

Angelus: A call to pray

January 2024

- 1. Happy and blessed New Year 2024! LMC and EMM will have a week of Fasting and Prayer from January 2nd till 5th. Lift your hands in gratitude and also intercession for this time as we seek the Lord and that will learn of His call.
- 2. Please pray to the Lord for Peter Sensenig and his ministry in Chad. Praise the process for hiring 3 new midwives and the addition of new students at the seminar.
- 3. Please pray for the Facilities teams across Landis Communities as they keep residents and clients warm and safe during the winter.
- 4. Pray for Mennonite Central Committee peace workers in countries in Africa to continue to have courage and strength; and to see hope in God's hands amidst the ongoing conflict and trauma.
- 5. Please pray for Felix (Peter Sensenig 4 years old) was recently diagnosed with asthma. Chad has one of the worst air quality indexes in the world. Pray that his treatment would be effective and that we would have wisdom troubleshooting how to diminish asthma triggers.
- The Glen Lapp Memorial Volleyball tournament will be held at Lancaster Mennonite High School on January 6 and 13. Remember the tournament participants and also the family and friends of Glen Lapp (1987 LM Alum) as they celebrate his life and remember his commitment to service in the name of Christ.
- 7. Pray for second-chance employers who are willing to work with our students as they begin to resume their place as functional and collaborative members of the community.
- 8. Pray that LMC will finish the fiscal year strong. Thank God for generous givers!
- 9. For the Philadelphia District- Pray for the transformation of individuals, families, and churches.
- 10. LMC will have its Credentialing Commission today. Pray to the Lord for His presence during the interviews. Pray that the Lord will guide their steps in all the ways possible.
- 11. Pray for new LMC bishops as they transition into their new roles.
- 12. The first semester ends on January 12th at Lancaster Mennonite School. Please pray for both teachers and students during the final week of this semester.
- 13. Please pray for the STEP Classes. Pray for guidance and direction as the students and instructors will be meeting today.
- 14. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for John and Debbie Coats as they walk alongside and mentor the teachers for the after-school children's programs in Cambodia. Pray for wisdom for Debbie in her work with public health education
- 15. Pray for dedicated and equipped workers to respond to the call to staff The Potter's House and The Potter's House of Ruth Ministries.
- 16. Please pray for William Higgins as he will lead another Biblical class this winter. Ask the Lord for wisdom and guidance for him as he teaches and for the participants to be able to receive from the Holy Spirit.
- 17. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Jon and Heleen Yoder as they continue relationships with friends and partners in Sierra Leone. Pray for wisdom as they support the continuing development of Nyandengoh!, a children's disability ministry. Pray for them as they lead short-term trips to the region.
- 18. A Winter Open House is scheduled for Lancaster Mennonite School on January 25. Please be in prayer for prospective families as they consider a Jesus-centered LM education for their children.
- **19.** Please pray for the Conference Executive Council as they will be meeting today. Ask the Lord for His presence during their meeting.
- 20. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions, Tim and Julie Groff, and their family in praising the Lord for rest and refreshment during this time of home leave and sabbatical. Thank the Lord for the time they enjoyed with

family and connections with friends and supporters. Keep them in prayer as they wrap up their time in the U.S. and transition back to their work in Belize.

- 21. Lift your hands in prayer for the Mennonite World's Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday". Pray for the current needs of the MWC family as expressed.
- 22. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Jan Heindel for wisdom for the church planting team in DobříŠ, Czech Republic, as they continue to have services. Lift them in prayer as they discern how to best engage the community. Pray for Jan to know what her role should look like. Pray for planning the details for the next Battle for the Heart, which will begin in February.
- 23. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Michael Clancy as he interacts with Jubilee Ministries and the students of Lebanon Rescue Mission. Pray for three men that he walks with currently.
- 24. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin as they balance different aspects of their life in Thailand. Pray that as they spend time praying and listening, God directs them in choosing where to invest their time.
- 25. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Paula* as she continues to train and resource others to minister to persons with trauma through the ministry of Petra Peacebuilders in Spain. Pray for her as she also ministers to people walking through deep trauma.
- 26. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in praising the Lord for the provision of land for the church that Vince and Clara* led to build a gathering place in South Asia. Pray for wisdom in designing the building and funds to build. Pray for God to continue to draw people to himself and for members to grow in Christ.
- 27. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Elizabeth* as she works on a podcast. Ask the Lord to help her get it launched and use it to bless many people.
- 28. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in praying along with A* and A* that they will have good opportunities to continue building relationships with leaders in villages in North Africa. Pray that A. can be a good friend and mentor for three men he currently seeks to walk with and disciple.
- 29. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for William Higgins, who will be traveling to Vietnam in March to teach. Pray for wisdom and guidance as he prepares for this trip.
- 30. Lift the Friendship Community. Please pray for God's provision and guidance as they start a new year.
- 31. Please pray for the Mennonite Life, Pray that the Lord will continue showing His faithfulness in all the areas they are working to bring the Mennonite Life to all of us.

"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

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