

Angelus: A call to pray

October 2025

- 1. As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. ~2 Thessalonians 3:1-2
- 2. Pray that your pastor will love God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. Pray that God's Spirit will work in his heart in power and that he will value and follow biblical priorities.
- 3. Pray that the Church would believe and live into the goodness of God. "Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings" (Psalm 36:7).
- 4. Please pray for two Ethiopian church leaders, Gishu Jebecha (Principal of Meserete Kristos Seminary) and Desalegn Abebe (Executive of Meserete Kristos Church), as they visit the U.S. and Pennsylvania during October. Pray that their time here will strengthen collaboration, effectively share the Seminary's work in meeting the great need for church leadership training, and help cultivate meaningful relationships with donors for the Seminary's building project. May their visit be fruitful and Spirit-led.
- 5. Please pray for Peter Sensenig and his children to adjust well to their new schools, and that they would integrate well into the ministry here in France. Pray for an apartment for this year for their family. They are temporarily staying on the top floor of a friend's house. Pray also for a breakthrough in the US-Chad relationship that would allow travel between the two countries again.
- 6. Please pray for the young adult participants in YAMEN (Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network), a joint program of Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite World Conference.
- 7. Please pray that LMC pastors will be a man and woman of faith and have a passionate love for God, not giving in to worries, fears, or an uptight and anxious spirit.
- 8. Please pray for the Credentialing Commission meeting today. Pray that God would give them wisdom, words of encouragement, and guidance.
- 9. Pray for parent-teacher conferences taking place on Oct. 9 and 10 at Lancaster Mennonite School. These are important times for parents and teachers to talk together to ensure students are receiving the education and care that they need.
- 10. Yellow Creek Mennonite Church will be hosting an Interface Seminar, October 10-11, with Joe and Yvonne Garber. Pray for the leaders from various churches for travel and that the seminar will help *Grow Missional Churches in Today's World*.
- 11. Please pray for the STEP program and all who are involved. Pray for the students as they grow in their walk with Christ and in their preparation for ministry, that they may be strengthened in faith, knowledge, and character. Pray also for the instructors and mentors, that God would give them wisdom, patience, and joy as they teach and guide. May this program continue to raise up faithful leaders equipped to serve the Church and God's mission.
- 12. Praise the Lord for many answered prayers. He is faithful to hear and answer the prayers of his people.
- 13. Pray for the ongoing work in the areas of LMC governance, constitution, bylaws and event planning. Pray for clarity and wisdom.
- 14. Give thanks for all the administrative assistants, maintenance, custodial and food service staff at Lancaster Mennonite School as they continue to spend many hours working to provide a safe environment for all students, faculty and staff.
- 15. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions and Elizabeth* in giving thanks to God that her parents and niece can visit her in Central Asia for the first time in seven years. Pray that their trip will be spiritually and physically protected.
- 16. Please pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Owen and Abby* as they focus on language acquisition in Cambodia. Pray for good friends for themselves and their children. Pray for direction on their future step on where to serve long-term. Pray for opportunities to share the message with their language helper.

- 17. Please pray for the Bishop Board as they meet from October 17 to the 19. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom, unity, and a spirit of discernment as they listen to God and to one another. Pray that their time together will strengthen their leadership, build unity, and guide the future direction of LMC in faithfulness to Christ.
- 18. The Kairos course will be held at Hub 450 from October 18 to November 17. Pray for the course registration to be filled and for participants to embrace the heart of the Father to be on mission with God in their present context.
- 19. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions and Jeremy and Jennifer* in praying for the conflict along the Thailand-Cambodia border that has been going on since mid-July to be resolved. Pray for brothers and sisters in Life Enrichment Church who have been affected by this conflict. Pray for safety for all.
- 20. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions that as the Schoenhals family returns to Thailand after home assignment and medical leave, pray for safe and smooth transitions.
- 21. Praise the Lord for a good start to STEP with a total of 36 students and 21 instructors!
- 22. October 22 is the Pastors' Day Breakfast at Lancaster Mennonite School. Give thanks for this opportunity for pastors and spiritual mentors to connect with students from their congregation.
- 23. Yellow Creek Mennonite Church is hosting its 20th Fall Carnival, Saturday, October 25. We pray for all who attend to feel the love, grace, and welcome of Jesus Christ. We pray for God's protection and safety over this annual outreach event.
- 24. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in praying for open hearts for the people who will attend a regional missional training event that will take place at Vojta and Stacy Prknovi's church in the Czech Republic on November 15.
- 25. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Phil and Linda Gottschalk as they serve in Bucharest, Romania, and teach multiple courses at the Baptist Theological Institute. Their course areas include church history, doctrine, ethics, Christian thought, and apologetics.
- 26. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for God's grace and joy as Sonya Harnish and her team welcome a new group of international young adult students to Crossroads Bible School in Albania. Pray for a healthy balance as she invests socially and spiritually, in addition to handling many administrative details in the office.
- 27. Please pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for wisdom and discernment for Daryl and Jen Hoover as they serve at VidaNet in Costa Rica. May the love of Jesus be evident as they manage finances, mentor students and staff, and homeschool their youngest.
- 28. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Leon and Naomi Zimmerman as they minister to others through training around the world. Ask the Lord to equip them as they lead marriage courses and mentor leaders. Ask God to direct them to effective strategies, as well as empower their training and teaching.
- 29. Pray for your pastor's personal walk with God—that his soul and spirit will be nourished and strengthened in his quiet time with God, beyond his sermon preparation. Pray that he will spend more time in the Word of God than reading Christian books and articles.
- 30. Welsh Mountain Home, an affiliate of Landis Communities, provides personal care at affordable rates for persons needing personal care. Please pray that individuals and organizations will continue their strong support of this important ministry with deep roots in LMC. Their mission is to serve adults from diverse backgrounds and income levels by enriching the quality of life and maintaining the dignity of those they care for with Christ-like love.
- 31. On this day, when many celebrate Halloween, let us intercede for children and families who may see it as only an innocent event. Pray that the Holy Spirit would bring confusion to the enemy's plans and protect the vulnerable. Ask that many believers would be eager to pray, to witness with love, and to direct others to the light of Christ.

"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

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