



# *Angelus*: A Call to Prayer

**April 2023**

1. Pray for Celebration of Church Life as LMC churches will be meeting today in Petra to hear how God has been moving among us.
2. Peter Sensenig invites prayer for the course he is teaching at the seminary in Chad. It's a New Testament theology course, and he will be doing some sessions on peacemaking in the Gospels.
3. Please pray for the escalating gun violence in Philadelphia and for Oxford Circle Mennonite Church who just lost one of our young adults to gun violence. Pray for peace and God's love.
4. Please pray for all the construction workers safety as they work hard to finish Landis Place on King in downtown Lancaster.
5. Pray with Mennonite Central Committee for the safety of millions who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict or persecution.
6. Give thanks for the many individuals, businesses, and churches that provide financial support for EMM workers, enabling them to make disciples of Jesus around the world.
7. Dear God, We remember today, the pain and suffering of the cross so we could be set free. You paid the price, such a great sacrifice, to offer us the gift of eternal life. Help us never to take for granted this huge gift of love on our behalf. Help us to be reminded of the cost of it all.
8. Thank you, Lord, that by your wounds we are healed. Thank you that sin and death have been conquered and that your Power is everlasting. We praise you for making all things new. In Jesus' Name, Amen.
9. Dear Lord, as we celebrate Easter and the triumphant victory of Jesus Christ over death and hell and sin, we fall down before You and worship You. We cry with others around the world, 'worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!' All of creation bows before You Lord Jesus because You are the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords who has won the victory and conquered death!
10. Pray for the Friendship Heart Gallery, an art program sponsored by Friendship Community. 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.
11. Pray for Leon and Naomi Zimmerman as they provide theological teaching, leadership development, and encouragement to EMM's global churches and movements.
12. Please pray for Credential Commissioning as they will be meeting interviewing candidates. Please pray for discernment of the Holy Spirit as the commission meets.
13. Lancaster County Prison/Support for Prison Ministries (SFPM) recently received a letter from an inmate in a state prison, who is in the RHU (solitary confinement) about how he looks forward to our Bible publications that come to him in RHU. While he has done something to isolate himself from the rest of the population, SFPM/Streams of Life gives hope and encourages him to go to the Bible. He also is being released from prison this summer and asks our prayers that he can stay out of trouble and walk in a Christian life.
14. Campus Chorale from Lancaster Mennonite High School will be singing in local churches in April. On April 14 they will travel to Shalom Christian Academy for the Mennonite Schools Council Choir Festival. Pray for travel safety for all participating students. Also pray that students will enjoy the performances and that all those attending will experience God's presence.
15. Please pray for the STEP classes as they will be meeting today. They have one more class before summer break. Please pray for encouragement, strength, and a sense of completion for those on their last year studies.

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16. Pray for protection and good health for the Friendship Community Individuals and Team Members as well as their families.
17. Pray for our SFPM Bilingual chaplains - Alvaro Febus and Ivonne Ronquillo at LCP and YIC respectively as they minister to both English speaking and Spanish speaking inmates. Pray that God will continue to use them to bring people to Christ.
18. 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.
19. Pray for individuals and families to be called to the work of leadership development and church planting in West Africa.
20. Please pray for continued financial resources - for SFPM in the Spring months. Traditionally this is a slower giving time for the ministry and expenses stay the same year around. Pray that giving would cover expenses for this time of year.
21. Please pray for the Bishop Board as they will be meeting today. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the meeting and that at the end members will glorify the Lord for how the meeting ends.
22. Praise God for a successful Prison Conference that SFPM hosted and a successful Roast Beef Dinner that covered all the expenses of SFPM hosting. We were also blessed by the many volunteers who gave of their time to make it a worthwhile experience for many.
23. Pray for Emily Sensenig, 20-year-old daughter of SFPM office administrator, Jewel, as she was just diagnosed with leukemia. Pray for healing and peace and strength as they go through this process.
24. Pray for Angie Earl as she volunteers with the Christian Muslim Relations Team. Pray for deepening of relationships that Angie has developed with those of other faiths. Pray for boldness to share her hope in Christ.
25. Join us 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.
26. Pray for Gen Z, as they consider how to best engage the world in missions, both locally and abroad.
27. Please pray for today's newly credentialed leader's orientation at 7:00 p.m. Ask God to bless the LMC leaders and staff with a time of hospitality, openness, and engaging conversation.
28. Please pray for the Lancaster Mennonite School community as it holds its spring celebration on April 28. This is the first spring celebration with grades PreK through 12 all united on the Lancaster campus. This time of celebration includes a BBQ, auction, bake sale and fun activities for children.
29. Pray for God to call pioneer church planters into the harvest field of Thailand and join the team there.
30. Pray for the LMC pastors. Pray for their walk with the Lord, for strength, and joy. Ask the Lord to protect them for any lies of the enemy and for the Holy Spirit to protect their hearts for the work of love they are doing.

***“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***

*\*Name(s) changed or the last name(s) omitted for sensitivity reasons.*