



Angelus: A call to pray

September 2026

1. *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9
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 allows them to show Christ's love to their students as they teach and guide them.
3. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions and Jan Heindel in praying for the leadership team of the church plant in Dobříš to have wisdom for how to follow up well with students from summer camps. Ask the Lord to inspire more mission vision with their community and provide the laborers needed.
4. Please pray for the Sunnyway Early Learning Center as they trust God to provide for their financial needs. A construction bill is coming due, and they are unsure where the funds will come from. Pray for God's provision and for the right resources to meet this need. pray for the search for a new director. May God lead them to a Spirit-filled leader who will bring wisdom, vision, compassion, and a heart for the children, families, and staff at Sunnyway.
5. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the Executive Bishop Team and the Board as Tuyen Nguyen retires at the end of December 2026 and Keith Blank retires at the end of May 2027.
6. 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.
7. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Karen Hess as she meets with young college-aged women and young mothers at the beginning of a new school year. Pray for wisdom and encouraging words to share.
8. Please pray for East Petersburg Church as they prepare to launch their small group ministry in January 2027. Please pray the Lord raises up group leaders and for connection in the body through the small groups.
9. Please pray for the Credentialing Commission as they meet today. Pray for discernment and encouragement for the commissioning and the pastors being interviewed.
10. Continue to pray for Yellow Creek Mennonite church pastor search process and pastoral transitions.
11. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions and Jon and Heleen Yoder in prayer that God will call a couple to come alongside the Nyandengoh team to serve children with disabilities and their families in a Muslim context in Sierra Leone.
12. STEP Invitation to pray for STEP students and instructors as the first class is September 12. Pray for protection, time management and ability to listen and respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd.
13. Pray with Mennonite Central Committee for the work of peacemakers around the world, and for God's leading in addressing conflict and war in all their forms.
14. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Phil and Linda Gottschalk as they acculturate to the US after 40 years in Europe. Pray for their new three-year term as non-resident EMM workers. They will continue to teach online for the Baptist Theological Institute in Bucharest, Romania. Phil will also work with the EMM Christian-Muslim Relations Team.
15. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Elizabeth* as she completes and releases a book she is writing. Pray for her as she prepares to host a short-term team in Central Asia during the first week of October. The team comprises participants from five countries.
16. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions, Mark and Sarah Schoenhals, and Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin in

prayer for the Isaan Doorways Partnership Gathering, Sept 16-20, in Det Udom. This brings together various organizational partners and LEC leaders, all working to prepare new workers to serve long-term in the Isaan region.

17. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Brody and Abigail* that the Lord would provide the funds needed for them to begin their term. Pray that He would also raise up the church partners needed to support them in mission.
18. Please pray for the Board meeting so that the Holy Spirit will guide every conversation and decision, give them wisdom and unity, as they seek God's will for LMC.
19. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions and J.C. Ebersole in prayer for All-nations Association of Bible Schools (AABS) as they build a team of business persons who will travel overseas and train the teachers of their associated schools to teach the new Small Business Development course in addition to the theological courses.
20. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Austin and Griselder Zuercher during their home leave. Pray that they can connect well with supporters, raise the needed funds, and recruit MST members for the needed roles. Pray for Griselda as she works to improve her English during this time.
21. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in continuing to lift Peter and Christy* in prayer for their move to Lebanon.
22. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions and A and A* in asking the Lord to complete the funding for the reconstruction of a one-room nursery and women's literacy center in the village they relate to in the Atlas mountains.
23. Please pray for the Credentialing Commission as they meet today. Pray for discernment and encouragement for the commissioning and the pastors being interviewed.
24. Please pray for Millersville Mennonite Church as the congregation prepares to conclude its regular church services next year. Pray for God's guidance and peace throughout this season of transition, and especially for the pastor as they lead and walk alongside the congregation during this time. Pray for each person as they discern where God may be leading them to worship and become part of a new congregation. May the Lord bring hope to the church family, and may His peace be present in every conversation and decision along the way.
25. Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring repentance, revival and renewal among our congregations!
26. Please pray for all the caregivers across Landis Communities, especially those who serve during the overnight hours at Landis Homes, Welsh Mountain Home and Landis at Home.
27. Today is the Homecoming and Fall Festival at Lancaster Mennonite School. 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 our bishops and leaders as they pastor congregations.
29. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions and Jonathan Bornman in prayer for partners in Tanzania as they work to dub the Unexpected Peace documentary into Swahili for distribution in East Africa.
30. Please 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.

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