THE LEPROSY MISSION NZ
TE MIHANA TŪWHENUA O AOTEAROA

Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

October 2026

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3

Worldwide

Thursday 1 October
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 livelihoods and nutrition through sustainable farming. Please pray that this will lead to better outcomes for many families, bringing hope and dignity.

Friday 2 October
Give thanks that in Ethiopia, the Dare to Dream Project focuses on identifying new cases, raising awareness and strengthening the capacity of government health workers to detect leprosy. Give thanks that the project also aims to build capacity in reconstructive surgery and wound management. Bless God for the kindness He has shown TLM Ethiopia and for the impact they have seen in all their leprosy and disability projects.

Saturday 3 October/ Sunday 4 October
Poor nutrition caused by poverty is a major factor in the continuing presence of leprosy in countries of the third world. Please pray for breakthrough in economic growth and development and allocation of resources to combat leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases.

Timor-Leste

Monday 5 October
Please pray for protection of our field staff as they travel and serve in the communities. Give them wisdom, strength, good health and compassion as they support families and Community Health Volunteers. Please pray for blessings on all Community Health Volunteers. Pray for safety and health as they conduct house-to-house awareness and health education. May their work bring hope and positive change to every community.

Tuesday 6 October
Please pray for all people affected by leprosy, especially those receiving treatment. Bless them with healing, strength, hope and courage. Pray that they can complete their treatment and live with dignity. Please pray that God will open the hearts of the communities we serve. Pray that families will accept health messages, practise healthy behaviour and support one another to build healthy and safe communities.

Wednesday 7 October
Please bless the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, local authorities, the Organisation of People Affected by Leprosy and all our partners. Please pray for God to strengthen our collaboration so that we can better serve our communities. Please pray for guidance for the leaders, staff and Board of Misaun Lepra Timor-Leste in every decision. Pray that all our work brings glory to God and helps create a Timor-Leste free from leprosy, stigma, and discrimination.

Thursday 8 October
Pray a blessing on every activity undertaken as part of the PHACE Programme in Timor Leste. Pray that the training sessions, screening activities to identify cases of leprosy, contact tracing and community awareness efforts will be effective. May these programmes help stop the transmission of leprosy in Timor-Leste.

Friday 9 October
Pray for strength for all health workers, volunteers and project teams. Pray that God will give them wisdom, patience, unity and dedication as they care for people and serve their communities. Give thanks for and bless the consultation services and daily work at all the local health clinics. Pray that God will protect the staff, patients, and everyone involved. May the clinics continue to provide quality care, healing and hope.

Saturday 10 October/ Sunday 11 October
Please pray for the Lord to open new opportunities for TLM Timor-Leste. Pray that He will provide the right partnerships, funding and resources to continue serving people with love, compassion and excellence. Please pray that God will inspire innovation and guide all our conversations and decisions so that all our programmes are fully resourced to serve the people most in need.

Nepal

Monday 12 October
Give thanks for the support of Cure One supporters. Because of these regular donors, TLM Nepal is working to expand its animal husbandry programme, providing goats, chickens and buffalo to families as a way to produce their own food.

Tuesday 13 October
Surplus milk, eggs and meat can be sold at local markets, providing extra income for essentials like school fees, clothing and medical care. Thank God for this and for the fact that the animal husbandry programme can mean that men who have had to work away from home in order to support their families will be able to stay at home and work.

Wednesday 14 October
Land for the relocation of the Research Centre has been purchased but geo-technical testing has to be carried out before any building plans can be started. The centre needs to be moved away from the current Anandaban Hospital site following the landslides of 2024.

Thursday 15 October
Active case detection is a high priority for the National Leprosy Programme of the Nepali government. The Leprosy Mission Nepal trains community health workers and volunteers to diagnose and treat leprosy. Please pray for positive collaboration to continue and for the sustainability of the training programmes.

Friday 16 October
Stigma and discrimination against people affected by leprosy affect people's ability to work and their self-esteem. TLM Nepal and other concerned organisations have formed the Nepal Leprosy Network. Please pray that this network will be successful in their work to address discrimination against people affected by leprosy at all levels of society.

Saturday 17 October/ Sunday 18 October
Please pray that children of people affected by leprosy can continue to receive support from TLM Nepal to continue their education. Give thanks that many young people have been able to start a career or pursue higher education because of this help. Pray that this assistance will bear fruit within communities and families can live stronger, more dignified lives.

Myanmar

Monday 19 October
As global energy instability continues to affect costs, please pray that programme implementation will not be hindered by fuel shortages and transportation challenges. Pray that staff will be able to travel safely and without delays to villages and project areas to carry out field activities.

Tuesday 20 October
In Myanmar hospitals, doctors and Leprosy Inspectors who can treat leprosy reactions and complications are very limited. Please pray that God will guide the government to give greater attention to leprosy care and ensure that people affected by leprosy receive proper treatment.

Wednesday 21 October
Please pray that new leprosy cases can be identified and referred for appropriate support and services in a timely manner. Please pray that God will protect people as they travel in conflict zones and that they can access the care and support they need. Please pray that people who need prostheses can safely get to the centre for the help they need.

Thursday 22 October
Please continue to pray for the health, safety and wellbeing of staff who have recently returned to Sittwe to resume the service delivery activities. Please pray that their work will be effective and that people affected by leprosy and disability can commute to the rehabilitation centres without difficulty.

Friday 23 October
TLM Myanmar works to ensure that people affected by leprosy and disability are included, valued and supported across communities. Please pray for a continued good relationship as we work with the Myanmar Association of People Affected by Leprosy. Pray for MAPAL for unity, strong leadership, financial sustainability, youth involvement and an end to stigma and discrimination through their efforts.

Saturday 24 October/ Sunday 25 October
TLM Myanmar empowers churches to establish disability resource centres and to reach out with compassion to people in need. Please give thanks for the witness and service of the church-based centres. Please pray for the safety of their leaders and that more churches will follow their example.

Bougainville

Monday 26 October
Through the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme (BHCP), Community Health Promoters (CHP) are having ongoing training to find hidden leprosy cases. Give thanks that far fewer people in communities now believe that leprosy is a curse, as people are seeing it as a curable disease.

Tuesday 27 October
Pray for the field officers of the BHCP as they continue to work with the CHPs in 95% of Bougainville's communities. They are also trying to reach the unreached areas through tough geographical terrain. Pray that the aim for all the communities to access basic health services will be reached.

Wednesday 28 October
Strengthened partnership and a healthy working relationship with Bougainville Government Facilities have created more opportunities for health promotion outreach activities. Please pray for the success of the Leprosy outreach to hotspot communities in Bougainville.

Thursday 29 October
A review of the Leprosy Programme of the BHCP has been recently carried out. Give thanks for the success of this review and of a workshop focussed on breaking the transmission of leprosy in Bougainville. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom in designing and implementing an enhanced leprosy control and management programme.

Friday 30 October
Give thanks for the senior management team of the BHCP, who give guidance and support to the programme. Please pray for good health and protection for them as they travel to remote locations. Please pray that the relationship built with the Autonomous Bougainville Government will continue to grow positively.

Saturday 31 October/ Sunday 1 November
Give thanks that the BHCP has made a significant impact in health and leadership governance sectors in recent years. The Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme is very well-known and valued throughout Bougainville. Please pray that the impact of the programme will continue to grow as people bring change to their communities.