THE LEPROSY MISSION NZ
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Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

November 2026

"We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield." Psalm 33:20

Papua New Guinea

Monday 2 November
Give thanks for the Climate Change Resilience Programme (CCRP), a partnership between the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT) and TLM PNG. This programme is building community leadership and decision-making, teaching practical skills and making water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure available to improve daily life for households.

Tuesday 3 November
Water tanks, sanitation facilities, sinks and washing areas have been installed at a health facility in Matairuka community, serving 5000 people. Training has also been undertaken in water management, hygiene and maintenance. Give thanks that the CCRP is operating in fifteen communities, bringing healthcare improvement to thousands of people.

Wednesday 4 November
Shame and sorrow fill people's minds and emotions when they are diagnosed with leprosy. A future filled with deformity and disability can rise up in their minds, creating fear and despair. Give thanks that the Preventative Health & Community Empowerment Programme (PHACE) aims for early diagnosis and treatment of leprosy so that fears can be relieved and hope for the future restored.

Thursday 5 November
Community Health Volunteers (CHV) play a major role in the PHACE programme. They find people affected by leprosy, help them to access MDT treatment and encourage them to continue the treatment till they are healed. Please pray for the CHVs as they continue their demanding work, bringing hope and encouragement to people affected by leprosy in their communities.

Friday 6 November
Please pray for ongoing partnerships between TLM PNG, the PNG government at all levels and community development partners. Please pray that there will continue to be positive dialogue with key stakeholders to help eliminate leprosy and promote healthy living.

Saturday 7 November/ Sunday 8 November
Please pray for family income generation activities like the mud crab farm project, which has been transformative for many communities, especially those affected by leprosy. Programmes have been implemented to train women and other community members in crab farming techniques, including baiting, handling, feeding and marketing the crabs. This training empowers individuals to create sustainable businesses, helping to lift families out of poverty.

Kiribati

Monday 9 November
Please pray for great progress in the identification of children affected by leprosy. Pray that more young people can be diagnosed earlier in the progression of the disease, before their lives are marred by disability.

Tuesday 10 November
Please pray that people affected by leprosy who have some form of disability in Kiribati can access appropriate treatment that will restore dignity and healing to their lives. Please pray for positive results of the Preventative Health & Community Empowerment Programme to bring dignity and hope to many lives.

Wednesday 11 November
Give thanks to God for the Community Health Volunteers (CHV) who work tirelessly in communities. Their commitment and support in working with people affected by leprosy are bringing hope by educating about leprosy and supporting people's treatment.

Thursday 12 November
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. Please pray for the continued development of collaborative relationships between the government, PHACE and communities.

Friday 13 November
We pray for the community awareness activities of PHACE in Kiribati. Please pray for clarity, compassion and wisdom for the PHACE team members so that people in communities will respond positively. Pray that community leaders and local people will have open hearts to listen, understand and receive the information with willingness and commitment.

Saturday 14 November/ Sunday 15 November
Please pray that PHACE in Kiribati will result in improved sanitation and hygiene in communities. Pray that as people are encouraged and involved in decision-making in their communities, they will feel more motivated and empowered to make changes that will improve the future for their families.

Indonesia

Monday 16 November
Please pray for good collaboration among all parties interested in working towards zero leprosy. Pray that their work will contribute towards the reduction of the stigma against leprosy in the communities. Pray that more people, including people affected by leprosy, will fight together against leprosy.

Tuesday 17 November
Please pray that the people affected by leprosy who are part of Organisations of People Affected by Leprosy (OPL) will grow in confidence and independence. Pray that they will become role models for others as everyone sees them grow.

Wednesday 18 November
Please pray that the OPLs can increase their capacity and organisational skills so that they will become stronger. Pray that they can add their voices to the call for leprosy-related policies and programmes and support people affected by leprosy to access their rights and opportunities.

Thursday 19 November
Please pray for the team at the Indramayu District Health Office. Pray that all Leprosy Health Workers are motivated and enthusiastic in their work and that the capacity of the Leprosy Control Programme keeps increasing.

Friday 20 November
PEPCOM intervention is aiming to reduce the incidence of leprosy in Indramayu District, West Java. The intervention combines post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) using contact approach and PEP using community empowerment and active involvement (COM) to support Intensive Case Finding. Please pray for success in raising awareness of leprosy and providing support to people affected by the condition.

Saturday 21 November/ Sunday 22 November
The stigma of leprosy in Indonesia is particularly strong. Please pray that the activities of the PEPCOM Project will make people realise that leprosy is not a curse and that it can be cured. Please pray that people will present themselves for diagnosis and treatment rather than hiding away out of fear.

Bangladesh

Monday 23 November
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.

Tuesday 24 November
Please pray for the ongoing partnerships between The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh and churches. Please pray that churches will show acceptance and care towards people affected by leprosy, bringing encouragement and motivation where it is needed. Pray that the churches will be able to effectively contribute towards zero leprosy in their communities.

Wednesday 25 November
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 to start a livelihood activity. Please pray that these efforts will transform lives.

Thursday 26 November
Due to the stigma of leprosy in Bangladesh, many people receiving hospital treatment for leprosy and disability are ignored by family members, who do not visit or care for them. This adds to the mental health burden of leprosy. Please pray for breakthrough in the stigma of leprosy and for encouragement for people suffering in this way.

Friday 27 November
TLM Bangladesh recognise that high-quality evidence and research are vital in the journey towards ‘Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed’. Give thanks that through a strategic focus on research, TLM Bangladesh is paving the way for individuals to grow and thrive, despite their history with leprosy.

Saturday 28 November/ Sunday 29 November
Please pray that TLM Bangladesh continues to have increased capacity and skilled personnel with the leprosy competencies they need to lead or co-lead research into leprosy. Please pray that research can be incorporated in different programmes and that research partnerships can increase.

India

Monday 30 November
Give thanks that TLM Trust India, with fifteen hospitals and two clinics across nine states, provides specialised leprosy services. This includes the diagnosis and management of leprosy and its complications. All the units offer reconstructive surgery, physiotherapy, protective footwear and counselling services.