



## Prayer & Praise

### Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

July 2024

**“Guide me in your truth and  
teach me, for you are God my  
Saviour, and my hope is in you  
all day long.”**

**Psalms 25:5**

#### Timor Leste

##### Monday 1 July

Please join the team in Timor Leste in praying for the successful delivery of the next round of training for the Community Health Volunteers, community leaders and professional health workers in Liquica, Bobonaro and Atauro municipalities. Please pray that they will be empowered to serve their communities effectively.

##### Tuesday 2 July

Let us pray for the effective implementation of the PHACE programme in the three municipalities. Give thanks for the promotion of health and sustainability within the communities. Please pray that many people will be referred for treatment for

leprosy and that the PHACE programme will bring positive change to people's lives.

##### Wednesday 3 July

Please pray for blessing for the Community Health Volunteers, who are contributing their time to The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste. Pray for encouragement for them as they provide socialisation in the communities and help to support the efforts to combat leprosy.

##### Thursday 4 July

Pray for the health personnel in the districts of Baucau and Manatutu to maintain their commitment to the leprosy programme. Pray that they will continue to serve people affected by leprosy with compassion and care. Also, pray that they may be equipped with the necessary resources and support.

##### Friday 5 July

Pray for the patients undergoing treatment for leprosy in Baucau and Manatutu. Pray that the medication they receive will bring positive results to their health and well-being, so they experience healing and restoration.

##### Saturday 6 July/ Sunday 7 July

Let us pray that the communities will be motivated to work closely with health personnel in the leprosy programme activities, aiming to effectively eradicate leprosy. Pray that through the implementation of the PHACE Programme, communities will be educated, empowered and transformed.

#### Nepal

##### Monday 8 July

Please pray for the staff exchange programme between hospitals in Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar. This is an opportunity for staff in various specialities to gain experience in another country's context. They can then take the knowledge and best practices back to their home teams to increase effectiveness.

##### Tuesday 9 July

The design of a new Mycobacterial Research Laboratory at Anandaban Hospital has been approved by local authorities. This means the tendering process can now go ahead. Give thanks for the clinical laboratory services and for the important leprosy research undertaken in collaboration with international research partners. Please pray that the tendering process can go

ahead smoothly and progress can be made towards the new research centre.

##### Wednesday 10 July

Give thanks and praise God that the forest fire at the end of April that threatened the leprosy wards at Anandaban Hospital was extinguished before it spread into the hospital grounds. Give thanks to the emergency personnel and the army who fought the blaze. Also, give thanks for the water supply previously funded by NZ supporters.

##### Thursday 11 July

Give thanks that the new Trauma Centre is up and running. Pray for awareness to be raised among local communities that the Trauma Centre provides general patient services on a fee-paying basis. These are for all people who need help, not just people affected by leprosy.

##### Friday 12 July

Please pray that mental health can be addressed in all the community work of The Leprosy Mission Nepal. Pray that all beneficiaries can learn about handling stress, relating to others and making healthy choices. Give thanks for the recognition that is being given to this vital aspect of wholeness and restoration. Please pray for life-changing counselling services for people affected by leprosy who have experienced discrimination because of the stigma of leprosy.

##### Saturday 13 July/ Sunday 14 July

*...and He has filled them with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with all kinds of skills...Exodus 35:31*

Praise God for the skilled technicians in the Prosthetics and Orthotics Unit. They craft bespoke assistive aids to relieve leprosy-related disabilities. These aids increase mobility and provide dignity for people affected by leprosy.

#### Papua New Guinea

##### Monday 15 July

In Papua New Guinea Round 3 of training for the Preventative Health & Community Empowerment Programme is starting. Pray that the training can be done efficiently and effectively so that community members and volunteers can deliver key health messages. Please pray that those being trained will gain more knowledge and skills to help their communities.

**Tuesday 16 July**

Please pray that people affected by leprosy who have been diagnosed can complete their course of medication for the prescribed duration. Pray that they will be motivated and confident, free of depression and anxiety. Also pray that patients will implement clean and healthy living habits, which will be an example to the communities around them.

**Wednesday 17 July**

Please pray that people who have developed disabilities through leprosy will find their disabilities improving, not worsening. Pray for encouragement so that champions who shed light on leprosy and provide a positive example to others in their communities will emerge and thrive. Pray that this will result in support for people affected by leprosy and disability without stigma and discrimination.

**Thursday 18 July**

As the stigma of leprosy is so strong in Indonesia, please pray that God will work in the hearts of key people like village leaders. Pray that they will become open to working with the staff of No Leprosy Remains Indonesia to address the stigma and discrimination against people affected by leprosy in their villages.

**Friday 19 July**

Give thanks to the leprosy health workers at the Primary Health Centres. Pray that they will always be healthy and fully committed to providing leprosy-related services to those who need them. Please pray that the health workers will have passion and a sense of fulfilment in their roles.

**Saturday 20 July/ Sunday 21 July**

Give thanks that other key activities of the Climate Change Resilience Project involve training farmers on crop rotation and climate resilient agricultural techniques. Please pray that as farmers try new techniques they will find improvement in their crops. Pray for enthusiasm and the willingness to learn and try new things.

**India****Monday 22 July**

To correct deformities caused by leprosy, some patients need to have reconstructive surgery. Please pray for God's healing touch on those people who

have undergone reconstructive surgery. Pray that their mobility returns so they can earn a living and contribute to their families.

**Tuesday 23 July**

Please pray for the safety of patients who travel from far-off places in the scorching heat of the Indian summer. Please pray that they can reach the hospitals safely to access the care they need and return home safely.

**Wednesday 24 July**

The Leprosy Mission hospitals and Vocational Training Centres in India need to explore fundraising opportunities for their growing needs. Pray that God will grant wisdom and blessing to the management teams as they undertake these activities so that many more people can access the services available.

**Thursday 25 July**

Please pray for the enduring strength of the Leprosy Mission hospitals. Pray that the succession plans for staffing will be successful and that the hospitals can continue to provide exceptional care. Pray for the recruitment of doctors and nurses with a passion for serving people affected by leprosy and disability.

**Friday 26 July**

Give thanks that training programmes are being held on leprosy, disability prevention and management and mental health. Please pray that the attendees benefit from the knowledge they gain. Give thanks that all such training combats the effects of stigma and discrimination against people affected by leprosy.

**Saturday 27 July/ Sunday 28 July**

Corporate Social Responsibility Programmes involve companies providing funding for social welfare and development activities in communities. Please pray that the CSR proposals of TLM Trust India will be approved. Further pray that collaboration with corporations will help patients, students and communities at large.

**Myanmar****Monday 29 July**

The situation in Myanmar is tough but there is also hope. The Leprosy Mission Myanmar is the only organisation still providing leprosy services. Give thanks that they can run mobile clinics to reach those who can't travel

because of their fear of checkpoints. Give thanks that a clinic in Yangon is also still open and able to diagnose new cases of leprosy.

**Tuesday 30 July**

On the advocacy side, give thanks that the Myanmar Association of People Affected by Leprosy is doing fantastic work speaking up for themselves despite the limitations of time and finance. Also, give thanks for staff skillfully providing prosthetics and advocating for inclusion for people with disability. This is vital with so many people being injured in the conflict.

**Wednesday 31 July**

Please pray for people affected by leprosy to access help, for the mobile clinics to reach those in need and for the partners of TLM Myanmar to get more involved. Also pray for the safety of staff, especially the younger ones, as they are in danger of being conscripted into the army.