



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

January 2026

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Bougainville

Thursday 1 January

As this new year begins, give thanks that the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme (BHCP) is continuing to work successfully with the Bougainville Department of Health. Please pray for strengthened partnerships at local levels. There is a great need to work together to address the key health burdens in the remote and disadvantaged areas of Bougainville.

Friday 2 January

Most of the hospitals and health facilities in Bougainville are facing issues with drug supply, which is a serious threat to the lives of the population. People's health is compromised if, when referred to health facilities, they return untreated. Please pray for

the Department of Health as they navigate the systems so the drug supply can reach the region.

Saturday 3 January/ Sunday 4 January

Please pray for the Community Health Promoters (CHP) as they raise awareness and educate communities on health protection and disease prevention. With the new phase of the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme, the number of communities for each CHP to serve is quite challenging. Please pray that the Lord guides their work to overcome the challenges.

Timor Leste

Monday 5 January

Pray for strength, wisdom and protection for Community Health Volunteers (CHV) as they carry out training sessions in communities. Please pray that the CHVs communicate health messages simply and clearly with patience and understanding.

Tuesday 6 January

Please pray that men, women, youth, the elderly and people with disabilities feel included and will listen to, accept and practise the preventative health advice. Pray that people will embrace healthy practices for lasting wellbeing without discrimination or stigma.

Wednesday 7 January

Give thanks for the CHVs, who care for people in the communities and want to see positive changes in people's lives. Please pray that the people will value the role of the CHVs and will encourage them in the work they are doing.

Thursday 8 January

Pray that all team members and partners of The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste will work together in unity and cooperation. Pray that God will strengthen and guide them to work with responsibility, love, honesty, and integrity.

Friday 9 January

Please pray for an end to the transmission of leprosy, especially in vulnerable and underserved communities. Please pray for wisdom, patience and strength to serve the communities faithfully, communicate clearly, include everyone without discrimination and bring well-being and hope to all.

Saturday 10 January/ Sunday 11 January

Pray that fear and stigma be replaced with knowledge and compassion. Pray for God to give courage and comfort to those living with leprosy. Pray that He will remind them they are not alone, that they are deeply loved, and that their lives hold dignity and purpose in His eyes.

Nepal

Monday 12 January

Please pray for wisdom and guidance for the leadership team of The Leprosy Mission Nepal as they work on a Strategic Plan for the next five years. This plan will be developed in collaboration with Programmes staff, community members and other stakeholders.

Tuesday 13 January

Although the number of new leprosy cases is decreasing, the number of patients with leprosy-related disabilities continues to rise. In addition, non-communicable conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, stroke and mental illness are common among leprosy patients. Pray that God will give the staff of TLM Nepal wisdom and strength to serve the patients holistically through multi-speciality care.

Wednesday 14 January

Give thanks that part of the community projects in Nepal focus on sustainable livelihoods. These are vital so that people affected by leprosy can attain a higher standard of living, so reducing the chance of others in the family contracting leprosy. Please pray that the livelihoods programmes will be effective in securing income for persons affected by leprosy.

Thursday 15 January

Individual well-being is also a focus of community projects. This means continuing the healing process after patients have been released from treatment. Give thanks that persons affected by leprosy are sharing their stories with other vulnerable people through self-help groups. Please pray that these activities will give people hope for a better life in their communities.

Friday 16 January

Please pray that the healthcare team of Anandaban Hospital will be blessed to heal and perform miracles. Pray that patients will know they are protected and receiving holistic care. Please pray for the sustainability of all the services provided through Anandaban Hospital.

Saturday 17 January/ Sunday 18 January

Please pray for all the patients at Anandaban Hospital who are having reconstructive surgery. Please pray for healing without complications and that the lives of those who have undergone surgery will improve greatly. Give thanks for the hope and dignity provided to patients through this surgery.

World Leprosy Day**Monday 19 January**

World Leprosy Day is Sunday, 25 January. Give thanks for the many individuals, organisations and governments who come together to address the challenges posed by leprosy and work towards its eradication.

Tuesday 20 January

While progress has been made in combating leprosy, World Leprosy Day continues to be a reminder that leprosy is not yet completely eradicated and that efforts must be sustained to achieve this goal. Please pray that the activities of World Leprosy Day throughout the world will make many people aware of leprosy, and they will be willing to work towards its eradication.

Wednesday 21 January

Knowledge is a powerful tool in dispelling myths and reducing fear. Please pray for the organisations and charities dedicated to leprosy awareness, treatment and research. Please pray for an increase in prayer and financial support in order to make a significant impact on the lives of people affected by leprosy.

Thursday 22 January

Give thanks for the positive impact of social media and other platforms to share information about World Leprosy Day and its significance. Please pray that many more people will be encouraged to join the

conversation and support the cause of eradicating leprosy and caring for those with long-term disabilities.

Saturday 24 January/ Sunday 25 January

Give thanks that the activities of World Leprosy Day are contributing towards the knowledge of leprosy, dispelling fear and bringing truth to light. Please pray that on this day many people will participate in events, seminars and webinars related to leprosy awareness and treatment, becoming more informed and empowered to tackle the disease.

Kiribati**Monday 26 January**

Give thanks to God for the opportunity to set up a preventative health programme in Kiribati. The programme takes a holistic approach to improve the overall well-being of communities. Pray that the goal of building healthy, resilient, inclusive and empowered communities will make people realise that change can happen and that their lives can improve.

Tuesday 27 January

Give thanks to God for the new staff members and their passion to serve their community. Pray for God to continue to bless and guide their efforts. Pray also for the volunteer selection process in Betio and Abaiang, two key areas of the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme (PHACE).

Wednesday 28 January

Give thanks to God for providing a new office and workspace in Kiribati. Pray that all the arrangements for the setup proceed smoothly and that the environment remains suitable for effective work. Please pray that enthusiasm among all those involved in the programme will continue to grow as they see things moving forward.

Thursday 29 January

Pray for God's blessing and guidance as staff and volunteers in Kiribati begin community entry activities for the PHACE Programme in Betio and Abaiang. Ask for God's strength to build enduring relationships with stakeholders and community members. Please pray for the timely implementation of all activities planned for this year.

Friday 30 January

Please ask for wisdom and clarity in the preparation of topics for the initial training for volunteers. The training is designed to cover health awareness topics and preventative health practices. Pray that the training can be implemented successfully, with full participation.

Saturday 31 January/ Sunday 1 February

Please pray that the PHACE Programme brings about meaningful changes and well-being in the lives of people affected by leprosy and other health challenges. Ask for transformation, healing and lasting positive change in the communities.