



Angelus: A call to pray

July 2026

1. *"They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor ... For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations."* Isaiah 61:3, 10-11
2. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions and Elizabeth* in prayer for her home leave this summer. Since she only sees her family once every two years, pray that she can have quality time with each family member, especially her 8 nieces and nephews, aged 1-14.
3. Pray for Friendship Community's unity across generations, spiritual growth among every member, and boldness to share the hope of the Gospel with their surrounding community. May the Holy Spirit lead them into new opportunities to serve in a special need community.
4. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Brody and Abigail* in prayer for their family to experience peace, wisdom, and energy, as recent days have brought stressors. Praise God that their condo sold quickly, and for each of the new financial partners who have come alongside them.
5. Join EMM and Carissa Sherer in praying for the children with special needs that she works with, and ask God to reveal His love to each one in a way that they can understand.
6. Join EMM and Jon and Heleen Yoder in prayer for rural Sierra Leone, where the rainy season affects access to health care, distribution of essential medicines, and home visits facilitated by Nyandengoh! for children with disabilities. Please pray for protection for the children and for the team as they faithfully serve in this challenging season.
7. Pray with EMM for Linda and Phil Gottschalk, as earlier this month, they left Europe to return to Lancaster, Pa. Pray for them as they continue to serve with EMM as non-resident workers for the next three years, teaching online with a school in Romania, and working with the Christian-Muslim Relations team.
8. Please pray for LMC's Credentialing Commissioning meeting today. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the leaders and bishops in attendance.
9. Pray for the students, faculty, staff, administrators, and families of Lancaster Mennonite School. Ask the Lord to cultivate a love for Him, a passion for learning, and hearts that seek to serve others. Pray for wisdom and discernment for school leaders, strength and encouragement for teachers, and a safe, nurturing environment where every student can grow academically, spiritually, and personally.
10. Pray for the pastors, leaders, and congregations within the Hispanic churches of LMC. May they be rooted in God's Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and faithful in making disciples. Ask God to strengthen families, raise up the next generation of leaders, and expand opportunities to share the hope of Jesus Christ in every community they serve.
11. Pray for the Bishop Executive Team as they provide spiritual oversight and leadership for LMC. Ask the Lord to grant them wisdom, discernment, humility, and unity as they seek His guidance in every decision.
12. Pray for the residents, families, caregivers, staff, and chaplains of Landis Community Homes. Ask the Lord to fill this community with His peace, joy, and compassion, and to strengthen those who provide care each day with wisdom, patience, and Christlike love.
13. Join EMM and Darrel and Miriam* in prayer for continued steadfast faith in Jesus for the 11 people who were baptized in June. Pray for the Persian church plant to continue to find unity as they grow together. Pray also for good connections with supporters during home leaves.
14. Pray that the Friendship Community would continue to be a place where people encounter the love and transforming power of Jesus Christ. Ask the Lord to strengthen its leaders with wisdom, humility, and discernment as they shepherd the congregation.

15. Pray with EMM for Nour Ambuamsha, who served as an IVEP placement with EMM from last July until earlier this month. Pray for her as she adjusts to life back at home in Beit Jala, Palestine.
16. Join EMM and Sonya Harnish in prayer for spiritual and physical stamina for Crossroads Camp staff and volunteers as they serve Albanian children, youth, and church during the 12-week summer camp season.
17. Pray for the Bishop Team as they will be meeting at Groffdale Mennonite Church today.
18. May Lancaster Mennonite School continue to equip young people to follow Jesus faithfully and impact the world with His love and truth. Pray that during this summer break the students and teachers can recharge their batteries.
19. Pray for the LMC Shalom Council as they provide spiritual leadership and encouragement to Hispanic congregations across the United States and internationally. Ask the Lord to grant them wisdom, unity, discernment, and a deep dependence on the Holy Spirit as they seek to strengthen and equip the churches entrusted to their care.
20. Join EMM and Vojta and Stacy Prknovi in prayer for believers in the Czech house church network to grow in surrender, obedience, and courage.
21. Pray for the LMC staff as they serve churches, leaders, and ministries throughout the conference. Ask the Lord to grant them wisdom, joy, unity, and strength as they faithfully support the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.
22. Please pray for LMC's Credentialing Commissioning meeting today. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the leaders and bishops in attendance.
23. Pray for the Hispanic Ministry Support Team (Adalberto Santiago, Dean Kunkle, and Felix de Kunkle) as they serve and provide support to the Hispanic districts and congregations within LMC. Ask the Lord to grant them wisdom, discernment, strength, and a heart deeply guided by the Holy Spirit as they walk alongside leaders, pastors, and churches.
24. Pray for the pastors and bishops of LMC as they shepherd God's people with faithfulness and compassion. Ask the Lord to fill them with wisdom, discernment, and courage as they preach His Word, care for their congregations, and lead with humility and integrity.
25. Pray for the continued growth of the Hispanic ministry throughout LMC and beyond. Ask God to open doors for new church plants, strengthen partnerships across cultures and nations, and deepen the unity of the body of Christ. May every congregation be a living testimony of God's love, extending His peace, grace, and hope to people from every nation, tribe, and language.
26. Pray that God would encourage and sustain each member of the LMC staff spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Ask Him to bless their families, renew their passion for ministry, and provide the resources, creativity, and perseverance needed to serve the churches with excellence and humility.
27. Pray for pastors and bishops and their families, asking God to protect, encourage, and renew them through the Holy Spirit. May He strengthen their love for Christ and enable their ministries to bear lasting fruit as they equip others to follow Jesus and advance His Kingdom.
28. Pray that the Holy Spirit would continually renew and strengthen the Bishop Executive Team. Ask God to protect them and their families, sustain them with His peace and grace, and equip them to encourage pastors, bishops, congregations, and ministry leaders.
29. Remember Lancaster Mennonite School administration and staff as a new school year begins next 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.
30. Pray for the congregations that are joining LMC. Ask the Lord to bless them as they become part of this fellowship of churches, building strong relationships marked by trust, unity, and mutual encouragement.
31. Pray for the Hispanic Ministry Support Team as they serve Hispanic ministries across LMC. May God open doors for connection, encourage unity, strengthen relationships, and equip churches to faithfully follow Jesus and share the hope of the Gospel.

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