Board as they will meet today via zoom.
- 20. Please lift in prayer the STEP program as they will have their orientation. Pray for the students and travelers. Pray for great conversations and enthusiasm as they plan to start a new year.
- 21. "Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrew 10:19-20
- 22. Pray for a creative person to be called to the role of Christian camp developer on Tenglo Island, Chile.
- 23. Remember Lancaster Mennonite students and faculty as they begin the new school year on August 23 for the first time on a PreK-12 unified campus. Pray that anxious students are welcomed and feel a sense of calmness and are excited and prepared for a good year.
- 24. Pray for William Higgins as he is teaching the Gospel of Mark to the Vietnamese Mennonite Church via zoom. Bishop Tuyen Nguyen is hosting and translating for him.
- 25. 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.
- 26. Please pray for the committee that is planning Keith Weaver's retirement celebration next month.
- 27. Pray for the Kingdom Team staff as they finish up the summer program over the next week. Ask for wisdom for the staff for their next steps in service to God.
- 28. Pray for Tim and Julie Groff as they identify, disciple, and release the next generation of leaders among the Garifuna people in the southern part of Belize. Pray for their oldest son, TJ, who has moved and is transitioning to life in the U.S.
- 29. Pray for insight and discernment as we consider how to best engage young adults in mission, both locally and abroad.
- 30. Ask God to continue to lead and guide the current and former EMM interns who are reaching their own people who have come to Europe as refugees.
- 31. Pray for Leon and Naomi Zimmerman as they provide theological teaching, leadership development, and encouragement to EMM's global churches and movements.

[The disciples] joined together <u>constantly in prayer</u>, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." Acts 1:12-14