

# *Angelus:* A Call to Prayer

## August 2017

1. Pray for the 2018 Celebration of Church Life (CCL) Planning Committee, as they hold their first meeting today to prepare for the March 23-24 CCL event.
2. Pray with Community Mennonite Fellowship's youth group as they return from mission trips. May they have many exciting God stories and experiences to share.
3. Pray for the new Executive Director of Black Rock Retreat as he joins the leadership team this month.
4. Please pray as various small groups are reaching out to neighbors this summer, especially children.
5. "Gateway cities" are large urban centers where a variety of immigrants settle, creating a place where many nations meet. Pray for workers bearing the blessings of the kingdom of God to be sent to these gateway cities, including places like Marseilles (France) and New York City.
6. In October, a group is going on a fundraising adventure trek in the Andes Mountains to raise money for the PROMESA school's new building. Pray for people to sponsor the trekkers, so that more Peruvian children can have access to high-quality Christian education.
7. Thank the Lord for EMM's summer Kingdom teams, which pair local youth with refugee youth in meaningful ways! Pray that God will use these experiences to grow compassion in the hearts of all participating youth.
8. Pray with Community Mennonite Fellowship in Milton, as they continue to search for an Interim Pastor.
9. Ask God's blessing and direction on the interviews that take place today between the Lancaster Conference Credentialing Commission and new leaders.
10. As J.C. Ebersole serves as director of the Africa Association of Bible Schools, may he be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord and knowing that his labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).
11. Pray with Carpenter Community Church, as they trust God to provide the finances to purchase a property.
12. Continue to pray for the many EMM workers on home leave this summer. As they share about their ministry with friends, family, and supporting congregations, may hearts be touched by the many needs and opportunities to serve around the world.
13. Pray for Christian entrepreneurs to serve in closed regions of East Asia, doing business while living out the gospel in word and deed among people with no other Christian witness.
14. Pray for Black Rock Retreat's Family Camp, that all who attend will build a stronger family. Their theme verse is Joshua 24:15b "...as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."
15. Pray that Tim and Julie Groff will have clarity in the midst of a busy time in their ministry in Belize. Thank God for the extra discipleship opportunities in this summer season when many youth are on summer vacation.

16. Pray for the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society's Bookworm Frolic that begins today. Ask God to provide clear weather and lots of bookworms!
17. Continue to pray for the Strategic Direction Task Force as they meet today, to continue to discuss what the future of LMC may look like.
18. Teachers Linda and Phil Gottschalk are thankful for the many recent graduates of Tyndale Theological Seminary in The Netherlands. Join them in praying for the next steps that these new graduates will take in sharing Jesus all over the world.
19. Pray for the Study and Training for Effective Pastoral Ministry (STEP) orientation that takes place today and for the students as they begin their assignments for the upcoming school year.
20. Pray for Daniela (*not her real name*) as she returns from her yearlong internship in East Africa. Ask the Lord for wisdom and guidance as she transitions to life in the U.S. and discerns her next steps.
21. Pray for a smooth transition for new students enrolling at Lancaster Mennonite School.
22. Pray with Carpenter Community Church for God to provide the finances to build a sanctuary, altar platform, lobby, classrooms, office space, gym, youth center, kitchen and fellowship hall and great bathrooms.
23. Praise God for the opportunities Christian/Muslim Relations Team member Jonathan Bornman has had to bring Christian and Muslim communities closer through dialogue, peacemaking, hospitality, and Christian witness. Pray for focus as he pursues a PhD from the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies.
24. Pray for vision in how we (the body of Christ) can create new faith communities to make ourselves available to the people in Lancaster and beyond.
25. Ask God to guide and direct those who participate in today's Bishop Board meeting.
26. Pray for Josie Groff as she prepares to serve on a three-month mission internship in an orphanage in Guatemala. May she show Christ's abundant love to the children living there.
27. Ask God to clearly lead several bishop search processes that are currently underway.
28. Clara (*not her real name*) and her missionary team have been intentional about praying over many cities in their country of service. Pray with them that God's presence is made known in those places. Also, pray for inspiration and revelation from God to direct Clara in her ministry.
29. Pray for more volunteers to serve at Landis Homes.
30. The refugee crisis of the past few years has left millions of people needing hope and help. EMM has opportunities for workers to help displaced people in East Africa, Germany, and other locations. Pray for people to take these opportunities to share Christ's light in our broken world.
31. As the end of summer approaches and harvest time arrives, let's pray for more workers to enter into God's work. EMM's motto is "Everyone moving in mission," and our prayer is to see many participate in God's mission in the ways they were created to do.