



Prayer & Praise

***Strengthening the Leprosy Mission
Family through Prayer***

February 2021

***'This is the day that the LORD
has made; let us rejoice and
be glad in it.'***

Psalm 188:24

Global Voice

Monday 1 February

'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy'. Proverbs 31:8-9

All over the world people affected by leprosy have their human rights stripped away. They are turned away from jobs, from schools, from housing, from family and community because of stigma. Please pray that all the efforts being made to eradicate the stigma of leprosy will bear fruit as people continue to work for change.

Tuesday 2 February

The Leprosy Mission is working on projects across the world that provide training for people affected by leprosy so they can advocate on their own behalf with local and national governments. Pray for those people affected by leprosy that they may grow in skill and courage as they speak out. Please pray that their efforts will succeed.

Wednesday 3 February

Please pray for policymakers around the world, who face many difficult, challenging decisions every day. Thank God for them and pray for wisdom and good decision-making. Pray that they will remember people affected by leprosy when they are making decisions.

Thursday 4 February

Alice Cruz is the United Nations Special Rapporteur for leprosy. Her work is vital in holding governments to account and encouraging them to provide or change policies so that people affected by leprosy are cared for. Please pray that her work will be successful and she will see the best ways to make a difference.

Friday 5 February

There are staff of The Leprosy Mission worldwide who are speaking out and conducting advocacy work for people affected by leprosy as they work towards the Mission's advocacy strategy for 2019-2023. Thank God for the skill and willingness of these people to work on behalf of the poor and marginalised. Pray that the strategic goals will be achieved, including the fight to repeal all laws that discriminate against people affected by leprosy.

Saturday 6 February / Sunday 7 February

The Covid-19 pandemic placed a lot of pressure on governments throughout the world. Please pray for our teams and partners who are encouraging governments worldwide to maintain their support for people affected by leprosy, even as there are new pressures facing national budgets and priorities. Pray that the conversations will be fruitful.

Bangladesh

Monday 8 February

The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh has 22 projects across 34 districts. Please pray for John and Topna and the staff at the country office, as they try to make as much impact as they can with diminishing budgets. Pray for wisdom for John as he manages staff and oversees programmes during these difficult times.

Tuesday 9 February

Please pray for God's strength and encouragement as the nation and the TLM staff work to overcome the ongoing consequences of Covid-19. Pray that people affected by leprosy will still have access to the multi-drug therapy needed to cure them of leprosy.

Wednesday 10 February

A residential scholarship for a young person affected by leprosy to attend a Vocational Training Centre is a huge blessing to that person. Please pray that more young people will be able to receive these scholarships and have a chance to learn a trade.

Thursday 11 February

Community-based rehabilitation is an important focus of TLM Bangladesh, as it gives people hope for the future. Please pray the community-based organisations will be able to maintain and manage their income generation activities, including the provision of loans to people affected by leprosy. These are given to allow individuals or groups to generate their own income and provide for themselves and their families.

Friday 12 February

Please pray for TLM Bangladesh's partnerships with the government, other organisations and implementing partners as they work towards ending the transmission of leprosy and the associated disability and discrimination. Pray for the development and continuation of healthy, respectful relationships between the various organisations.

Saturday 13 February / Sunday 14 February

The maintenance of steady economic growth in Bangladesh is a challenge that has an impact on low and middle-income groups. Please pray for those

people in Bangladesh who are facing greater financial instability in the current situation, particularly those affected by leprosy.

Global Fellowship

Monday 15 February

The Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship consists of 31 members and affiliates around the world, all committed to work together to defeat leprosy. Thank God for all the staff, volunteers and Board Members of the organisation. Pray for God's blessing on them all, and thank Him for the diversity of people with the same mission.

Tuesday 16 February

Without Anandaban Hospital, there would be very little support or essential surgery available to leprosy-affected patients. Give thanks for the continuous care that Anandaban provides and the ability to mend people in all ways – physically, psychologically and spiritually.

Wednesday 17 February

Jesus is at the heart of the Global Fellowship, which will always be defined by diversity, unity, mutual support and prayer. Please pray for the next 14 years as we push towards the goal of ending the transmission of leprosy by 2035. Pray that we will succeed in our task, with God's strength.

Thursday 18 February

As getting to the hospital can be difficult for some people, Patan Clinic is an important Outpatients Clinic which provides education and awareness about leprosy and its treatment. Give thanks for this weekly clinic, which also provides diagnosis and treatment.

Friday 19 February

Please pray for all TLM Country Leaders, staff members and their families who have tested positive for Covid-19. Pray for healing and return to full health without side-effects of the virus. Please also pray for those who have lost family members and friends to Covid. Pray that God will comfort them and bring good out of their situations.

Saturday 20 February / Sunday 21 February

World Day of Social Justice

The Leprosy Mission has staff worldwide who are carrying on advocacy work on behalf of all people affected by leprosy, many of whom have had their human rights stripped away because of the stigma of leprosy. Pray that the goals of the Mission's work will be achieved, including the repeal of all laws that discriminate against people affected by leprosy.

Nepal

Monday 22 February

The Leprosy Mission Nepal started in 1957 with the establishment of Anandaban Hospital. Give thanks that TLM Nepal works in partnership with the Government of Nepal, providing specialist tertiary care and technical support for leprosy control programmes.

Tuesday 23 February

Give thanks for the use of Anandaban Hospital as a Covid-19 relief facility. Pray that this will continue and that it will provide life-saving support to those most in need. Pray for recovery from the major funding crisis caused by Covid-19, when the hospital's local income dropped significantly for several months.

Wednesday 24 February

Please pray for the smooth operation of hospital work and for the staff living on the hospital compound. Pray for the safety of all staff and for the inner healing of patients who have been staying at the hospital for a long time.

Thursday 25 February

Please pray for good co-operation and co-ordination between the Training Unit at Anandaban Hospital and the Ministry of Health and Population. Pray for the renewal of the TLM Training Centre with the Nepali government's Division of Health Services, as it assists with building the capacity of Nepal's government health staff.

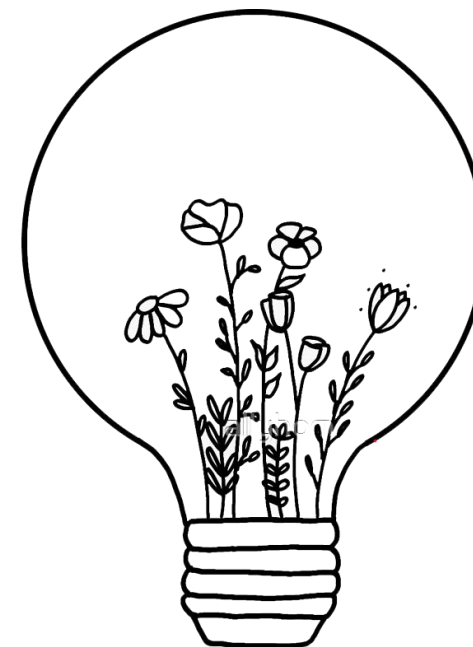
Friday 26 February

In Nepal, lack of awareness about leprosy, and the stigma of the disease are major reasons many people affected by leprosy are unable to seek medical treatment. Pray that awareness of the condition will be

raised so that people will come early for diagnosis and treatment, before any disability takes hold.

Saturday 27 February / Sunday 28 March

Give thanks that Anandaban Hospital outpatient department is well-known for quality orthopaedic and dermatology services. It serves the general community in its local area and beyond. Praise God that people affected by leprosy from all over Nepal and over the border in India can be referred to this facility.



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