



# *Angelus: A call to pray*

**December 2024**

1. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Marty and Glenna Sollenberger as they continue to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Ask God to provide the financial resources for their ministry. Pray that projects will begin soon for the language groups still waiting for God's word.
2. Let's give thanks for a meeting place for Mosaic International Fellowship, aka The Church at DIAL. Praise God for His provision.
3. Please pray for God's favor on Warden Mennonite Church as they begin a new work in Moundridge, Kansas.
4. Peter Sensenig is grateful that even though it was a season of heavy rains in Chad, the seminary campus has been protected from the flooding that happened two years ago. God is good!
5. Pray for rest and health for the LMC staff. It's been a very busy, challenging year and please pray we can each take time for rest over the holiday season.
6. Please lift your prayers for Pastor Sarah Demster and Matt Havens at the Yorks Corners Mennonite Church in Wellsville NY as they select our topic/book of the Bible that we will begin preaching into for the start of 2025.
7. Pray with EMM for A\* and A\* for fruitful opportunities for witness and discipleship. They desire to honor Jesus and make him known where they live. Pray for A's parents who struggle with health challenges.
8. Pray for the course, Peter Sensenig is teaching on Christian-Muslim relations, so that they could encourage each other in life-giving relationships with Muslim neighbors, bearing faithful witness to Jesus.
9. Pray for wisdom for those at LMC who are engaged in conversations about affiliation.
10. Lancaster Mennonite School students will present Christmas concerts on December 10, 12 and 21. 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.
11. Please pray for the LMC Credentialing Commissioning as they are meeting today. Ask the Lord for wisdom as they meet with applicants. Pray for a double portion of strength and wisdom as they discern.
12. Please pray that every church would come to their heart and desire of prayer and intercession.
13. Join EMM in prayer for Jon and Heleen Yoder as they prepare for an 8-week trip to Sierra Leone from January 8 to March 12. Pray for safe travels and good connections while there. An EMM short-term worker will also be going with them.
14. Please lift the STEP program in prayer. Ask the Lord to bless this time as they meet today. Pray for the Holy Spirit to provide for their needs and for those who are finishing next year will have a sense of direction in what God is asking them to do with what they are learning.
15. Pray for Mennonite Central Committee staff working in uncertain, volatile contexts, that God would protect them and everyone else, and sustain them as they serve in the name of Christ.
16. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer that the Lord will bring peace to the Middle East and that many will turn to him during this time. Pray for Michael and Laura\* to be instruments of God's love and peace.
17. We praise God for the connections and fellowship experienced with the Great Lakes West District congregations and the LMC community. We are blessed to be a part of a group of believers that seeks to love and honor Jesus Christ throughout this world.
18. Prayers for Zion Mennonite church as they begin to look at revitalizing initiatives on prayer and participating in more service projects. Matthew 9:35 "Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom and healed every disease and sickness" Illustrating both word and deed.

19. Leo Zimmerman's marriage curriculum project with MKC (Meserete Kristos Church) continues to develop. It contains over 50 lessons couples will do together to strengthen their marriages. We hope to finish it in the next months and then travel to Ethiopia to present it to the church and seminary.
20. Please pray for LMC's Bishop Board and the Council Executive Committee as they will be meeting today. Ask the Holy Spirit to be present and all the decisions to be made on this day will be to glorify God's name.
21. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Daryl and Jen Hoover to find health and strength during a busy season. May they learn to rest even when there is a list of things to do. Pray for good school routines for the boys.
22. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for John and Jeanette Puckett as they serve with their family in Cambodia. Pray for them as they are doing online language training. Pray for their children as they homeschool and they also learn the language.
23. Pray that all Lancaster Mennonite School students, faculty, and staff can relax and enjoy the Christmas break. Remember those who will be traveling and pray that this Christmas season is a safe and meaningful time for all with family and friends. Pray also that those who may feel loss at this time of year will find support and comfort from others.
24. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Clara and Vince\* as they plan to come to the U.S. in December in faith that Vince will have a successful Visa interview. They plan to stay for a year, spending time with family, friends, and supporters. Part of the time will also be a sabbatical. Pray for safety, meaningful connections, and rest and renewal.
25. Let's give thanks to God for His great love for us that he sent His only son so whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.
26. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for protection for Wendell and Melanie Nofziger, their family, and those at the VidaNet base. Pray for God's truth and light to shine.
27. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Gerry and Donna Keener as they continue to support and encourage the Vietnamese Mennonite Church. Pray for continuing vision and resources for the Vietnam Mennonite leaders to continue to reach out and lead the church into maturity.
28. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for all the relationships that Stacy and Vojta Prknovi are building through English lessons, in the prison, in preschool, and other areas of their lives. May God use them to further his kingdom.
29. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for the continued health and well-being of Mark and Sarah Schoenhals and their daughters. Pray for LEC as they live into the vision to plant a house church in every village.
30. Please ask the Lord for those in the Wellsville community in New York who are searching for meaning and don't realize it is found in Jesus!
31. In 2025, we celebrate and remember the 500th anniversary of the birth of Anabaptism. Pray for God to pour out His Spirit on all. Pray that He will renew and strengthen His vision in our hearts for the world He created and loves.

***“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.*