



Angelus: A call to pray

December 2025

1. Please join us in thanking God with Pastor Mike Shank and Cedar Street Mennonite Church for the provision of enough funds to begin construction on their daycare project on December 1. This is a wonderful praise! They also ask for continued prayer as they work to raise the remaining funds needed to complete the project.
2. Pray that God would bring many who need Jesus to the "Live Nativity" at Willow Street Mennonite Church, and that the Holy Spirit would open hearts to Him.
3. Please keep Iglesia Alfa y Omega in Los Fresnos, TX in your prayers as they are facing very difficult times both personally and in their ministry. Their pastors and congregation are experiencing persecution and significant obstacles that make it challenging to serve their community and carry out pastoral visits. They ask for prayer for strength, protection, unity, perseverance, and for God to open doors so they can continue serving faithfully. They are deeply grateful for your prayers and support.
4. Joe and Yvonne - LMC International Partner Delegates, along with 4 young adults, will be traveling to Tanzania from December 4-16 to the National Menn. Youth Conf. in Shinyanga Dec. 8-14. Pray for Joe and the team as he (with the team) leads a session each day from the theme- "Putting Christ's Kingdom on Display".
5. Remember the students and coaches involved in the winter 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.
6. Pray for William Higgins as he prepares to teach in March in Vietnam, including a new course on the Gospel of Mark. Pray that things will go well and that the material will equip and bless the students and leaders who gather.
7. 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.
8. Pray for God to continue to prompt young adults to explore a call to missions through a mission internship with EMM in Central Asia.
9. Lancaster Mennonite School students will be presenting Christmas concerts on December 9, 11, and 12. 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.
10. Please pray for the Credentialing Commissioning as they will meet today. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance.
11. Please pray for strength for Centro Misionero Cristiano's ministry leaders and for God to give them new strategies to work according to the Lord's will.
12. The LMC mission statement says we are a Spirit-led movement. Pray that bishops are given wisdom and specific insight into making this more and more a God glorifying reality, and many people move toward Jesus by the leading of the Holy Spirit.
13. Pray for the STEP classes meeting today. Ask God to bless the students and facilitators with meaningful learning, good connections, and a joyful time of celebration together.
14. Pray for discernment and connections for Jan Heindel as she seeks partners and opportunities to offer spiritual care to local and expat communities.
15. Pray for God to call volunteers for the programs at Neighbors Community Center, at Hub450, our building in Lancaster, PA.
16. Pray that God would give Vojta and Stacy Prknovi local teammates in the Czech Republic for a closer connection in church planting.
17. Please pray that God may place a desire in the entire Centro Misionero Cristiano's congregation to seek more of His presence. May their communion with God in the name of Jesus help us grow spiritually so that we can grow as a body of Christ and as a church.
18. Join Elizabeth* praising the Lord for sending some amazing and specific answers to her October request about her

- family visiting. From December 15 through 18, about ten local women from around the county will be meeting in a central city to fast, pray, and seek the Lord together. Join them in asking for God-encounters that lead to personal and wide-scale breakthroughs.
19. Please pray for the Bishop Board/Conference Executive Council as they meet, asking God to give them wisdom, unity, and clarity as they look toward the future of LMC. May the Holy Spirit guide their conversations and strengthen their leadership.
 20. Pray that all Lancaster Mennonite School students, faculty and staff can relax and enjoy the Christmas break. Remember those that will be traveling and pray that this Christmas season is a safe and meaningful time for all with family and friends. Also pray that those who may feel loss at this time of year will find support and comfort from others.
 21. Pray for God to call pioneer church planters into the harvest field of Thailand to join the team there.
 22. Please pray for the people of Bonthe district in Sierra Leone, that the Light of Christ will dispel spiritual darkness. Pray that the Christmas celebration hosted by Nyandengoh children with disabilities and their families will bring hope and encouragement.
 23. Pray for God to continue to prompt young adults to explore a call to missions through a mission internship with EMM in Southeast Asia.
 24. Pastor Felix Rocha asks to please pray for God's protection and favor over our community of Hispanics as ICE begins operations in our city and prepares for mass raids. Many in our churches lack legal status, and some families are already facing separation. We ask for God's covering, peace, and intervention for every affected family.
 25. Join Gerry and Donna Keener in prayer for the recently formed Evangelical Peacebuilding Team in Vietnam to grow skills in coaching and mediation to effectively guide people through conflict in order to experience reconciled relationships in marriages, families, and in the church.
 26. May God renew Pastor Aristidez Shee's strength and give him the wisdom and understanding so that both him and the entire congregation may walk in the character of God and work according to His will.
 27. Please pray for revival in our churches. Pastors have noticed how prayer gatherings often start strong but quickly fade due to busy schedules, comfort, or not seeing prayer as "active" work. What we truly need is a renewed hunger for God and a united commitment to seek Him together. As Dr. Orr said, "There has never been a spiritual awakening that did not begin with united, sustained prayer." May God stir that in us again.
 28. May we all take time to sit and worship at the feet of Jesus as we remember and celebrate His birth.
 29. Pray for LMC leadership and staff as we transition to a new governance model in January 2026.
 30. Praise God for his provision and faithfulness during the past year. This has been a year of many changes and transitions for LMC and God's grace has been guiding and sustaining us. We give thanks.
 31. Please pray for God's blessings over LMC in the coming year—over our bishops, pastors, leaders, and every organization that serves with God's heart. Ask the Lord to strengthen their vision, renew their joy, and guide every step of their ministry. May His favor rest on our entire fellowship as we serve Him together.

**Name(s) changed or the last name(s) omitted for sensitivity reasons.*