



Angelus: A Call to Prayer

December 2022

1. Remember the students and coaches involved in the winter sports teams at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for good health and safety as they compete and give them the courage to treat teammates and opponents alike with respect and dignity.
2. Please pray for Andrés y Angélica Prins, as they had been traveling to Paraguay and Uruguay till December 12. Please pray for their residency permits that will be renewed on December 14. Pray that God will guide them in their EMM Regional representatives' responsibilities, seeking to walk with two families of workers in their region,
3. Please pray that four of the new Latino teammates that are with Andrés y Angélica Prins will get residencies and jobs.
4. Pray for Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) Learning Circles in New Danville. IDI is a tool to assess and increase intercultural competence within organizations.
5. Pray for IDI Learning Circles in process at the Hub450; STEP; Credentialed Leaders; EMM, as well as conversations with a few bishops about preparing to form new Learning Circles.
6. Pray for Karl and Tuyen Nguyen working together on intercultural competency and antiracism with LMC.
7. Pray for the Mennonite Central Committee's response to the ongoing global hunger crisis and the hundreds of millions of people experiencing critical hunger around the world.
8. Pray that all Lancaster Mennonite School students, faculty, and staff can relax and enjoy the Christmas break. Remember those that will be traveling and pray that this Christmas season is a safe and 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.
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10. Please pray for the STEP program as they will be meeting to have their classes today. Pray that the Lord will renew their strength as they continue truth this busy time of the year.
11. Lancaster Mennonite School students will be presenting Christmas concerts the week of December 12. Pray that all students will perform to the best of their ability, that everyone will be calm and that students, faculty, and those attending the concerts will feel the presence of God as they celebrate the joy of the birth of Christ.
12. Peter Sensenig and his wife would appreciate prayers for their ministries in Chad. The seminary campus is still totally underwater - I visited it by boat last week. So we are doing courses at a church. From Nov-Dec I am co-teaching a course on ecclesiology, about the mission of the church. Christy continues to deliver babies at the hospital.
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14. Please pray for the LMC Credentialing Commissioning that will be on December 14. Please pray for the people interviewing and for those who are going to be interviewed.
15. Please pray for the Celebration of Church Life planning team as they prepare for CCL 2023. Our theme is "Becoming a Holy Spirit-led movement to make disciples of Jesus."
16. Please pray for the LMC for the Bishop Board and the Conference Executive council as they will be meeting

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today.

17. Pray for an individual to be called to teach English at Promesa Mennonite School in Cusco, Peru, and be part of the growing church community there.
18. Pray for the Bishop Elders Team as they continue to find their way in this liminal season, trusting and looking to the Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom.
19. Pray for Mary Ellen Farber (CEO) and the Friendship Community leadership teams – pray for wisdom and discernment as they grapple with health and safety concerns, budgets, regulatory demands, and the future services of the people served by Friendship.
20. Please continue to ask God to provide an executive director for a transformational business in Southeast Asia through EMM.
21. Pray for the Friendship Heart Gallery, an art program sponsored by the 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.
22. Pray for God's favor and from the public for 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.
23. Pray for the various conversations that the Bishop Elders Team is having with congregations inquiring about affiliation with LMC.
24. Prayer for the LMC staff team as they continue to adjust to the many transitions that took place in the past year.
25. ***"For to us, a child is born, to us, a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace, there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever." (Isaiah 9:6-7) Merry Christmas!***
26. Pray for Aaron and Katarina Miller as they serve on Tenglo Island, Chile. Ask God to deepen their relationships to allow for opportunities to share about Him.
27. Pray that God would give us wisdom on how to expand what we do to mobilize more young people into missions.
28. Join us in praying that God might send workers to be part of a church planting team in the Czech Republic.
29. As we look back, we reflect that it has been two years since EMM moved from Salunga to Lancaster City, Pa. Give thanks to God for the many opportunities we have had to connect and serve in this new community.
30. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for the Africa Association of Bible Schools and JC Ebersole as they train and equip African leaders in solid biblical teaching. Pray that God's word will transform Africa.
31. ***"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade." 1 Peter 1:3-4 Have a blessed New Year.***

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

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