

Angelus: A call to pray

April 2024

- 1. "And from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the Kings of the world. All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever!

 Amen." ~ Revelation 1:5-6
- 2. Please pray for our sister churches in **Cuba**, as many of their members were affected by heavy rainfall at the end of March. Pray that the people of Cuba, especially the children, will witness God's hand of blessing. Ask the Lord to provide for the **Centro Esperanza ministry** and to bless its director **Sadai Millan** as they continue to serve and bless the children.
- 3. Pray with **EMM** 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.
- 4. Pastora **Rosa Morel de Santana** and the church planting she is guiding. Please pray for wisdom and that the Lord will continue providing for this project.
- 5. Campus Chorale from Lancaster Mennonite High School will be traveling to Goshen, IN for the Mennonite Schools Council Choir Festival on April 5-7. Pray for travel safety for all participating students. Also, pray that students will enjoy connecting with students from the other schools and that those performing and attending the concert will experience God's presence.
- 6. Pray for **Christy Sensenig** as she guides a young woman on a short-term mission trip. She is staying with us and working with Christy at the hospital in maternity.
- 7. Pray for the **young adult participants in YEMEN** (Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network), a joint program of the Mennonite Central Committee and the Mennonite World Conference.
- 8. **Peter Sensenig** is grateful for a fruitful trip to Iran in early March. The visa came through just in time, and he was able to present papers at conferences in two different cities, about the peacemaking ethic of Jesus in the Bible. It was very well received by my Muslim hosts and resulted in several ongoing friendships with Iranians. Peter is now back in Chad with his family.
- 9. Pray for the upcoming Spring Leadership Assembly on May 3rd at Mellinger Mennonite Church.
- 10. Pray for the **Credentialing Commission** as they will meet today. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they meet candidates and future leaders/pastors.
- 11. **Welsh Mountain Home**, an affiliate of Landis Communities, has a 100-year legacy of providing compassion and care while serving adults from diverse backgrounds and income levels. Their commitment to doing this reflects being Christ-centered in all they do. Please pray for all involved in their extensive renovations through which Welsh Mountain Home will create refreshed apartments and expand the number of bathrooms for resident use. More information about this effort can be found at www.welshmountainhome.org
- 12. Join **EMM** in prayer for God to continue to be Michael and Laura's* strength and joy as they serve in the Middle East. Pray that they can be God's messengers of peace and hope in the midst of a difficult environment and situation.
- 13. Pray for the recruitment of **STEP** students for the fall cohort.
- 14. A Spring Open House is scheduled for **Lancaster Mennonite School** on April 14. Please be in prayer for prospective families as they consider a Jesus-centered LM education for their children.
- 15. Pray for the fresh wind of the Holy Spirit to blow upon LMC congregations and leaders.

- 16. Pray with **EMM** for Phil and Linda Gottschalk as they settle back into their routines and work with Ukrainian refugees in Romania. Pray for physical health and strength. Pray for Phil as he prepares for three teaching trips this fall.
- 17. Pray with **EMM** for Jan Heindel as she continues to be a part of the church plant in Dobříš, Czech Republic. Pray for the core team as they plan outreach events and seek God on how to reach the community.
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- 19. Please pray for the **LMC Beashop Board** as they will be meeting today at the Capital Christian Fellowship.
- 20. Join **EMM** in prayer for wisdom and insight for Lea* in developing materials to engage Buddhists and equip others to reach them.
- 21. Pray with **EMM** for Alan and Carol Wert as they serve in Wales, U.K. Pray for them as they lead their small group and also desire to disciple new co-leaders. Pray that Alan can be a beacon of hope to his co-workers. Pray for Carol to have creativity in managing her classroom and also that she can help her students find purpose in their lives while waiting for asylum.
- 22. Join **EMM** in prayer for Marty Sollenberger and his team as they build power supply kits for computers used for Bible translation. Pray for the provision of financial resources for Marty and Glenna to allow them to continue to serve with Wycliffe.
- 23. Pray with **EMM** for Peter and Christy* as they serve in Chad. Pray that God would strengthen Christy as she works as a nurse and midwife in a hospital. Pray for wisdom for Peter as he works in a seminary and an interfaith relations office of the local churches. Pray for good relationships.
- 24. Join **EMM** in prayer for Mark and Sarah Schoenhals as they walk alongside the Life Enrichment Church, encouraging the vision for multiplication in Thailand. Pray for them also as they provide pastoral care to the church leaders.
- 25. Please pray for the **Newly Credential Leaders Orientation** that will take place today at LMC. Please pray that the newly credentialed leaders will sense what LMC is, a Spirit-Led Movement.
- 26. Join **EMM** in prayer for Moses Munyoki's wife and children as they grieve his loss. Moses was a Kenyan missionary who was sent by the Kenyan Mennonite Church and was an active member of the Peacemakers Confessing Christ International network. He was recently located in the town of Garissa, near Somalia.
- 27. Please pray for the **Lancaster Mennonite School community** as it holds its spring celebration on April 27. This time of celebration includes a BBQ, auction, bake sale, and fun activities for children.
- 28. Pray with **EMM** for Andre and Karen* as they have returned to live in Oregon. Pray for their time of transition. Pray for Andre as he continues to provide resources and training to the leaders in Thailand.
- 29. Pray with **EMM** for Jeremy and Jennifer* as they serve as regional representatives to the team in Thailand. Pray also for their work in the red-light district of Chiang Mai, where they are involved at both a grassroots and a leadership level.
- 30. Join **EMM** in prayer for Wendell and Melanie as they serve in Costa Rica. Pray for them as they mentor and make disciples as directors of VidaNet. Pray also as they serve as the regional representatives for Central America, giving oversight to EMM's programs and personnel in the region.

"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