

## Daily prayer requests for March 2022

### March 1 – 31, 2022

1. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for Bluffton University and our alumni this week as we recognize the 15th anniversary of the 2007 baseball team bus accident in Atlanta, GA. The 2007 team and campus community demonstrated remarkable courage and strength in responding to the accident, including completing the 2007 baseball season under difficult circumstances. Please hold the team members, families and friends who lost loved ones in prayer.

**The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** The tragic Fairmount Fire took place two blocks from our Fairmount Campus. Please pray for ongoing ways to support and care for the families impacted. We give thanks for the ways God has used us already to be a blessing to many involved.

2. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** As students and faculty at EMU reach the mid-point in the semester, pray that they will find joy and energy in learning and teaching.

**Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for Hesston College students as they present the musical *James and the Giant Peach* and the Bel Canto Singers spring concert.

3. **Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN:** Pray for Bethany Christian Schools' musical cast of *Godspell* that their performance will inspire their audiences to think about their relationships with the Lord and with others.

**Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** We celebrate our pastors as they join us for Pastors' Day tomorrow.

4. **Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** As our Compassion Club hosts (the second of two) blood drives, pray that our community embraces this opportunity to donate much needed blood.

**Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** We celebrate our students and their scientific minds. Pray for calmness as students present their Science Fair projects.

5. **Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** We were thankful to be able to host our historic senior class fundraiser, the Chili Supper, last month. This has been a school tradition since 1960 and despite needing to make a few changes, we were extremely grateful to bring our community together around warm bowls of soup.
6. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for Bethel College students and faculty during spring break, March 6 – 12, especially for safe travel, good health, and plenty of rest.

**Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for the students from EMU who will be serving in organizations in Washington DC that are supporting food insecurity and homelessness initiatives and enhancing shared outdoor spaces, such as eradicating invasive species and general clean up in public parks.

**The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Please pray for the health of our teachers and staff.

7. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Bluffton students are on spring break this week, including students and staff who are traveling to Camden, New Jersey, as they volunteer with Urban Promise. Please pray for safe travels and that this experience will shape the lives of all involved.

**Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** Pray for the Women and Teachers Celebration, March 7 – 8, with Roma and Afghan refugees. Pray that our hearts will soften and be open to God's love and to the good news of the gospel of salvation.

8. **Colegio Americas Unidas, Cali, Colombia:** Please pray for our students and teachers as the second academic period concludes. Please also pray that the necessary funding will emerge to continue operations. We celebrate and give thanks for the 66th anniversary of the school's foundation.

**Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for Goshen College students who are taking the stage in music and theatrical performances this month. May all involved find meaning and joy during the performances.

9. **Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Pray for healing and wisdom as Dock discusses mental health in high school chapels and for discernment on ways to continue to support students.

**Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:** Eastern Mennonite School's March E-term and Explore weeks will see students fish, hike, bike, volunteer, create art, play disc golf, cook, tour New York City, and explore Civil Rights Trail sites. Pray for safety, deepened friendships, new interests sparked, and memories made.

**Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, PA:** Please pray for our spring musical performances March 10 – 12.

10. **Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Please join us in giving thanks for the parents and community members who assisted with high school and middle school Mini-term.

**Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** Parent-teacher conferences are being held March 10 and 11 at all Lancaster Mennonite School campuses. These conferences provide good opportunities for discussions on the best way to enable each student to learn to the best of their ability. Pray for parents and faculty as they meet.

11. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Give thanks for *Invite AMBS*, a program through which congregations and organizations can request AMBS faculty to present on topics such as trauma-informed caregiving, intercultural competence, undoing racism, the Bible and Christian nationalism, improvisational leadership, nonviolent communication, and more.

**Goshen (IN) College:** The annual Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science is taking place this weekend. Be with all participants as they discuss the intersections of faith and science.

12. **MEA's Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA - Anabaptist Bible Institute):** Pray for IBA students at Manantial de Agua Viva Study Center in Omaha, NE, who are starting the course "Preaching." Pray for the tutors, José Guerra and Yanira Perez. May God's wisdom and guidance be with them as they teach the weekly classes. May God continue to give them strength and bless them as they give their time to this ministry. Pray that this course will be blessings for the students.

**Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, PA:** Pray for opportunity and discernment as families re-enroll for the next year and new families inquire and make decisions.

13. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Elkhart, IN:** Pray for prospective AMBS students who are applying for scholarships this month and for administrators who are discerning how to award funds. Give thanks for donors who help make seminary study possible!
- Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our incoming Bluffton students as they come to campus this week for *Experience Bluffton*. Pray they form meaningful connections and bonds with the Bluffton campus community as they move from high school to college studies.
14. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for Jayna Bertholf as she begins her appointment as Bethel College's new vice president for business and finance.
- Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, PA:** Shalom has some key faculty and staff positions to fill for the 2022-2023 school year. Please pray for the process and that individuals will be found who are a good fit.
15. **Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN:** Pray for Goshen area youth and their families as they consider schooling options for next year and the benefits of Christian education at Bethany Christian Schools.
- MEA's Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary (SeBAH – Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano):** Please pray for the 14 SeBAH students who are participating this trimester in the "Pastoral Accompaniment" course.
16. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Pray that church leaders across the world who desire Anabaptist biblical and theological training would connect with AMBS's online distance education offerings.
- Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Give thanks for enrollment growth!
17. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for Hesston College softball and baseball student-athletes as they begin their spring seasons.
- Western Christian School, Salem, OR:** Please pray for our students, faculty, and staff as we cope with the Omicron variant. Pray that no serious illnesses will occur.
18. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for the EMU board of trustees and administration as they plan and make decisions during the board meeting this weekend.
- Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** March 18 is "World Changer Day" at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray that this fundraising event will give students a chance to care, serve and give as they see themselves as the hands and feet of Jesus, making a positive impact on the world. Students will engage in acts of service in their classrooms throughout the school day or volunteer at Mennonite Central Committee and other local organizations.
19. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for international students at Goshen College as they celebrate their distinctive cultures during the International Student Club dinner and performance.
- Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** Pray that we will find a principal and the teachers needed to continue God's work and mission at Lezha Academic Center.
20. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for Karen González, immigrant advocate and author of the non-Bible text for Bethel College's senior capstone course, as she gives the Staley Lecture on campus this evening.
- Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Give thanks for the many generous CCS supporters.

**Mennonite Early Childhood Network:** On this first day of spring as the weather warms and children begin to spend more time outdoors, pray not only for their safety, but also for a curiosity (of the soul) to get to know God's world in new ways. May caring adults discover with children, the wonders of creation as they run, play, and explore the out-of-doors.

21. **Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN:** Pray for students at Bethany Christian Schools during their week of Interterm classes: that they will have safe travels, develop and strengthen their relationships with peers and teachers, and be enriched as they study and serve.

**Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for Bethel College students in their last week of rehearsal for the spring musical, *Bright Star*, by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell.

22. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Bluffton's fall play "Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie is this week. Please for the cast, crew, and crowd.

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Pray for Dock's March Service Project and specifically the March 22 All-School Family Fun/Service Night in support of Mennonite Disaster Service.

23. **Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** We rejoice in the overwhelming response to our re-enrollment process. We continue to welcome families to join our school for 2022-23.

**The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Please pray for wise and impactful strategic planning for the next three years.

**Warwick River Christian School, Newport News, VA:** Please pray for all our faculty and staff.

24. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Give thanks for AMBS's 2,600+ alumni, who are living out their faith and applying their seminary learnings in contexts around the world. Pray for Alumni Director Janeen Bertsche Johnson, MDiv, as she works to connect alumni to each other and to AMBS resources in creative ways.

**Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** We pray for God's guidance as we search for the proper people to join our team as we look to fill faculty and staff roles.

25. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for discernment and confidence for the students considering attending Hesston College in the coming school year.

26. **Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** Pray that God will keep teachers at LAC healthy and strong as we all are going through difficult times due to Covid.

27. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Fall semester registration begins this week. Please pray for Bluffton University students as they continue their studies and advance to the next chapter of their lives.

28. **Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, PA:** Hinkletown Mennonite School is completing the re-accreditation process with Cognia and Mennonite Education Agency and is hosting the re-accreditation review team on March 28 & 29. As faculty and staff along with the board of trustees reflect on current practices and receive input from the accreditation team, pray that they may set wise goals and plans that follow God's purposes for HMS.

**Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** The last quarter of this school year at Lancaster Mennonite School begins on March 28. Pray that students, faculty, and staff will continue to work with energy and enthusiasm toward the completion of another good year.

29. **Colegio Americas Unidas, Cali, Colombia:**

Please pray that we can continue to make a teaching difference in our low-income community with high-quality education. May God help us secure the resources necessary to continue this important work.

30. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for the Bethel College Board of Directors as they begin their spring board meetings.

**Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Pray for the health of our students and staff as we continue the rest of the school year.

31. **Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** Please pray for our students and teachers as we finish up our third quarter of studies.

**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, 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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