

Celebrate

Prayer for Publishing Sunday

L = Leader C = Congregation

- L Creating God, throughout the ages you have inspired people to interpret your Word by means of art and music, poetry and prose.
- C **We thank you for the gift of inspiration.**
- L You continue to reveal your awesome nature through the hearts and hands and voices of your people.
- C **We thank you for these artistic gifts.**
- L Today we offer our prayers of gratitude and intercession for the publishing ministry in our denomination. We are grateful for the writings of Anabaptist forbears that give us glimpses of your activity in previous centuries. We are grateful for the foresight of Mennonite leaders who saw the value of creating resources that reflect our unique theological perspectives.
- C **We thank you, God, for the commitment of Mennonite Publishing Network and others to provide strong Anabaptist resources for our churches.**
- L We celebrate the worship resources that nurture an ever-deepening relationship with you.
- C **Thank you, God, for hymnals, prayer books, and devotional magazines that help us worship you at home and in our congregation.**
- L We celebrate the educational resources that nurture faith in our children, youth, and adults.

*"I believe in discipleship.
I want my children and
grandchildren to believe
in discipleship."*

*"I believe in peace.
I want my children and
grandchildren to believe
in peace."*

What is Publishing Sunday?

Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada have designated September 26 as Publishing Sunday. The purpose of this day is to celebrate – through the "Prayer for Publishing" – the important role of our denominational publishing ministry.

C **Thank you, God, for the Bible-based curricula and commentaries created by faith-filled writers and editors.**

L We celebrate the mission-focused resources that help us serve our neighbor across the street and around the world.

C **Thank you, God, for books, videos and web sites that show us how to join in your activity in the world.**

L We celebrate the resources that strengthen and affirm the leadership gifts of pastors and lay leaders.

C **Thank you, God, for training resources that instill our leaders with confidence and compassion.**

L We dedicate the gifts of writing, editing, and production in our denomination. May they be used to grow faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

C **Thank you, God, for the inspiration and creativity of all who work in publishing, locally and beyond.**

L We pray that your creative Spirit will flow through all people who dream, develop, and produce timely resources for our church.

C **We pray that we will mature as Anabaptist Christian disciples as we use our published resources in our worship and study. Amen.**

"I believe in service.

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in service."*



Mennonite
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MPN's mission is to provide materials that equip the church to experience and share the gospel from an Anabaptist perspective.