



The education agency of
Mennonite Church USA

Daily prayers for May 1 – 31, 2022

Sunday, May 1

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Pray for the 21 candidates for graduation who participated in AMBS's Commencement Service this weekend; give thanks for how God has used their seminary studies and relationships to help them grow and to prepare them for future roles.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for the members of Bethel College choral groups, a student/alumni/faculty orchestra, soloists and conductor Dr. William Eash as they perform the spring Masterworks concert – the first since 2019 – on campus this afternoon.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Bluffton University students will be taking their final exams of the spring semester this week. Please pray for their physical, mental and spiritual well-being during this stressful time. Please pray for graduates and their families who may be traveling far distances to celebrate their students.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: As our Touring Choir continues with their local performances, we pray for safety and for endurance. We are thankful for the opportunity to perform in our local congregations and pray our presence is uplifting.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School: A Spring Open House is scheduled for Lancaster Mennonite School on May 1. Please be in prayer for prospective families as they consider a Jesus-centered LM education for their children.

Monday, May 2

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Final exams are this week at EMU. Please pray for students, faculty and staff as they reach the end of the semester and look back to see how far they have come in knowledge and experiences.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pennsylvania: Pray for each class at Hinkletown Mennonite School as they participate in the annual HMS Servathon this week. Each class will serve at a local organization, embodying the love of Jesus to our community. Students will pack school kits at MCC, weed and mulch flower beds at local camps & service organizations, make bird feeders to hang outside windows at retirement homes, and much more.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: Please pray blessings for all our educators during this Teachers' Appreciation Week. May you feel God's strength during these last few weeks of school.

Tuesday, May 3

Mennonite Education Agency's Instituto Bíblico Anabautista program (Anabaptist Bible Institute – IBA): Pray for the IBA students in Bronx/Brooklyn, New York, who recently graduated and completed the program. May they continue to be blessings in their local congregations as they serve their respective churches and communities. Pray that the IBA program also continues to be a blessing for the Hispanic churches in the United States as it trains leaders who work to expand God's kingdom.

Wednesday, May 4

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Continue to keep in your hearts our Bluffton University students. Pray for safe travel and learning while they return from their cross-cultural experiences.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School: Lancaster Mennonite High School's Campus Chorale has a number of concerts scheduled in May. Pray that those attending the concerts will feel the presence of God as they worship together. Pray also for safety as students travel to various local churches.

Thursday, May 5

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Faith Rands, Bethel College's first-ever coordinator of outreach programs, as her first summer kicks off with a variety of sports, academic and enrichment camps planned for children and youth from pre-school through college age.

Friday, May 6

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: The Middle School drama, *Story Stew: A Fairy Tale Revue* is today and tomorrow, May 6 & 7. Please pray for all participants and the audience, that the performance will be a blessing to all.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: The annual Kraybill Mennonite School Auction and Pig Roast is today and tomorrow, May 6 & 7. Join us in giving thanks and celebrating our school community as we make provisions for future students and programming.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: With gratitude, Shalom is returning to its major spring community and fundraising event May 6 & 7. Pray that this will be positive experience for all.

Saturday, May 7

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: We are grateful to be able to have our Jr/Sr Banquet in historic fashion! Pray for wisdom and safety as our students enjoy the special evening together.

Saturday, May 7 (continued)

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: We celebrate our Community Day where families can attend our Admissions Open House, take part in our various vendors and food as well as sing God's glory during our evening concert event.

Sunday, May 8

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: EMU's 103rd Commencement is today. Join us in prayer for our graduates as they celebrate their accomplishments and discern their path ahead. Pray for families and supporters as they travel to and from the ceremony.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School: Lancaster Mennonite School campuses have many activities scheduled for the month of May including concerts, banquets, field trips, field days, and award ceremonies. Pray that all students and faculty will enjoy these special events while remaining focused on finishing the school year.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: In 1872, Julia Ward Howe called for the celebration of an annual "Mother's Peace Day" to dramatize the cause of world disarmament. Thank God for mothers' prayers and for all the manifestations of nurturing women around us—women who teach and care for young children with minimal compensation faithfully promoting peace in our schools, homes, churches, and world.

Monday, May 9

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Say a prayer of gratitude for dedicated Bethel College faculty, staff and administrators as they gather for the end-of-the-school-year lunch and service awards.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our graduates who are entering the workforce. Pray they find careers that are not only jobs but vocations. Pray for our graduates who are entering voluntary service that they may faithfully serve the community and the world.

Tuesday, May 10

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School: Lancaster Mennonite School campuses have many activities scheduled for the month of May including concerts, banquets, field trips, field days, and award ceremonies. Pray that all students and faculty will enjoy these special events while remaining focused on finishing the school year.

Mennonite Education Agency's Instituto Bíblico Anabautista program (Anabaptist Bible Institute – IBA): Pray to the Lord for strength, motivation, and health for Marco Güete, director of MEA's Hispanic Ministries programs. In May he will begin walking over 160 miles (270km) of the El Camino in Spain to raise funds for IBA. Please pray that Marco's experience will be joyous and renewing as he raises awareness and funds for IBA.

Wednesday, May 11

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for Goshen College students in May term, either on campus or off campus at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center, the Florida Keys, Arizona, India, or London, or leaving for Study Service Term (SST).

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: We celebrate the accomplishments of our high school student-athletes for sharing their God-given athletic talents with our teams.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: Throughout the month of May, Shalom hosts its annual spring music performances. Pray that students will be blessed as they share their talents.

Thursday, May 12

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Please pray for Dock's 61st annual Country Fair & Auction, the biggest fundraising event of the year, as it moves back in-person with an outdoor LIVE auction on the Souderton campus this year.

Thursday, May 12 (continued)

Eastern Mennonite University, Lancaster, Pennsylvania location: Please pray for tomorrow's commencement activities at EMU Lancaster.

Friday, May 13

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for everyone at Goshen College's Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center as they host their annual spring celebration Nature Fest.

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: Please pray for Klementina Shahini and the Lezha Academic Center faculty and staff, who are organizing "Teach Beyond Albania 2022," a National Christian Teacher Conference in Durres. There are 210 teachers from all over the country registered to attend. Pray that God's presence in the conference will be stronger and bigger and that God will speak to each of person. May they go home and disciple others.

Saturday, May 14

Hesston (Kansas) College: Please pray for the faculty of Hesston College's newly launched School of Engineering as they prepare to instruct their first cohort of juniors.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: We ask for prayers for our Board during our annual retreat. May we feel God's guidance as we work towards what God's plan is for QCS.

Sunday, May 15

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Bethel College graduates and their families and friends as the Class of 2022 gathers for worship this morning in the baccalaureate service and commencement in the afternoon.

Monday, May 16

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This month, many Bluffton University students will be leaving the comfort of their homes to travel to various states and countries in a cross-cultural experience. Pray these students learn from the other cultures and share kindness and mercy with those they met.

Monday, May 16 (continued)

Eastern Mennonite University: Harrisonburg, Virginia: Today is the first day of our Summer Peacebuilding Institute. Please pray for the Peacebuilders who are arriving and for a nurturing and rejuvenating learning experience in the next six weeks.

Tuesday, May 17

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: Kraybill's Middle School Music program is today. Pray for the students and teachers, that the performances will go smoothly and will be a blessing to all.

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: Please join us in praying that God will help each member of Guri i Themelit Church in Lezha to be a good disciple and that God will give them grace to disciple others.

Wednesday, May 18

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Pray for the music directors and students as they prepare for Spring Concerts on both Dock campuses.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Please pray for 2022 Hesston College graduates as they take their next steps towards employment, further education, or service.

Thursday, May 19

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Please pray for sponsors, golfers and donors as plans are made for our May 2022 Dock Golf Outing.

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for Goshen College athletes, specifically baseball, softball and track & field, whose seasons come to a close this month.

Friday, May 20

Mennonite Education Agency's Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary – SeBAH): Pray for the new people who are enrolling in SeBAH's Pastoral Ministry course this term. Let us also pray to God for the students and for Patricia Urueña, who teaches the class from Barranquilla, Colombia.

Saturday, May 21

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Pray for students taking Intensive Term courses this month — both on campus and at a distance — on topics of Christian leadership, the ethics and practice of forgiveness, Christian spirituality, biblical storytelling, and practicing and embodying nonviolence. May God's Spirit guide their learning.

Sunday, May 22

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Pray for students who are planning to begin graduate studies this fall — and especially that visas would be granted for international students to pursue studies in person at AMBS.

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please join us in prayer over the Central Christian School Board as they move forward in their search for a superintendent for the school. They are in the process of receiving applications as they prepare for interviews in the upcoming weeks. Please keep them and the candidates in your prayers.

Monday, May 23

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for President Jane Wood, Gerald Mast, and other travelers on Bluffton University's alumni and friends tour of European Mennonite migrations this month. Pray for safe travels and renewed understandings.

Tuesday, May 24

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center (LAC):

Please pray that God will give the Guri i Themelit Church's 30th anniversary planning committee and LAC 's10th anniversary committee all the strength and wisdom they need to prepare for those celebrations in June.

Wednesday, May 25

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Virginia:

End of year activities are exciting at any school. Pray for focus, a sense of accomplishment, care for each other, and energy for teachers as students celebrate endings and anticipate new beginnings at Eastern Mennonite School.

Thursday, May 26

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania:

Please pray for students finishing up their academic requirements for the school year, particularly Seniors as they prepare for graduation.

Friday, May 27

Hesston (Kansas) College: Please pray for Hesston College's Office of Academics, as they welcome new faculty and bid fond farewells to retiring colleagues.

Saturday, May 28

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for new families who are looking for a Christ-centered education for their children.

Sunday, May 29

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please join us in praying for our seniors as they prepare for graduation and the next stage in the journey of life.

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.

Thank you for joining us in prayer for the schools. To subscribe to this monthly publication, please contact JoleneV@MennoniteEducation.org or 574-343-1310. www.MennoniteEducation.org

Sunday, May 29 (continued)

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa:

With thankfulness, we celebrate the graduation of our senior class. As we lament with them the loss of so many things, we pray that our graduates move forward with hopefulness and preparedness to change our world for the better and impact our community in positive ways. With God as their foundation and guide, we pray that today and tomorrow they will lead others through their faith.

Monday, May 30

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: Today, May 30, will be the last day for "The Roma Literacy, Numeracy & an Awareness of God Program." As they are finishing the second year of the program, we pray that God will change their hearts and minds and fill them with grace, peace and love for each other and especially for their Creator.

Tuesday, May 31

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana:

Pray for AMBS Church Leadership Center employees as they plan lifelong learning offerings for the coming academic year to equip participants for leadership and nurture their faith — including online short courses, the Journey program, Pastors & Leaders 2023, Spiritual Direction Seminars and Integrity Circles.

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: May 31 is the last regular day for seniors. Pray that they will do well in their final exams as they finish the school year and start preparation for their National Exams. May God feel very close to them.