



Angelus: A call to pray

August 2026

1. *"What do workers gain from their toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet^{1a} no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live."* Ecclesiastes 3:10-12
2. Join EMM and William Higgins in prayer for his trip to Kenya during the first two weeks of this month. Pray for safe travel, good health, and for blessings as he teaches two classes in the Kenya Mennonite School in Migori (MATCO)
3. Please pray for Conrad Kanagy and Felix V. de Kunkle as they share their stories at Mennonite Life's Annual Storytelling Night at Forest Hills Mennonite Church. Pray that God will guide their words, open hearts, and use their stories to encourage, connect, and inspire those who listen.
4. The summer months can be hard on Facilities and Grounds team members at Landis Communities who are working outside or in hot spaces. Please pray for safety as they work and for times of rest and cooling
5. Continue to pray for Yellow Creek Mennonite church's pastoral search process.
6. Please keep Alfa and Omega congregation and the pastor Carlos Cedillo in your prayers, asking that God continue to fill them with His Holy Spirit so that we may always teach and preach under the anointing; please also pray regarding the persecution of immigrants, both in the state of Texas and nationwide.
7. Remember Lancaster Mennonite School administration and staff as a new school year begins this month. Pray that any remaining open positions will be filled and that everyone will experience a sense of anticipation and hope for the upcoming year.
8. Pray for the STEP program and all the participants as they begin this season of learning and discernment. Ask God to prepare their hearts, give them teachable spirits, and strengthen the relationships they will build with one another. Pray for the instructors and mentors as they equip and encourage leaders for faithful ministry.
9. Pray for young adult participants in Mennonite Central Committee's Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program as they begin 11 months of working alongside MCC partners around the world.
10. Please pray for Leon and Naomi Zimmerman as they hold numerous virtual teaching sessions each week. Many sessions turn into mentoring as we discuss how to strengthen their marriages and parent their children. Most recently they are developing lessons on how young adults may find their life partner. (A possible trip to Halle, Germany is in the works but not finalized related to this latter teaching/mentoring possibility.)
11. Please join EMM and Mike and Nancy Hostetter in prayer that God will provide a full-time English teacher and part-time English teachers for the remainder of the school year for PROMESA Mennonite School in Cusco, Peru, which ends in December.
12. Pray for the Credentialing Commission as they evaluate, encourage, and affirm those who are pursuing ministry credentials. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide every conversation and decision with wisdom, grace, truth, and discernment.
13. Join EMM and J.C. Ebersole in praying for the All-nations Association of Bible Schools (AABS) Africa Director as he works to expand AABS into several countries in East Africa. Pray for divine connections and favor with church leaders and a productive visit in each country.
14. Pray for the members of the EMM Board as they gather to seek God's direction. Ask for wisdom, unity, discernment, and a shared commitment to God's mission. May every conversation and decision reflect His heart and bring glory to Him.

15. Join EMM and Phil and Linda Gottschalk in praising God for their safe journey from Bucharest to Romania to Lancaster. Praise God for the positive time of connections and refreshment in the Netherlands. Pray for their continued role teaching online with the Baptist Theological Institute in Bucharest, Romania
16. Pray with EMM for Karen Hess as she interacts with mothers who visit Crossroads library in Prague, Czech Republic. Pray for meaningful conversations with those who are seeking, that they would be drawn closer to God as he meets them in their journey.
17. Pray with EMM for Vojta and Stacy Prknovi, who are entering a time of sabbatical. Pray for the ability to hear God's voice and to walk in obedience to the things he's calling them to."
18. August 18-20 is a time for staff development at Lancaster Mennonite School. Remember the faculty as they prepare for a successful school year and pray for wisdom and strength as they teach and model the life and teachings of Christ for their students each day.
19. Join EMM and Brody and Abigail* in praying for wisdom and discernment for support raising and for a smooth transition as they move out of their home. Join them in praising God for unexpected blessings, including a gift of a travel stroller from a stranger at an airport, and a positive experience in Launch training.
20. Join EMM and Mark and Sarah Schoenhals in prayer for physical, spiritual, and relational protection over members of LEC house churches in Northeast Thailand as disciples of Jesus and seek to disciple others.
21. Join EMM and Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin in prayer for their children, Anjali, Manny, and Tierzah, as they begin a new school year; for new friendships and growing in their relationship with God.
22. Join EMM in prayer for Carissa Sherer as she is in the states for 3 weeks this month. Ask the Lord to fill her trip with rest, meaningful time with family, and renewed connections with friends and supporters.
23. Pray with EMM for Daryl and Jen Hoover as they transition from Costa Rica to Pennsylvania. Pray for those filling their roles at VidaNet. Pray for their son Adam as he starts a new school with new friends.
24. Remember Lancaster Mennonite students and faculty as they begin the new school year on August 25. Pray that anxious students are welcomed and feel a sense of calmness and are excited and prepared for a good year.
25. Pray for the Financial Committee as they steward the resources God has entrusted to the ministry. Ask for wisdom, integrity, and discernment as they make decisions that will support the mission and strengthen the work of the church.
26. Pray for the Credentialing Commission as they evaluate, encourage, and affirm those who are pursuing ministry credentials. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide every conversation and decision with wisdom, grace, truth, and discernment.
27. Pray for the Executive Bishop Team as they lead through seasons of transition across LMC. Ask God to grant them wisdom, compassion, patience, and discernment as they walk alongside pastors and congregations. May they be instruments of peace, unity, and hope, faithfully following the leading of the Holy Spirit in every situation.
28. Pray with EMM for Jon and Heleen Yoder as they prepare for a visit to Sierra Leone in the coming months to support the local team at the beginning of a new school year.
29. Join EMM and Timothy and Madison* in thanking God for twenty years on the field and being able to see their twins graduate in May! They never dreamed this would be possible, but God has done exceedingly more than they could have imagined in work and school. All glory and praise to Him!
30. Pray for our pastors—for renewed strength, wisdom, and spiritual clarity. May God protect their hearts and families, guide their leadership, and fill them with peace and grace as they serve.
31. Please pray for the health and well-being of our LMC staff. Ask God to strengthen, renew, and encourage each person. May His peace and healing be with them as they serve.

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