

## **Angelus:** A Call to Prayer

## March 2023

- 1. Pray for us to be aware of the Holy Spirit's presence at the Spring Leadership Assembly and at Celebration of Church Life. Pray that our Lord would be honored and glorified!
- 2. Thank you for praying for the Prison Ministries. We are off to a very slow start in January in income though, please pray that increases. We also rejoice we can again work with many prison ministries in our upcoming prison conference, post Covid.
- 3. Pray for the Bishop Elders Team to walk with Jesus and be obedient to His voice.
- 4. Pray for The Support for the Prison Ministry Conference Pray for the prison conference that SFPM is holding on March 4. Pray that it will be attended by chaplains, pastors, volunteers, and prayer warriors and that all will be blessed. Pray also for our takeout Roast Beef dinners being sold at the same time as the conference at Hinkletown to the general public to raise money for SFPM operations.
- 5. Praise for the new connections, new expressions of church, baptisms and new believers who are coming to Christ throughout LMC!
- 6. Christy Sensenig's team of midwives at the hospital are mostly Chadian Christians. Their patients are almost all Muslims. Pray for Christ's love to shine through these interactions.
- 7. Pray for STEP recruitment for the fall cohort and for current students and instructors to finish well.
- 8. Peter Sensenig led a retreat at the end of February, on the theme of identity in Christ and how that leads us to be ambassadors for peace. We praise the Lord for the power of the Holy Spirit moving among us.
- 9. Parent-teacher conferences are being held today, March 9 and 10 at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for parents and faculty as they meet for discussions on the best way to enable each student to learn to the best of their ability. Pray for the LMC staff team as they continue to experience transitions.
- 10. Please pray for the Credentialing Commissioning as they will be meeting today with new applicants. Pray for wisdom as the commissioning will be discerning and sensing what questions to ask.
- 11. Please pray for the STEP Program as they will be meeting today. Pray for an enrichment time for the instructors and the participants.
- 12. Pray for the young adult participants of the SALT (Serving and Living Together) program as they serve alongside Mennonite Central Committee partners working around the world.
- 13. Pray for Streams of Life SFPM state prison ministry, as it decides which prisons in PA to minister in, and which prisons in the East & Mid- Atlantic to send Bible literature to in 2023. Those doors would be open and prison officials would be receptive.
- 14. Please pray for the clients in Landis Adult Day Services program and their family caregivers. We are grateful the ADS program has been able to stay open and growing for persons who need activities during the day while their family caregivers are working or doing other things.
- 15. Pray for seniors at Lancaster Mennonite School who will be giving their formal senior presentations on March 16 and 21. These are 20-minute presentations with family, teachers, classmates, friends from school, work and church, and others who have had a meaningful impact on them. The goal is for students to reflect on their life so far, appreciate those who have nurtured them and anticipate their future.
- 16. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for the women who will participate in a Sister Care Retreat on Island Tenglo, March 17–19. The hosts, Rhoda Keener and Carolyn Heggen are hoping to have 30 women who will travel from different regions in Chile.
- 17. March 17 The Conference Executive Council will be meeting today. Please ask the Lord for discernment as they

will be making important decisions for the Conference.

- 18. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for John and Debbie Coats as they transition back to Cambodia after a home leave in the U.S. Pray for creativity and wisdom for John as he continues to develop a recycling program. Debbie has developed a curriculum to help people find freedom from idolatry and addiction. Pray for God's protection and that he will mightly use this curriculum.
- 19. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Tim and Julie Groff and their family as they return from Belize to stay in the U.S. for several months. This time will include home leave and a sabbatical. Pray for both rest and refreshment, as well as good connections with family and supporters.
- 20. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Kandace Glenn as she serves in Cambodia and continues to learn the Khmer language. Pray for her and her roommates as they minister to their neighbors through social interactions as well as Bible studies. Ask the Lord to draw people to himself.
- 21. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin as they serve in Southeast Asia. Join them in praising the Lord for reconciliation and healing that has taken place in the church community. Pray for more healing conversations and growth in their community in the area of emotional and family well-being. Pray also for spiritual protection and maturity for new believers.
- 22. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Daryl and Jen Hoover and their sons as they serve in Costa Rica. Pray for the teams from VidaNet in their outreach locations and specifically for Micah as he leads his team. Pray for Joseph in a challenging semester of college and for friendships for Jedidiah in school. Ask the Lord to help Adam bring the light of Jesus to his friends.
- 23. On March 23, Friendship Community will be hosting their Heart Gallery and Studios 20th Annual Art Benefit Auction. Pray that the Lord will continue providing and multiplying for them. Pray that the Lord will continue touching the lives of those that serve and are being served at Friendship Community.
- 24. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Elam and Francesca\* as they continue to plan and prepare for their assignment in Central Asia. Pray for God to bring together those who should be on their Mission Support Team.
- 25. Praise for the international relationships that are being strengthened through EMM and LMC connections.
- 26. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Eric\* as he begins working at an after-school program in a neighborhood school. Pray for favor with coworkers and the kids. Pray for wisdom and open doors for new prayer partners to join Janelle\* in intercession for their city of Halle and the country of Germany.
- 27. March 27-31 is "World Changers Week" at Lancaster Mennonite School. During this week, students will engage in acts of service for our community. Serving others is one of the ways to express the core values of seeking Jesus wholeheartedly and living compassionately. Pray that this event will give students a chance to care, serve and give as they see themselves as the hands and feet of Jesus, making a positive impact on the world.
- 28. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Sonya Harnish as she serves in Albania. Pray for God's direction and peace as she processes and discerns things related to the next few years. Pray that she would have ears to hear and a heart that is open to the Lord to hear from and trust Him even when things might not be fully clear.
- 29. Please lift LMC in your prayers as we are finalizing details for the Spring Leadership Assembly and Celebration of Church Life. Pray for those who are traveling, for the sessions, and the speakers. We praise the Lord for this great opportunity to see the work of the Holy Spirit among us!
- 30. Please pray for LMC Spring Leadership Assembly, happening March 31. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will move among us and the participants will sense what God is teaching us about becoming a Spirit Lead Movement.
- 31. Please pray for the LMC Celebration of Church Life as we will continue meeting on April 1st. Pray for the Petra Church as they are hosting us. Pray for the speakers and for the sessions.

"But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. 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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