



January 2020

'Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations'

Psalm 90v1

New Zealand

Wednesday 1 January

Thank God for the freshness of a new year and for the blessing we have to be able to support people around the world who have been affected by leprosy. Pray for great success in raising awareness and funds in 2020 as we stretch towards the goal of zero leprosy transmission by 2035.

Thursday 2 January

Thank God for our dedicated and generous supporters, who continue to show love for people affected by leprosy. Pray blessing on them and that God will meet every need for healing and provision for them and their families.

Friday 3 January

TLMNZ truly is part of a global fellowship, with countries all over the world working towards the goal of seeing leprosy defeated and lives transformed.

Pray that the work done by TLM will touch people's hearts and show them God's love and that He has a plan for each life.

Saturday 4 January / Sunday 5 January

On Monday staff return to work at the TLMNZ office in Auckland. Pray for fresh enthusiasm and vitality for all staff as they start the new year. Pray for renewed energy, wisdom and foresight and thank God for their hearts of compassion.

Bangladesh

Monday 6 January

The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh supports the Disadvantaged People's Association (DAPA) in their development and growth. DAPA provides access to services, education and livelihoods for people affected by leprosy. Pray for DAPA to have strength and wisdom so they can assist more people.

Tuesday 7 January

DAPA provides training and access to loans for people affected by leprosy. Through the training and with a small loan they can start a business, such as agriculture, sewing and mat-making. This gives them a better, more stable income. Pray that more people benefit from the training and loans so they can support their families.

Wednesday 8 January

With the good coverage of DAPA in the area of Chattogram in Bangladesh, it can identify new cases of leprosy and refer them to the clinics for treatment. Pray that DAPA members and TLMI-Bangladesh staff will find more cases so they can be treated early.

Thursday 9 January

TLMI-Bangladesh works with the government of Bangladesh to support and assist more people affected by leprosy and disability. Pray for strong collaboration so that more people have access to the government support schemes for people with a disability.

Friday 10 January

Rama was able to open a shop selling saris and other women's garments with a loan from her self-help group.

The shop was a success and Rama and her husband can now support their children to fulfil their dreams. Pray for many more successful businesses so that people affected by leprosy can help themselves.

Saturday 11 January/Sunday 12 January

Pray that self-help groups and their associations can become self-sustaining, as their members grow in knowledge and skills. Pray that with the skills they learn they can build up and support their groups, increase group income and gain access to livelihood opportunities.

International

Monday 13 January

Our World Leprosy Day Appeal goes out today, in preparation for World Leprosy Day on 26 January. Pray for the people whose lives will be changed through the willing support of donors who see a need and do what they can to meet it. Thank God for hearts willing to give.

Tuesday 14 January

Thank God for the work of high-profile people who have brought leprosy to people's attention. Mahatma Gandhi was the inspiration for World Leprosy Day, set up in his memory. Pray that the compassion of people like Gandhi and Princess Diana will continue to inspire people to contribute towards the eradication of leprosy.

Wednesday 15 January

Every twenty minutes a child is diagnosed with leprosy somewhere in the world. This is an ancient disease with an age-old stigma. Please pray for the international efforts to stop leprosy transmission so that we don't see child cases of leprosy in the future.

Thursday 16 January

The International Office of The Leprosy Mission provides support for members across the world, so please pray for safe travel for all staff members and that their work will be fruitful. Pray for wisdom and that God will guide their steps.

Friday 17 January

Thank God for the amazing people throughout the world who are caring for those affected by leprosy. Pray a blessing on their lives and their families. Please pray that the care being shown will result in change in the lives of people affected by leprosy.

Saturday 18 January/Sunday 19 January

Please pray for Brent Morgan, the International Director and the International Board, as they provide leadership to the International Office and TLM worldwide. Pray that God will guide them and bless their decision-making.

Youth Advocates / World Leprosy Day

Monday 20 January

The 2020 Leprosy Mission Youth Advocates left for Nepal yesterday. Praise God for the willingness of these young people to learn about leprosy and be involved in efforts to eradicate the condition. Pray for protection for them as they travel and that God will open their eyes to see how they can help.

Tuesday 21 January

Thank God for the openness of the Youth Advocates and pray that He will give them creative ideas for raising funds. Pray that lots more people will learn about leprosy from the efforts of the Youth Advocates and people will be drawn to the cause by their enthusiasm, knowledge and willingness to help.

Wednesday 22 January

The reality of leprosy may be confronting for the Youth Advocates as they spend time at Anandaban Hospital, Patan Clinic and Khokana Leprosy Colony. Pray that God's will is made clear to each one as they try to find ways in which they can help to bring healing and restoration to people who need so much help.

Thursday 23 January

World Leprosy Day is this Sunday. Give thanks for the awareness that is being raised to support leprosy-affected people. Pray that through the prayers and presentations in churches around the world, more support will be raised for leprosy-affected people.

Friday 24 January

Pray that social media will be used to reach a wider audience for World Leprosy Day, to educate and inspire people to become involved in the eradication of leprosy and to improve the lives of people affected by the disease.

Saturday 25 January/Sunday 26 January

World Leprosy Day can be used to make people aware of the stigma, discrimination and prejudice associated with leprosy. Pray that education and the activities of self-help groups and advocacy groups will bring discrimination to an end so that families affected by leprosy can approach life with hope.

Bougainville

Monday 27 January

A curriculum is being developed for community training in collaboration with the Department of Health in Bougainville. Please pray that the curriculum will be clear and easy to follow and a useful, effective tool.

Tuesday 28 January

Pray that the activities of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme will bring about a change in attitudes towards people affected by leprosy. Pray that undiagnosed cases will be found and that people can get the treatment and care they need.

Wednesday 29 January

The BHCP is a community-based and owned preventative health programme. Pray that more young people will become involved in this initiative and will be trained so that the overall health and well-being of people in local communities can improve. Also pray that the future will be bright as the young people go on to build families of their own.

Thursday 30 January

Because the BHCP is community-based, members of people's own communities are teaching them about disease prevention, health practices and access to healthcare. Please pray that this model will be able to be used in other places that have strong local communities.

Friday 31 January

Early detection of leprosy is vital if people are not to develop disability through nerve damage and injury. Pray for the early detection of cases of leprosy in Bougainville and that people can get the treatment and care they need.

The Leprosy Mission Prayer

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy. Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during his earthly life.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease. Give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients. Reunite the separated with their family and friends.

And inspire your people with the task set before The Leprosy Mission, that it may never lack the staff or the means to carry on its healing work, in accordance with your will, and to the glory of your holy Name.

We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen