



Prayers for Mennonite Education

September 2021

Daily prayers for September 1 – 30, 2021

1. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our students, faculty and staff as Bluffton University's fall 2021 semester begins. May we learn from each other, embrace new opportunities and better the world together.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School:

We share our theme for the year, "Walk the Walk" (Eph. 4:1-3), and pray that Christ continues to guide our students, families, faculty, and staff on our journey this year.

2. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for Dr. Jackie Font-Guzmán as she engages the EMU campus in her new role as executive director of diversity, equity and inclusion.
3. **Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** Pray for our entire Hillcrest Academy school community, that we will practice grace and flexibility in what seems like a continued time of so much uncertainty.

Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:

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.

4. **Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Pray for our new students at both campuses that they would feel comfortable in their new school, and for returning students to create an atmosphere of welcome and support.

Eastern Mennonite School

(Harrisonburg, VA): "Faith at Work" is the theme for chapel (grades 6-12) and gathering (grades K-5) at Eastern Mennonite School this year. Pray for student planners and presenters who will share stories to encourage and challenge students, faculty and staff throughout the year.

5. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for Bluffton University's student-athletes as we roll out our new Virtue-Driven Athletics program and athletic competition resumes.

Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:

Pray for teachers as they welcome new students into the Central family.

6. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** As new students settle into life on EMU's campus, pray that God would provide them with peace, focus and energy to engage in this new journey.

Goshen (IN) College: Pray for Goshen College athletes, especially tennis, soccer, volleyball and cross-country teams who begin their seasons this fall.

7. **The City School, Philadelphia, PA:**

Please pray for the safety of students, teachers and parents as we start the school year today, September 7.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School:

We rejoice in the new school year as we walk with our students and faculty each step of the way. We pray for health, peaceful minds and actions, as we journey together.

8. **Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN:**

Pray for Bethany Christian Schools' students as they form relationships with faculty through a mentoring program, that they will grow in their academic responsibility and spiritual, social, and emotional development.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA:

Classes started August 25 for Kraybill Mennonite School students. Please pray for the students and staff as we begin a new academic year.

9. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for the continued health and safety of Hesston College athletes and coaching staff as they gear up for a new season of competition.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, PA:

Today Hinkletown Mennonite School students in 4th grade and new HMS students in upper grades receive a school Bible in a special ceremony. Please pray that these students will experience the Word of God sinking into their hearts and minds in new ways this year and that all students will grow in their knowledge and discipleship to Christ.

10. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:**

Pray for participants in Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program as they gather with program leaders, mentors and peers for a weekend of worship, learning and community-building.

Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:

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.

11. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for the Hesston College facilities team as they prepare campus for another academic year.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network:

Grandparents Day and Spiritual Foundation Sunday fall are tomorrow, September 12, at the beginning of another school year. Thank God for the vital role grandparents, both biological and surrogate, play as they lovingly nurture children in the ways of truth. May teachers of young children find ways to incorporate grandparents' mature faith in the classroom throughout the year.

12. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:**

Pray for Dan Wassink and the staff of the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College as the KIPCOR Film Series resumes in person this afternoon, September 12, for the first time since fall 2019.

13. **Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** Pray for the first day of school, which is today, September 13, 2021. Pray that our new students will feel God's present as soon as they walk in school premises. Pray for a blessed year for the LAC community: teachers, students, and parents.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School:

We are thankful for the new families that God has led to QCS and we pray that their learning experiences are life-giving and rewarding. We ask for peace in their hearts and calmness in their minds as they learn what it means to be a part of our QCS family.

14. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our first-year students as they focus on the question "Who am I" in their seminar class, Becoming a Scholar. May they reflect on the varied paths their futures hold at Bluffton and beyond.

Eastern Mennonite University,

Harrisonburg, VA: Pray for the 20 EMU students, and leaders Daniel Showalter and Myrrl Byler, as they explore and learn in South Korea, China and Southeast Asia on cross-cultural this semester.

15. **Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:** Hispanic Heritage Month begins today. Thank God for the students and teachers from Hispanic heritage who enrich MEA schools. Help our primarily white schools to be a safe space for people from all cultures, and to learn a new appreciation for Hispanic heritage this month.

16. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Thank God for Bethel College alumnus Rick McNary, longtime pastor, relief worker and artist, whose reception for his exhibit at Bethel's Regier Art Gallery is this evening, September 16.

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen,

IN: Pray for Bethany Christian Middle School during their two-day, one-night Wilderness Experience September 16-17 as they have fun learning outdoor skills and develop friendships.

17. **Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:** "Faith at Work" is the theme for chapel (grades 6-12) and gathering (grades K-5) at Eastern Mennonite School this year. Pray for student planners and presenters who will share stories to encourage and challenge students, faculty and staff throughout the year.

Goshen (IN) College: Pray for the Goshen College community as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and recognize the heritage, culture and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx people.

18. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for Hesston College student life staff as they continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA: Pray for the new Hillcrest Academy faculty, that they will feel confident and a sense of unity and support.

19. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for Bluffton University's music and theatre students as they practice and prepare for fall concerts and the fall play.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA: Proverbs 16.3 is our school's focus verse this year. Pray that the scriptures will come alive in a new and meaningful way.

20. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Pray for participants in Ministry Integrity Circles, an AMBS program in which pastors going through significant transitions meet with peers and experienced consultants for guided conversation and reflection.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA: Pray for the wider Dock community, that they will continue to lift the school up and support our campuses in both tangible and intangible ways.

21. **Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Pray for the beginning of our school year as the major renovation of our building is still being finished and several classes are displaced for several weeks.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA: On this International Day of Peace, children at Eastern Mennonite Elementary School will take part in the annual peace parade, joining children worldwide with music, stories and celebration of peacemaking work.

22. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for Bethel College students, faculty and staff participating in the annual fall Service Day today, especially that those serving will be open to learning to the people they meet and work with.

Goshen (IN) College: Pray for first-year Goshen College students as they volunteer in the community during Community Engagement Day today.

23. **Freeman (SD) Academy:** We appreciate prayers for the new faculty and students joining our campus this year. Please uplift their transition and show them God's grace in the new experiences they will have in a new community.

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Please join us in giving thanks for enrollment growth at our school.

24. **West Fallowfield Christian School, Atglen, PA:** Please pray God would continue to bring God's people to our school family. We also pray for health and safety as we enter the new school year.

25. **Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN:** Pray for our Alumni Reunion happening this month. We pray it will be a safe event for Alumni to attend and have a great time of fellowship.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA: Pray for wisdom and clarity as the Hillcrest Academy administration makes decisions to keep everyone safe during the ongoing pandemic.

26. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for Bluffton's adult students who are transitioning into their second classes of the semester. We pray that advanced education will make a difference in their lives and in the wellbeing of their communities.

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Pray that God will grant us wisdom throughout the school year.

27. **Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Pray for safety for our student-athletes, and that they would be a light for Christ on the fields and the courts this year.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School: We give thanks for the new faculty and staff that have been welcomed into our community of Mission-minded coworkers. We ask for peace in their hearts and calmness in their minds as they "Walk the Walk" with us as new community members.

28. **Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** Pray for the administration and board at Lancaster Mennonite School as they face joys and challenges while working with ongoing COVID-19 uncertainty, systems and policies as they continue to lead and guide faculty, staff and students.

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Please pray for students to flourish spiritually, socially, academically and emotionally throughout the school year, especially coming off a challenging school year.

29. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Give thanks for God's work in the lives of AMBS students (in both graduate and Lifelong Learning programs) — calling them to ministry and theological study and providing a community in which they can learn, grow and be mentored.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA: Pray for new faculty members at both campuses as well, that they would settle in quickly and create an environment well-suited to learning.

30. **Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN:** Pray for new administrators, faculty, and board: Staff: Vanessa Adcock (Enrollment Director), Eric Dyck Hilty (Advancement Associate), Sumer Schlabach (Marketing & Communications), Caitlin Lanctot (Receptionist); Faculty: Karin Fast (3rd grade), Jared Leaman (Middle School Language Arts), Christa Janzen (Art), Michael Walker (9-10 English); Board: Hannah Heinzekehr, Justin Rothshank, and Rachel Smucker.

Bethel College, North Newton, KS: Pray for Bethel College theater director Karen Robu and the cast and crew of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged as they prepare for Fall Festival performances beginning today, Sept. 30, through Oct. 3.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA: Pray for the health and safety of Hillcrest Academy fall student athletes, as they practice, travel, and compete.

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' seminary and Bible institute. By partnering with these schools and educational programs and helping them flourish, MEA works to strengthen the church through education. Thank you for joining us in prayer for the schools. To subscribe to this monthly publication, please contact JoleneV@MennoniteEducation.org. Phone: 574-343-1310 • Toll-free: 1-866-866-2872 • www.MennoniteEducation.org