



Angelus: A Call to Prayer

February 2023

1. Pastors need time and space to recharge their spiritual batteries, and Sunday is not the time or place. Pray that they will have a protected space every week to worship the Lord and be rejuvenated in his walk with Christ.
2. Faculty and administration at Lancaster Mennonite School will be traveling for the 2023 Mennonite Educators Conference in Leesburg, VA today thru Saturday February 4th. Pray for a good time of learning and interaction with teachers and administrators from Mennonite Schools Council schools. Pray also for safe travel for everyone.
3. Thank you to all the prayer partners that pray for “Support for Prison Ministries” (SfPM) regularly as you did in 2022. This is key to their success with prison work. I ask that you continue to pray for the chaplains, SFPM Board of Directors, and all personnel with SFPM. Their anticipation for 2023 is a productive year in bringing Christ to inmates. Please continue to lift up this ministry in your prayers.
4. Please pray that God would send laborers to the harvest that is in the community of the Cedar Street Mennonite Church in Chambersburg, PA.
5. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for wisdom and guidance for Mike Baker in his role as regional representative for West Africa. Pray for him as he supports our partners in that region.
6. Praises of gratitude from Peter Sensenig that the flood waters in Chad have receded, so that they can now return to the seminary campus. But pray for the cleanup and for the repairs of all the damage that was caused by being underwater for several months.
7. Pray also for Peter Sensenig in Chad as he asks For my upcoming course on New Testament theology. The cultural gap is huge (just like it is from our context to the time and place when the Bible was written!) - so pray for good communication and increased understanding for all of us.
8. Pray for the young adult participants of the YAMEN (Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network) program as they serve alongside Mennonite Central Committee partners working around the world.
9. Please lift the LMC Credentialing and Commission as they will be meeting today. Pray specially for this meeting as they will be receiving Spanish speaking applicants. Pray for discernment of the Holy Spirit and also for the person who will be doing the interpretation for them.
10. Pray for Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) Learning Circles. IDI is a tool to assess and increase intercultural competence within organizations.
11. Please pray for the STEP program as they will have their classes today. Pray especially for those that travel far to attend in person and also for those that will meet via zoom.
12. Pray for Motley Dinner Church. This is a collaboration of New Danville Mennonite Church that meets at 450 HUB every Tuesday. They break bread and share Bible passages, and have friendly conversations with each other and specially those in need of the Lord. Pray also for brothers and sisters that would like to help.
13. Please remember the students involved in the Lancaster Mennonite High musical, *Annie*, February 16-19. Pray that everyone - actors and those behind the scenes - will enjoy the experience and will feel a sense of accomplishment for well-done performances.
14. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Michael and Laura* as they grow new and existing house churches by discipling, coaching, and mentoring in the Middle East. Pray for Michael as he pastors a congregation also.
15. Pray for Support for Prison Ministries (SFPM) Volunteers - as they do important work. Pray that God would guide their feet in prison to meet the individuals they need a touch from God and be able to present God’s grace and love to the inmate.

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16. Pray for administration, faculty and staff at Lancaster Mennonite School as they begin to prepare for the 2023-24 school year. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they consider innovative curriculum and future needs of students
17. Please pray with us for the LMC Bishop Board as they will be meeting today. Ask the Lord for His wisdom as they meet to look for direction and discernment.
18. Please pray for Dinner Church from New Danville Mennonite Church held at the HUB450. Please ask the Lord for the provision and for volunteers that will help during Tuesday's "service". Pray please for the people who will be joining us that day so they will have their ears open to the Gospel of Jesus.
19. Pray for protection and good health for the Friendship Community Individuals and Team Members as well as their families.
20. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Phil and Linda Gottschalk as they continue to relate to the many Ukrainian refugees in Romania. Pray for Linda as she teaches English in different settings and for Phil as he has the opportunity to speak in chapel services or other fellowships. Pray for them as they learn Russian.
21. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Michael and Nancy Hostetter, as their primary focus continues to be developing small house church networks in Chile. Praise the Lord for the deepening relationships they are forming with peers in their local rowing club.
22. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Paula* as she serves in Spain. Pray for her as she serves as a coach and organizational leader for Petra Peacebuilders, an organization dedicated to providing preemptive resilience support for people working to build peace in places where fieldwork takes a heavy toll.
23. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for guidance for Andrés & Angélica* in their role as regional representatives for North Africa and the Middle East as they seek to walk alongside the families in their region. Ask God to fill them with his Holy Spirit and to lead them to honor and share Jesus in each of their relationships and interactions.
24. Please pray for the Easter Mennonite Mission Board meeting as they will be meeting today.
25. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Alexander and Maria* as they work in transformational business and in an international school in Central Asia. Pray for Alexander (regional representative for his region) as he gives support to the workers he supervises.
26. Lift LMC Spring Leadership Assembly happening in April. Pray for the preparation for that day. Pray for wisdom for those speaking to the leaders that day.
27. Please pray for the last details of the LMC Celebration of Church Life preparation. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will move among those that are calling to attend and participate and for the different activities planned.
28. Pray for the LMC Celebration of Church Life speakers, for the Children Ministry, and Youth Rally. Pray that God will be glorified.

“But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. 26 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 8:25-27

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