



# Angelus: A call to pray

**December 2023**

1. Continue praying for the peace of Israel: *"May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." For the sake of my brothers and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity."*
2. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for physical health and energy for Kandace Glenn as she serves in Cambodia. Pray that she can continue to be a light in the darkness to those around her. Pray also for her as she prepares to receive a short-term worker to join the work there.
3. Peter Sensenig's most recent course at Shalom Seminary in Chad, on the theology of Scripture, went very well. The number of students has grown from 33 last year to 42 this year. Christy, his wife, has added weekly village visits to her schedule by dropping one day in maternity. She feels this is a much more sustainable pattern and she loves doing community health education.
4. Pray for the young adult participants of Mennonite Central Committee's SALT (Serving and Living Together) program as they encounter new cultures and become contributing members of their host communities.
5. During this time where there are often family and church celebrations, please offer prayers of thanksgiving for team members across Landis Communities who are serving residents and clients every day, including sometimes when their families are gathering without them.
6. Please lift into your prayers EMM as they will be having their banquet at Landis home.
7. 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.
8. Join EMM in prayer for Leon and Naomi Zimmerman as they travel to Central America and hold a weekend marriage retreat with a group of leaders from the Mennonite churches in northern Belize. They then travel to Honduras to teach about marriage to the *Por Que No Tu* ministry and church.
9. Please lift the STEP program as students and teachers will be meeting today. Pray for guidance, concentration, and provision for all participants. Pray that they will enjoy this time of the year.
10. Praise the Lord with Eastern Mennonite Missions that Daryl and Jen Hoover are beginning another term of service in Costa Rica. Pray for their financial needs to be met for this next term. Pray for wisdom for leadership and mentor relationships.
11. Lancaster Mennonite School students will be presenting Christmas concerts the week of December 11. 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. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Jeremy and Jennifer\* as they prepare for a number of visitors and traveling in December. Pray also for their work in the red light district of Chiang Mai, Thailand where they are involved at both a grassroots and a leadership level. Pray for the leaders as they continue developing their leadership as the work increases.
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14. Please pray for the LMC Credentialing Commissioning. Please pray for the people being interviewed and for the commissioning.

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15. Please lift the Bishop Board and the Conference Executive Council as they
16. 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 loss at this time of year will find support and comfort from others.
17. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Will and Nina\* as they encourage and work alongside the team at a business for transformation in Southeast Asia. Pray for the children in their schooling and relationships with those in their community.
18. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Alexander and Maria\* as they serve in Central Asia. Pray for Alexander as he walks alongside local businessmen and for Maria\* as she teaches in the boys' school. Pray for their sons in school and in their friendships.
19. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions that in the busyness of life Wendell and Melanie Nofziger will learn how to work well and how to rest well. Pray that they will be refreshed as they pour into the lives of their children and the students at VidaNet in Costa Rica.
20. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Stacy and Vojta Prknovi as they serve in the Czech Republic. Pray for them as they continue to settle into their new home and meet their neighbors and also for good connections with moms and families at their daughter's preschool. Pray for inspiration for Vojta as he develops an online course for language acquisition for missionaries.
21. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions that the people Andre and Karen\* feel led to engage with will be open to the gospel. Pray that new churches will be birthed which in turn will plant the next generation of churches in Thailand.
22. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for wisdom and perseverance for those working on Bible translations. Pray they can be completed accurately and in a timely fashion. Pray for Marty Sollenberger as he serves on the global technology and information services team with Wycliff.
23. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Mark and Sarah Schoenhals and the Life Enrichment Church for God's continued direction for where God would have them plant new churches in Thailand. Pray also for vision and leadership in working with the youth in the church.
24. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Nate and Krystle Thorne and their Missionary Support Team as they work at fundraising for their upcoming appointment in West Africa.
25. ***"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."* Isaiah 9:6**
26. Praise the Lord with Eastern Mennonite Missions for a good exploratory trip Jennifer Weaver was able to make to France this fall. Pray for her as she continues to prepare for serving in Marseilles.
27. Ask God with Eastern Mennonite Missions for a continuation and increase of his anointing upon J.C. Ebersole and those who lead All-Nations Association of Bible Schools (AABS). Pray for them as they make biblical education available and affordable in local churches and communities around the world.
28. Please pray for the Friendship Community, for their organization, their clients as they close another year.
29. Please pray for the Mennonite Life. Pray that the Lord will continue blessing them and helping them as they provide resources and history.
30. Pray please for the LMC and their ministries as we continue providing resources for the pastors and leaders.
31. ***"You were taught to leave your old self—to stop living the evil way you lived before. That old self becomes worse and worse because people are fooled by the evil things they want to do. But you were taught to be made new in your hearts. You were taught to become a new person. That new person is made to be like God—made to be truly good and holy."* ~Ephesians 4:22-24 **Happy and bless New Year 2024!****

*"But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us with our weaknesses. 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.*