

Angelus: A Call to Prayer

April 2017

1. Please pray for tonight's Marriage Enrichment evening at Community Mennonite Fellowship. Pray for the speakers, Jim and Esther Lapp, and for couples to be encouraged and challenged.
2. Pray for Michael Sharp, his family, and for others affected by his and his co-worker's kidnapping in the DRC. Pray for the captors and those working for their release.
3. Pray for Vision Columbia's leadership team as they discuss and discern about a big change in direction, for the congregation.
4. As spring comes, please pray for those who are impacted by severe seasonal allergies. This especially affects those who are aging and are not able to be in air-conditioned settings. Pray that caregivers from Landis At Home can help those suffering in this way.
5. Ask the Lord for a revival in the Rohrerstown congregation (and all congregations) and surrounding community.
6. Pray that Tim and Julie Groff will have discernment in choosing between many possible ministry activities among the Garifuna people, in Belize. Pray also for their three boys, as they are undergoing a difficult adjustment to their new schools.
7. Pray for hurting marriages in the Roedersville congregation (and all congregations) and in Pastor Daryl Martin's family. Ask God's goodness and blessing on all marriages.
8. Pray for the three classes of STEP students who meet today. Continue to pray for the STEP advisors as they discern the future of the STEP program.
9. Rejoice with Amanda and Bobby Peoples as many of the orphans they work with have recently had birthdays and are continuing to grow in love! Pray that the children continue to grow in good health and joy, knowing they are loved by God.
10. As Allyah and Zach Miller serve Kenya while living in the U.S., pray that their efforts will be fruitful and lead to multiplication. May God grant them peace in their transition from Kenya back to the U.S., and discernment in this next stage of their service.
11. Pray for Mark and Sarah Schoenhals and their two girls as they begin several months of sabbatical in the U.S. Pray for much-needed rest and refreshment physically, spiritually, and relationally. Pray for the girls' transition to life in the U.S. as they miss their regular life in Thailand.
12. Credentialing Commission interviews take place today. Pray for the commission members and for each leader being interviewed.
13. Tyler Auker is serving for three months as a mission intern in Germany. As he learns more about the heart of Christ alongside refugees, pray that he will bring hope to many.

14. Betsy Stewart is on a six-month mission internship in Kenya. Pray that the Lord would show her areas where she is able to use her gifts to minister in ways she may not have been expecting.
15. Pray for all who attend the Easter Sunrise Service at Black Rock Retreat. May the joy of Jesus' resurrection increase our faith and trust when we face our own pain and suffering.
16. He is risen! Praise God for his gift of hope and salvation.
17. Please pray for Thelma Hershey, from Rohrerstown Mennonite Church, who is recovering from open-heart surgery.
18. Pray for Abigail (*not her real name*), a new worker who is still discerning where in Africa God wants her to serve. May she settle in an area that will be blessed by her medical skills and Christian witness.
19. An orientation for newly/recently credentialed leaders takes place this evening at the Conference Office. Pray for opportunities for all in attendance to learn, network, and be encouraged.
20. Ask God's blessing and direction on today's Strategic Direction Task Force meeting.
21. Pray for the Board of Bishops as they meet today.
22. EMM's Board of Directors is a varied group of women and men. Thank God for them and pray for wisdom as they care for the work of God through EMM.
23. Pray for healing for Mary Becken, from Rohrerstown Mennonite Church, who is experiencing back pain.
24. Jan Heindel is beginning a daily practice of intentionally trusting God each morning and thanking Him each night. Pray that she will develop a deeper walk with God through this exercise.
25. Pray for those struggling with a bondage to pornography. Ask for wisdom for those who minister to those entangled in this sin, and for freedom and victory!
26. Pray for Joe and Gloria Bontrager as they continue work with the Kenyan church while living in the U.S. Pray for an easy adjustment into retirement, good connections with family, and discernment in this next phase of their service.
27. Pray for Daniela (*not her real name*), a mission intern in East Africa, as she learns an unfamiliar language and forms fledgling relationships in a new area of service.
28. Pray for Jamie and Anita Farr as they continue to support the work of Bible translation around the world. Praise God that many people groups already have Bible translations in their heart languages!
29. Pray for the youth groups who will participate in Kingdom teams this coming summer. Pray that the hearts of the youth will be fertile soil for what the Lord wants to plant in them while they reach out to refugees in Lancaster.
30. Pray for new workers Daryl and Jen Hoover and their four boys as they adjust to life on the mission field, especially in the areas of learning fluent Spanish and finding friends for the boys.