

## **Angelus:** A call to pray

## September 2025

- 1. "..For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD... plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11
- 2. Everyone at Lancaster Mennonite School is settling into the new school year. Pray that this will be a year of growing and learning for students. Pray that faculty will have the wisdom, strength, calmness, and patience that allow them to show Christ's love to their students as they teach and guide them.
- 3. Pray for throngs of people on the move worldwide, **Mennonite Central Committee** staff and partners addressing needs, and coordinators of safe places in the U.S. and elsewhere who welcome them.
- 4. The **Community Center at the HUB450** has come into its final week of the summer session of English classes, with more than 70 students and nine children having attended at least one class. Let's please thank God for His continued provision of compassionate and dedicated volunteers to teach and assist in their English classes. They provide a safe environment that helps the students feel welcomed and to learn effectively.
- 5. Please lift **Mennonite Life** as they prepare for fall with events related to the culture and traditions.
- 6. Please pray for the **Community Center at the HUB450** for their monthly conversation cafes, time for people to come together around common languages, and have been beneficial times of connection and interaction. They currently have gatherings in French, Japanese, Spanish, and now American Sign Language.
- 7. Please ask God to guide LMC and **resource partners organization** leaders in making wise decisions that will honor God in all they do. Pray for integrity and strength in times of difficulties.
- 8. Please pray for **LMC youth pastors** for their creativity in reaching youth in meaningful ways. Pray that many young people would encounter Jesus through their ministry. Pray for passion, creativity, and influence.
- 9. Pray for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism served by **Friendship Community** who are aging and who may need additional medical care. Pray for resources to meet their needs and wisdom in planning for the next level of care for these individuals.
- 10. Please pray for the **Credentialing Commissioning** of LMC, as the commission will be meeting with pastors and leaders who are affirmed and set apart for ministry. Pray that this commissioning will be a time of discernment, encouragement, and God's leading decision for the future credential leaders.
- 11. Remember the students and coaches involved in the fall 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.
- 12. Please pray for all those working to make Fellowship Days a success at **Landis Homes**. The events raise funds for the Caring Fund, designed to help residents who have exhausted their financial resources. The main event takes place Saturday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 13. Please pray for the **STEP** program as the students and facilitators will be meeting for the first time this year. Pray also for those who are continuing with the program. Pour your blessings over their time learning, reading, and preparing for the following year.
- 14. Pray that **LMC** churches will experience a true spiritual revival through prayer. Ask the Lord to stir hearts within each congregation to seek Him earnestly, lifting their voices together in unity. Pray that their prayer time will bring renewal, healing, and a deeper hunger for God's presence, so that whole communities may be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 15. Please pray for the **LMC Bishops**, asking God to grant them discernment and vision as they guide many churches. Lift the districts that are currently without a bishop, praying that the Lord will raise up faithful leaders to serve in this role. Also, pray for strength and encouragement for the bishops who are already serving, that they may continue to lead with wisdom, humility, and courage.
- 16. Pray for the **Friendship Community** leadership teams pray for wisdom and discernment as they grapple with health and safety concerns, budgets, regulatory demands, and the future of the people served by Friendship.

- 17. "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11
- 18. **LMC** is committed to praying for each district every month, and next month will be **Conestoga River, Franklin, and Landisville-Manor**. Please ask the Lord for their bishops and their congregations who are multicultural.
- 19. Please pray for LMC's **Conference Executive Council** as they will meet today. Pray for God's Spirit to guide them to make decisions that please God.
- 20. Pray for **EMM** workers' relationships with nationals, believers, and other missionaries: Pray for acceptance and understanding within the communities they serve.
- 21. Ask God's provision and protection for **EMM workers**. Pray for their physical safety, health, and for their financial and material needs to be met.
- 22. Pray for favor from the public funding sources of **Friendship Community**. Pray for wisdom for our leaders in government as they work with the demands of many government-funded programs that impact the lives of many people.
- 23. Please pray for the **Community Center English Students** for the ability to learn the language and understand the culture; pray that they will adapt to the culture without any problem. Pray for open doors, boldness, and empowerment by the Holy Spirit.
- 24. Pray for **LMC staff** as they are preparing for Fall Leadership and the Commemoration of the 500 Years of Anabaptism.
- 25. As LMC begins the **Fall Leadership Assembly** today at East Petersburg Mennonite Church, we come with humility, remembering the Anabaptist story of men and women who sought the Lord with courage and simplicity, longing for a fresh movement of God in their time. Please pray that, during these four days of seminars at East Petersburg Mennonite Church and Weaverland, our leaders will seek the Lord in the same Spirit—open to His powerful movement, renewed by His Spirit, and ready to follow wherever He leads in this new season of change and restructuring.
- 26. Please pray for the **LMC Resource Partners Expo**, where ministries and organizations come together to share their work and connect with our congregations. Ask the Lord to bless each partner with encouragement and fruitful connections. Pray that this event will strengthen relationships, inspire collaboration, and expand God's Kingdom impact through these vital ministries.
- 27. Today is the Homecoming and Fall Festival at **Lancaster Mennonite**. Pray for a good time of celebration, fun, and catching up with former classmates. Give thanks for the many lives enriched by years spent at Lancaster Mennonite.
- 28. Pray for marriages and families to experience spiritual renewal so they may be refreshed, strengthened, protected, and led by the Spirit
- 29. Please join us in prayer for the **Elder Bishop Team**. They are discerning important changes and navigating new structures within LMC. Pray that God would grant them wisdom, unity, and courage as they lead with humility and faith. May they remain sensitive to the Holy Spirit's guidance as they make decisions that shape the future of LMC.
- 30. Please pray for **EMM Missionaries**' spiritual well-being: Pray for their relationship with God, their prayer life, and their reliance on the Holy Spirit.

"Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops." James 5:17-18

<sup>\*</sup>Name(s) changed or the last name(s) omitted for sensitivity reasons.