



## ***Prayer & Praise***

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

**February 2022**

***‘Teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain a heart of  
wisdom.’***

***Psalm 90:12***

#### **Bangladesh**

##### **Tuesday 1 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 2 February**

Over the last 25 years, The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh has contributed high quality research work towards the eradication of leprosy. Please pray that the research projects will be able to reach their targets, despite the challenges being faced because of Covid-19.

##### **Thursday 3 February**

Please pray for relationships between TLM Bangladesh, other research organisations and local universities. These groups all co-operate in research toward the goals of zero transmission, zero disability and zero discrimination.

##### **Friday 4 February**

The great work of providing inpatient services while maintaining local income initiatives is facing challenges and funding shortfalls at the Leprosy Mission hospitals because of the pandemic. The mental wellbeing of staff and patients is also being affected. Please pray for God’s peace for patients and staff and for His guidance and provision for the future.

##### **Saturday 5 February/ Sunday 6 February**

The trend of leprosy cases in some areas is increasing, which suggests a high number of hidden cases of leprosy. Please pray for a strong plan of action within the local projects and for a stable, supportive health system in these districts.

#### **Global Fellowship**

##### **Monday 7 February**

Thank God for all the staff, volunteers and Board Members of The Leprosy Mission. Pray for God’s blessing on them all, and thank Him for the diversity of people with the same mission to see leprosy defeated and lives transformed around the world.

##### **Tuesday 8 February**

Jesus is at the heart of the Global Fellowship. The Leprosy Mission is dependent on God’s provision, with the aim of showing Christ’s love in action. Please pray that everyone associated with The Leprosy Mission will grow in dependence on God as we work towards common goals with diversity but with shared aims and values.

##### **Wednesday 9 February**

Please pray for Shovakar Kandel, the Country Director of Leprosy Mission Nepal and his Country Office team, who supervise and monitor all the programmes. Pray for their safety and good health. Also pray for the members of self-help groups, whose lives have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Pray for the ability

to register their co-operatives, which will improve their socio-economic development.

##### **Thursday 10 February**

Discrimination against people affected by leprosy is the major reason many people are unwilling or unable to seek treatment for the condition. Please pray for those worldwide who are carrying on advocacy work for all people affected by leprosy, many of whom have had their human rights stripped away because of the stigma of leprosy.

##### **Friday 11 February**

Advocacy involves ensuring that people affected by leprosy gain the skills and confidence to advocate for themselves. Please give thanks for those with the skill to train and to create opportunities for people affected by leprosy to hold local and national governments to account.

##### **Saturday 12 February/ Sunday 13 February**

Please pray for the International Director of The Leprosy Mission, Brent Morgan and the TLM Board as they provide leadership to TLM worldwide. Give thanks for the blessing of God’s wisdom to guide the fellowship through the pandemic over the last two years. Pray for wisdom to continue towards the defeat of leprosy.

#### **India**

##### **Monday 14 February**

The Leprosy Mission Trust India develops information, education and communication materials to central and state governments to create awareness of leprosy and its effects. Pray for God’s strength for people affected by leprosy and the TLMTI team who engage with local authorities to ensure that affirmative action is implemented to achieve rehabilitation and inclusion of people affected by leprosy.

##### **Tuesday 15 February**

Please pray for God’s blessing for TLM Trust India as they work to strengthen advocacy efforts to create a favourable policy environment so that people affected by leprosy can live as equal citizens. Pray for God’s grace for TLM Trust India to start operating at the community level again to organise awareness programmes after the pandemic.

### **Wednesday 16 February**

Give thanks for the community-based rehabilitation projects that focus on skills development and training in order to make a livelihood. This means that people affected by leprosy and other disabilities can have an income and become more resilient, with hope for the future.

### **Thursday 17 February**

Pray for God's protection, His guidance and wisdom for staff who work hard in the field to put community empowerment programmes in place. Pray for encouragement for the staff and for the communities with whom they are working.

### **Friday 18 February**

Give thanks that during the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, God's hands of healing were upon patients having treatment at TLM hospitals. Thank the Lord that TLM Trust India was able to keep its doors open for all patients for whom other health care facilities were not available. Pray that this will continue into the future.

### **Saturday 19 February/ Sunday 20 February**

Pray that the management of TLM Trust India's fourteen hospitals will have wisdom, strength and discernment for their leadership roles. Pray for God's guidance and provision of resources so that high quality, relevant services can be provided.

## **Bougainville**

### **Monday 21 February**

Relevant training will be developed for the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as staff meet to develop the training modules. Pray that the staff can reach more deeply into communities affected by leprosy.

### **Tuesday 22 February**

There is a lot of misinformation about Covid-19, and there is also a stigma to it. Covid testing is also limited, with few testing centres. Please pray for staff going to communities with messages about hygiene and sanitation, which is important for leprosy as well

as Covid. Please pray that the training can operate safely and get back to pre-Covid capacity.

### **Wednesday 23 February**

Please pray for protection for team members as they travel over land, sea, rivers and mountains to reach communities. Pray also for the relationships between staff members, volunteers and communities to be strengthened by trust so that the referral pathways for leprosy treatment will be strong.

### **Thursday 24 February**

Pray for the senior management of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Project as they make important decisions and take the project forward. Pray that health issues within communities can be addressed so people become more aware of the symptoms of leprosy and are able to get help early.

### **Friday 25 February**

Give thanks that the BHCP is a holistic project, focussing on both health awareness and community development. It has been designed according to the needs of the people of Bougainville, focussing on preventative health needs rather than curative. Give thanks that the project covers 95% of the population.

### **Saturday 26 February/ Sunday 27 February**

The Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme is due to be reviewed this year. Please pray that the review will be favourable and will provide a way forward. Also pray for the local Department of Health to take a leading role in the provision of leprosy support in Bougainville.

## **Leprosy Mission and churches**

### **Friday 28 February**

*'For we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body, whether Jews or Gentiles, bond or free and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.'* 1 Corinthians 12:13

Give thanks that Leprosy Mission is supported by almost 6000 churches around the world. In countries without leprosy, they provide prayer and giving. Where there are cases of leprosy churches provide community intervention such as leprosy awareness camps, health services, scholarships for children and hospital visiting.



## *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 ones with their families and friends;*

*And inspire your people with the task set before the Leprosy Mission,*

*That it may never lack either 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*

