

## **Daily Prayers for Mennonite Education**

December 1 – 31, 2021

1. **Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** Pray for our students, faculty, and staff as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

### **MEA's Bible Institute, Instituto Bíblico**

**Anabautista (IBA):** Pray for the IBA students at the Seguidores de Cristo Church study center in Sarasota, FL, as they begin the course "Church History." Pray for their tutors: Juan J. Rivera, Isaac Rivera, and Miriam Martinez. May God's wisdom and patience be with them as they teach this group of students. Pray that this ministry of leadership training will be a blessing for the students, their congregations, and the community.

2. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Give thanks for !Explore, a summer program in which high school students explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and develop their leadership skills. Pray for those who are applying for the 2022 cohort, which will attend Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia.

### **Mennonite Early Childhood Network:**

Pray for wisdom while shopping and planning Christmas celebrations in the family, church and school to arrange for children to experience the joy of giving as they share God's extravagant love with others.

3. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for Goshen College students who are participating in the annual Festival of Carols this week.

4. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for Bluffton's winter athletes competing in basketball, indoor track and field, and new this year, swimming and diving. May they be safe and healthy while strengthening their teamwork and leadership skills.

5. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Thank God for the gift of music, and that Bethel College students and audiences can experience live seasonal music this week: Steel Drum Band Christmas concert; sing-along to Christmas portions of the *Messiah* with chamber orchestra; and Christmas Gala Jazz.

6. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for Goshen College students who are taking their final exams.

**Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for the junior cohort of business management students as they complete their first semester in Hesston's brand-new program.

7. **Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Pray for our students and staff as we celebrate the birth of Christ in lessons, concerts, and other special activities. We look for Christ's hope, peace, love and joy to be especially clear during this season.

### **Mennonite Early Childhood Network:**

Ask God to forgive us and our rich nation for bombarding children with the marketing of toys, clothing and other "wants," yet failing to respond meaningfully to children's emotional, physical, social, and academic "needs." Pray for God's merciful guidance and wisdom.

8. **Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA:** At tomorrow night's Christmas program, pray that our students' sharing of God's light and peace may be experienced by those in attendance.
- Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** Pray for continued learning opportunities as we strive to nurture and mentor our students as we Walk the Walk.
9. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for the students, faculty, staff and community members who are coming together this Sunday to perform "Messiah" at Bluffton University. May those in attendance witness the love of God through the beautiful scripture, lyrics and music performed at this annual event.
- Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:** Since 1948, Eastern Mennonite School students have learned about generosity by raising support for the school's annual student fund drive over Christmas. Thank God for donors who make our schools possible!
10. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Semester One courses end today at AMBS. Give thanks with students and faculty for the learning, personal and spiritual growth, and community building that have taken place in these online, hybrid and on-campus courses.
- Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Pray that that our teachers and staff continue to be positive examples to our students and that the mission of Central to "know Christ and make Christ known" is evident to all.
11. **The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Pray for the gun violence within Philadelphia, for healing of pain, trauma and brokenness. Pray for peace, reconciliation and justice, and that all may live in safety and wholeness.
12. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Give thanks for the light of Christ who came into the world, and for the Bethel College community being able to participate in person in the Lighting of the Green tonight.
- Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** All Lancaster Mennonite School campuses will be presenting Christmas concerts from December 13-21. Pray that all students will perform to the best of their ability, that everyone will be calm, and that students, faculty and those attending the concerts will feel the presence of God as they celebrate the joy of the birth of Christ.
13. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for Bethel College students taking final exams, especially first-year students, and for faculty as they prepare semester grades.
- Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for safe travels home, whether home is near or far, for EMU students who finish exams this week and begin their Christmas break.
14. **Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, PA:** Pray that Christmas events at Shalom Christian Academy will be meaningful to all who attend and participate.
15. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for Bluffton students as they complete finals and return home for Christmas. May their minds be sharp and their travels safe.
16. **The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Give thanks that The City School was able to provide in-person instruction during this pandemic. Pray for strength for hard working teachers, continual growth for our enrollment, and for the well-being of each of the campus principals and office managers.

17. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for Goshen College basketball players as they compete this month.
- Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for the Hesston College advancement team as they solidify plans for the future of Hesston's campus.
18. **Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, PA:** The HMS high school Venture Program students have job shadowing days and internships at local businesses. Please pray that the students grow hearts of service in any and all vocations they are exploring. Pray for mentoring business leaders as they model integrity, service, and Christian discipleship in their workplaces.
19. **Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** Pray for our student athletes playing basketball. As they practice, compete, and travel through the winter season, pray for the continued health and safety of our teams and coaches, for spectators coming onto our campus, and for our fans; that all will be well.
20. **Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for Eastern Mennonite School teachers during this break that they will rest and feel renewed for the challenges of a new year as we move into another winter with COVID mitigation strategies in place.
- Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** Pray for wisdom and clarity as the administration leads the school, and pray for the faculty, that they will feel confident and a sense of unity and support.
21. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** On the longest night of the year in the Western Hemisphere, remember Bethel College students – all students – who may be separated from friends and family, who are feeling lonely at this time of the year, and who especially need to sense God's presence.
22. **Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Pray that the renovations continue to go forward with health and safety for all involved.
- Colegio Américas Unidas, Cali, Colombia:** We give thanks for our school as we celebrate our 56<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary today, December 22, 2021. Pray for financial provision and successful fundraising activities planned by the administrative board to continue serving our low-income community with high-quality education and an emphasis peace and conflict resolution and promoting business managers. We praise God for 56 years of serving the community of Cali, Colombia, and the world!
23. **Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** Pray that all Lancaster Mennonite School students, faculty and staff can relax and enjoy the Christmas break. Remember those that will be traveling and pray that this Christmas season is a safe and meaningful time for all with family and friends. Also pray that those who may feel loss at this time of year will find support and comfort from others.
- Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** We give praise as we continue to remain healthy as a school community. Pray for continued well-being for our entire school family.
24. **Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** As we celebrate Christmas with Afghan refugees in our area, pray that they will find their refuge and hope in Jesus Christ. Pray for God's continued grace, love, and faithfulness in our lives and community.
25. **Bluffton (OH) University:** "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:14 Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year!

26. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray that EMU faculty, staff and students may experience the joy of this Christmas season and be renewed by time with family, rest and the hope of Emmanuel, God with us.
27. **Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Please join us in praying that the Board's search process for a superintendent is faithful and successful.
- MEA's Hispanic Seminary: Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH):** We give thanks for donors who have been faithfully supporting biblical and theological education to Hispanic Mennonite leaders from the USA and other Latin American countries. May God bless them for sharing what they have.
28. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Pray for those who are considering deepening their faith and strengthening their leadership skills through Journey, AMBS's distance-friendly, nondegree leadership development program. May they sense the Spirit's leading in their discernment process.
- Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray that the 22 men and 15 women participating in EMU's men's and women's basketball teams experience the joy of team triumphs and personal growth as they begin their seasons.
29. **Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** Pray for our teachers, who are overwhelmed with the work in school and the Roma and Afghan Refugees Projects. Pray that God will give them all the strength, love, and resources to keep these projects alive and flourishing.
30. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Pray for AMBS's Development Team members as they connect with people to support AMBS's mission of educating and preparing Christian leaders, and give thanks for donors who generously respond to this call.
- Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** We pray that small expressions of service will become lifelong expressions of faith for our students.
31. **Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** We praise God for a good school year and for seeing new people coming to God's Kingdom!

Mennonite Education Agency (MEA), is the education agency of Mennonite Church USA. These prayer requests were gathered from across all levels of Mennonite education, from early childhood programs through grade 12 schools, undergraduate schools, graduate schools and seminaries, and MEA's Hispanic Ministries' Anabaptist seminary and Bible institute. By partnering with these schools and educational programs and helping them flourish, MEA works to strengthen the church through education.

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