



## Prayer & Praise

**Strengthening the Leprosy Mission  
Family through Prayer**

**May 2024**

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

**Psalm 90:1**

**Indonesia**

### **Wednesday 1 May**

Give thanks and pray for the teams in Indramayu as they continue their intensive case-finding activities. This is a key component of the project, as many people affected by leprosy would go undetected without it.

### **Thursday 2 May**

Give thanks for the collaboration between TLM and the wider community of organisations implementing PEP in various parts of the world. Please pray that this will be an effective step towards zero leprosy transmission by 2035.

### **Friday 3 May**

Strengthening community involvement and empowerment are also part of the PEP Project. Please pray for the activities of the local community

people recruited from the twenty-five villages involved in the project. They aim to help communities engage with the project. Please pray that they can build good relationships and spread awareness of leprosy in the communities.

### **Saturday 4 May/ Sunday 5 May**

Please pray that through the PEPCOM project and the associated community activities the stigma of leprosy can begin to be broken in Indonesia. Pray that fear will not prevent people affected by leprosy from seeking a diagnosis. Give thanks to the PEPCOM project and pray that close contacts of people affected by leprosy will be willing to take part in the project.

### **Global Day of Prayer/ Myanmar**

### **Monday 6 May**

Please join The Leprosy Mission in this Global Day of Prayer on Wednesday 8 May, when we pray as teams for a world without leprosy. Give thanks that prayer has always been the foundation of the care shown to people affected by leprosy and pray that we will always be focussed on Jesus and His love – the example He gave us of how to live.

### **Tuesday 7 May**

We pray that God will be with people affected by leprosy and that the service of The Leprosy Mission will be effective in reaching people who are hidden. Give thanks for the teams who work in implementing countries, where conditions for reaching people affected by leprosy can be treacherous. Pray for protection while travelling and for courage to do the work in politically unstable environments.

### **Wednesday 8 May**

Give thanks that staff, supporters, volunteers, and partners all come together to unite in prayer for a world without leprosy. Trust in the knowledge that God hears and answers prayer, holding to the belief that our work is the Lord's, realising that all our human efforts are in vain without God's blessing and power.

### **Thursday 9 May**

Please pray for the Leprosy Mission team in Myanmar, as the military is going to enforce compulsory military service for men aged 18-35 and women aged 18-27,

causing many young people to try to leave Myanmar. Some of our colleagues fall into these age categories, so please pray for them and their families.

### **Friday 10 May**

Part of the work of Leprosy Mission Myanmar is to empower people affected by leprosy and disability so that they start to advocate for their rights. Please pray that the partnerships of TLM Myanmar and other organisations will ensure that leprosy and disability services will be included in the wider work of these organisations. Please pray that people's confidence will grow as they feel included.

### **Saturday 11 May/ Sunday 12 May**

Please pray that the Mawlamyine Christian Leprosy Hospital will be able to continue to provide quality medical care and rehabilitation services. The hospital is a vital partner of The Leprosy Mission Myanmar and the only hospital in Myanmar providing these services.

### **Nepal**

### **Monday 13 May**

The new Trauma and Emergency Wing at Anandaban Hospital opened its doors to patients on World Leprosy Day (28 Jan). The building provides services to the region of Southern Lalitpur, the region surrounding Anandaban. It is open to all persons who need trauma and emergency services. Give thanks for this new earthquake-proof building and for the skills and compassion of staff.

### **Tuesday 14 May**

Give thanks for a new podcast titled 'Hidden Lives'. This podcast contains stories about people affected by leprosy that TLM has encountered in Nepal and attempts to uncover the lives of individuals who are often hidden from those around them. The first five episodes can be found on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Amazon Music.

### **Wednesday 15 May**

Give thanks that the IMPACT project has achieved remarkable success in empowering women affected by leprosy. Through targeted initiatives, the project has brought about positive change within communities, particularly focusing on enhancing the well-being of women. Give thanks that women affected by leprosy have had specialized leadership training, equipping them with the skills and

confidence to assume leadership roles within their communities.

#### **Thursday 16 May**

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) workshops have provided women with platforms to engage in discussions around gender equality, social inclusion, and women's rights. Give thanks for raising awareness and fostering a more inclusive community environment.

#### **Friday 17 May**

Give thanks for the satellite clinics of Anandaban Hospital, which are in Butwal, Biratnagar and Chitwal. People affected by leprosy can be diagnosed and receive treatment for the condition at the clinics. Pray for the staff who run these clinics and give thanks for the care and skill they provide to the most vulnerable.

#### **Saturday 18 May/ Sunday 19 May**

Please pray for the Skin Camps organised and run by TLM Nepal. Give thanks that resources have been available to run the Skin Camps and pray that funds will continue to be available. People affected by leprosy are often diagnosed through the Skin Camps so please pray that hidden cases can be found and treated early to prevent disability.

### **Papua New Guinea**

#### **Monday 20 May**

Please pray for the preparation and delivery of Round 3 of the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme. This will cover health, gender, and governance topics. The participants will be community health volunteers, community leaders and health workers. Pray for wisdom for those carrying out the training and for a spirit of unity among all those involved.

#### **Tuesday 21 May**

Following Round 3 of the PHACE training Community Health Volunteers will be carrying out community awareness sessions in the areas in which they work. Please pray that the people in the communities will be receptive to what the volunteers are doing. Pray that change will happen in communities as people

become aware of changes, they can make that will improve their lives. Please pray that people are encouraged and motivated by what they learn so the training results in great improvement in the lives of people in the communities.

#### **Wednesday 22 May**

Gender inequality in PNG results in poverty, violence and limited access for females to education and healthcare. Please pray about the gender sensitization training to be undertaken by the staff of The Leprosy Mission PNG. Please pray that the training will be carried out with sensitivity and care and that issues raised can be addressed so that all involved will know that they are valued.

#### **Thursday 23 May**

The staff of The Leprosy Mission PNG will be holding meetings for Learning, Reflection and Planning. Pray that the challenges the team has faced will be talked about so issues can be resolved or worked around. Also, pray that people will be encouraged by the successes coming from the projects they are implementing.

#### **Friday 24 May**

Please pray that if plans need to be adapted because of what staff and volunteers have found in communities everyone will be open so that there will be positive outcomes. Give thanks for the honesty and hard work of the staff and volunteers implementing the projects and pray that people in the communities will know they are cared about.

#### **Saturday 25 May/ Sunday 26 May**

The Senior Coordination team of the PHACE Programme are undertaking support visits to communities. Please pray that communication and relationships will be enhanced by these visits so that people in the communities will develop trust in the team. Also, pray for safety as the staff travel to remote communities and while they are there.

### **India**

#### **Monday 27 May**

Please pray that new funding sources become available for projects of The Leprosy Mission Trust India and that they can recruit and train specialist doctors. Give thanks to the Audit & Risk Management team. The

audit environment is changing in India so please pray that the team can adjust to newer audit techniques.

#### **Tuesday 28 May**

The Advocacy & Communications team works with units and projects within TLM Trust India and with external stakeholders to develop and carry out Information, Education and Communication campaigns. The aim is to build awareness of leprosy in endemic areas and among underserved communities. Please pray for wisdom and creativity for the team so that awareness of leprosy and people affected by the disease will improve.

#### **Wednesday 29 May**

The team works with national and local governments to push for the repeal of laws that discriminate on the grounds of leprosy. Give thanks that they raise awareness among officials and the general community about how stigma and discrimination create barriers to a leprosy-free India. Pray that TLM TI can work closely with the government and other partners to repeal discriminatory laws that deprive people affected by leprosy of their rights.

#### **Thursday 30 May**

TLM Trust India has strengthened over 1700 collective groups, mostly of people affected by leprosy. Please pray that these groups can influence decision-makers as they advocate for themselves. Please pray for the strengthening of all partnerships.

#### **Friday 31 May**

Please pray for the students undergoing training in the Vocational Training Centres. Pray that they can acquire the technical and life skills they need to find employment. Please pray that more companies will be willing to accept graduates from the VTCs to work as employees.