



Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission
Family through Prayer

May 2026

“As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.” Psalm 71:14

Papua New Guinea

Friday 1 May

Give thanks for the formation of an Organisation of People Affected by Leprosy (OPL) in PNG. This group will aim to advocate and make representations for themselves and others in the same situation. Please pray for courage and wisdom, and for positive, healthy communication and relationships.

Saturday 2 May/ Sunday 3 May

Please pray for the first round of training for members of the OPL, to be held during the first week of May. Pray that the leaders will grow in confidence and the skills to lead effectively. Also, pray that people affected by leprosy will have an environment in which they can thrive.

Bangladesh

Monday 4 May

Throughout the world, churches are working to defeat leprosy and transform the lives of people affected by

the disease. Please pray for the ongoing partnerships between The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh and churches. Pray that the churches will be able to effectively contribute towards zero leprosy in their communities.

Tuesday 5 May

Improving livelihoods for people affected by leprosy is vital in providing dignity and a chance to have a better life. Many people cannot afford to send their children to school, so the cycle of poverty will be repeated without education. Please pray for the work of TLM Bangladesh to support children with their education and to assist people in starting a livelihood activity.

Wednesday 6 May

Advocacy for social inclusion at all levels of Bangladesh society is integrated into the activities of all programmes in Bangladesh. Please pray that through collective faith and action, the work of TLM Bangladesh will help to move the society closer to the vision of dignity, justice and health for everyone.

Thursday 7 May

Give thanks that TLM Bangladesh supports Organisations of People Affected by Leprosy and Disability so they can build their leadership skills and their capacity for good governance and sustainability. Please pray that the work they do together on climate change adaptation and resilience will bring transformation to communities.

Friday 8 May

The healthcare work of TLM Bangladesh covers case detection, leprosy awareness, treatment and management of complications. Please pray that their efforts to increase collaboration among local health centres, partners, churches and Organisations of People Affected by Leprosy will be successful so that cases of leprosy can be detected and managed early.

Saturday 9 May/ Sunday 10 May

Please pray for TLMI-B's Research Team as they begin a PCR-based baseline study on anti-microbial resistance of Mycobacterium leprae, starting in May. We also ask for prayers for the successful implementation of this new project in both northern and southern Bangladesh.

Timor Leste

Monday 11 May

Please pray that the local staff of TLM Timor Leste, Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) and Health Workers in Liquica, Bobonaro and Atauro would be strengthened for their work. Pray for hope, energy and love as they support people affected by leprosy and other vulnerable people in the communities.

Tuesday 12 May

Please place the community awareness activities into God's hands. Pray for wisdom, clear communication and compassion for the entire team of TLM TL so they can deliver messages with respect, patience and a true spirit of service. Pray for the hearts and minds of community members to be open to listen, understand and be willing to commit to change.

Wednesday 13 May

Pray for the Annual Country Learning and the training sessions for the staff of TLM Timor Leste, to be held this month. Please pray that God will guide every process and all communication. Please pray for Him to encourage and strengthen all staff to serve as role models in the community.

Thursday 14 May

Pray for effective Training of Trainers (TOT) and refresher sessions for health staff, lab technicians, and other key personnel. Pray that follow-up and ongoing support for trained health workers in all Community Health Centres will be practical and encouraging.

Friday 15 May

Please pray for successful screening, contact tracing, and monitoring of leprosy cases so that patients feel safe and confident that the condition can be cured. Please also pray for support and counselling for newly diagnosed leprosy patients and proper management of treatment side-effects.

Saturday 16 May/ Sunday 17 May

Pray for strong collaboration among non-governmental organisations, government institutions, and community partners regarding awareness of and treatment for leprosy. Please pray for leaders, teachers, religious

figures, and other influencers to promote awareness and work to reduce the stigma of leprosy.

Nepal

Monday 18 May

Please pray for the preparation for the monsoon season from June to September. Patients will be moved from Anandaban Hospital to Patan Clinic in Kathmandu. Partner organisations assisted with the remodel of the clinic in 2025 so it can now accommodate patients in wards.

Tuesday 19 May

Please give thanks and pray for the clinical and diagnostic work being done at Biratnagar Clinic, south-east of Kathmandu. This Outpatients Clinic is providing a range of services with a multi-disciplinary team from Anandaban Hospital in attendance, including a doctor, nurse, physiotherapist and support staff.

Wednesday 20 May

Praise God for the successful fundraising of the 2025 Youth Advocates, which has provided an electric vehicle. This will be used to transport the Anandaban Hospital team to the satellite clinics in Biratnagar and Butwal – a real help for staff.

Thursday 21 May

Please pray for the success of the fundraising efforts of the Youth Advocates 2026. They will be raising funds for a four-wheel drive ambulance for Anandaban Hospital. This will provide essential transport for people affected by leprosy and the local community in times of emergency.

Friday 22 May

Please pray for progress with the purchase and preparation of land for the relocation of the Research Centre. The centre needs to be moved away from the current Anandaban Hospital site following the landslides of 2024.

Saturday 23 May/ Sunday 24 May

The Board and Management Team of The Leprosy Mission Nepal are developing a new Country Strategy. Please pray for strategic thinking and vision.

The draft of the Country Strategy will be shared with global partners in June.

Kiribati

Monday 25 May

The government of Kiribati is dedicated to improving the overall well-being of communities and addressing the unique health challenges facing the nation. Give thanks that the Preventative Health & Community Empowerment Programme (PHACE) is strongly supported by the government of Kiribati in order to build healthy, resilient, inclusive and empowered communities.

Tuesday 26 May

Each year, the leprosy programme in Kiribati has detected more than 100 new cases, which gives a prevalence rate more than 10 times higher than the WHO elimination target. A great number of the cases of leprosy diagnosed in Kiribati have been in children and young people under twenty-five. Give thanks that the PHACE programme is specific to the country, designed for the best outcomes for people affected by leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases.

Wednesday 27 May

Important factors that affect delays in presentation for treatment include limited awareness and knowledge of leprosy, traditional and cultural knowledge and stigma. Please pray that the early case detection activities of the PHACE Programme will be successful so that more people can be diagnosed and treated for leprosy before disability develops.

Thursday 28 May

Please pray for clear processes and referral pathways to be established in Kiribati as PHACE is established there. Give thanks for the staff and pray for encouragement for them as they set up systems. Pray for clear, effective communication between the team in Kiribati, government officials and other stakeholders.

Friday 29 May

We pray for the community awareness activities to be undertaken. Please pray that the team will be clear, compassionate and wise so that people in communities will respect them. Pray that community leaders and local

people will have open hearts to listen, understand and receive the information with willingness and commitment.

Saturday 30 May

Please pray that one outcome of PHACE in Kiribati will be a noticeable improvement in sanitation and hygiene in communities. Also, pray that as people are encouraged and involved in decision-making in their communities, they will feel motivated and empowered to make ongoing change that will affect the future for their families.

Worldwide

Sunday 31 May

People are more likely to develop leprosy if they have poor nutrition and low immunity. Once affected by leprosy, their nutrition is likely to be worse due to stigma, disability, and loss of livelihoods. Give thanks that local partners of TLM in Sri Lanka are helping people to improve their nutrition and livelihoods through sustainable farming. Please pray that this will lead to better nutrition and outcomes for many families.