

Angelus: A call to pray

February 2024

- 1. The hospital where **Christy Sensenig** works is having major planning meetings at the end of January pray for sensitive outreach to the majority-Muslim neighborhood in which we are situated.
- 2. Join **EMM** in prayer for God's peace to be very real to Michael and Laura* in the midst of much unsettledness as they serve in the Middle East. Pray that they can be God's peace to those around them who find themselves in pain, grief, and turmoil.
- 3. Pray with **EMM** for Kandace Glenn that she will continue to be a light in the darkness as she serves in Cambodia. Pray for God's protection over her both spiritually and physically.
- 4. Join **EMM** in prayer for safety in travel and a smooth transition for Phil and Linda Gottschalk as they return to Romania after spending time in the U.S.
- 5. Pray with the **Mennonite Central Committee** for civil spaces in eastern Asia to expand so that people's voices may be heard, and peace and justice may prevail.
- 6. Pray for an upcoming multi-faith peace gathering that **Peter Sensenig** will be participating in another city in Chad. Pray for protection and guidance as he prepares and travels for the meeting.
- 7. **Landis Communities** asks for prayer as the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency considers an application from Landis Communities and HDC to fund housing for those age 62+ in Reading, PA who have less than the median income. If funded, the project will bring 46 apartments to downtown Reading.
- 8. Pray for the **new generations of believers** in our churches and those we influence in our lives would have a hunger for Jesus.
- 9. Pray for the administration, faculty, and staff at **Lancaster Mennonite School** as they begin to prepare for the 2024-25 school year. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they consider innovative curriculum and the future needs of students.
- 10. Please lift the **STEP Program** and the class as they will be meeting today. Pray for a clear mind for the students to meet and for the teacher to be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- 11. Pray with **EMM** for Daryl and Jen Hoover, as they are on home leave until the end of the month. Pray for good connections with supporting churches as well as times of refreshment and renewal.
- 12. Pray for the **Support For Prison Ministries Prison Conference** on March 16, 2024 held also at Hinkletown Mennonite Church. Pray for the preparations. Our hope is prison ministry-interested individuals can learn valuable tips in working with the incarcerated. Also pray for the other organizations participating: New Person Ministries, We Care, Jubilee, Potters House, Men of Purpose, and Outward Focus. Pray for all involved in making this event possible
- 13. Pray for the **Support For Prison Ministries Prison** Drive Thru Roast Beef Dinner March 16, 2024, from 11 AM to 1 PM also at Hinkletown Mennonite Church on the same day to help offset the costs of the prison conference. Pray we will have a good turnout, the weather will cooperate, and we have enough volunteers.
- 14. Please pray for the **LMC Credentialing Commission** as they will be meeting today. As the Lord for guidance as they meet with candidates. Ask the Holy Spirit for discernment and a double portion of His strength as they meet for long periods of time.
- 15. Join **EMM** in prayer for Lea* as she works stateside but continues to connect with friends who still live in the mountains where she had been living. Pray for wisdom as she works on a web-based project, developing resources for the mountain people group and for others who do have access to go there and serve.
- 16. Please lift the **LMC Bishop Board** as they will be meeting today. Ask the Lord for a refreshing time as they will be meeting online.
- 17. Pray with EMM for Alexander and Maria* as they serve in Central Asia. Ask the Lord to continue to provide

- opportunities for them to connect with others in innovative and positive ways.
- 18. Join **EMM** in prayer for Peter and Christy* as they serve in Central Africa. Pray for God to sustain Christy in her work as a midwife and Peter as he teaches seminary courses. Pray for their children to thrive in school and in their friendships.
- 19. Pray with **EMM** for Binsa* as she continues to relate to persons from Buddhist and Hindu backgrounds in the U.S. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to draw people to himself.
- 20. Join **EMM** in prayer for Jennifer Weaver as she prepares for long-term service in Marseilles, France. Ask the Lord to prepare the way for her through connections and support.
- 21. Remember the students involved in the **Lancaster Mennonite High School** musical, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown,* February 22 -25. Pray that everyone actors and those behind the scenes will enjoy the experience and will feel a sense of accomplishment for well-done performances.
- 22. Join **EMM** in prayer for Wendell and Melanie Nofziger and their family as they serve in Costa Rica. Ask the Lord to guide and direct them as they serve as directors at Vida Net.
- 23. Please join in prayer for **EMM and their Board Members** as they will be meeting today (23) and tomorrow.
- 24. Pray with **EMM** for Jeremy and Jennifer* as they serve in Thailand and oversee the workers in their region. Pray for Jubilee in school and her relationships. Pray for Juniper and Jude as they live in Canada away from their family.
- 25. Pray with **EMM** for Michael and Ruthy* as they minister to international students through Immerse International. Pray for their children to thrive in their schooling and friendships.
- 26. Join **Eastern Mennonite Missions** in prayer for Mark and Sarah Schoenhals and their daughters as they serve in Thailand. Ask God to sustain and encourage them as they provide support to the Life Enrichment Church.
- 27. Pray with **Eastern Mennonite Missions** for J.C. Ebersole as he continues to give leadership to the All-nations Association of Bible Schools. Pray for wisdom as they collaborate with many churches and ministries. May God continue to use AABS for resourcing and growing leaders.
- 28. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ~John 15:1-4
- 29. February 29 is "Grandparents and Grandfriends" Day at Lancaster Mennonite. This is always a special day when the LM community thanks grandparents and special friends for all the love and support they give to the children who attend Lancaster Mennonite.

"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.