

# **Prayer & Praise**

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

October 2025

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

**Romans 15:13** 

#### Kiribati

## Wednesday 1 October

Please pray that the newly appointed team members are well-equipped to contribute effectively to the goals of the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme. Pray that they will feel welcome and will integrate well into their roles with the wisdom and skills needed and be motivated to serve diligently.

## **Thursday 2 October**

Pray that the processes involved in establishing the office—such as securing the right location, setting up infrastructure, and organizing resources—will be carried out without delays or obstacles. Pray for protection, favour and wisdom for those involved in the setup, and that they will create an environment conducive to fruitful work.

#### Friday 3 October

Pray that all financial arrangements, approvals, and systems will be established with integrity, transparency and efficiency. Ask for God's favour with government officials, and for wisdom in setting up systems that will uphold accountability and allow for the seamless management of funds and resources.

## Saturday 4 October/ Sunday 5 October

Pray that all necessary preparation, assessments and groundwork will be completed on time, allowing for a smooth shift into active implementation of the PHACE Programme. Please pray for clarity, focus and unity among the team, and that any potential challenges or delays will be overcome, so that the programme can go ahead as planned without any hindrances.

#### Indonesia

## **Monday 6 October**

Please pray that the Post Exposure Prophylaxis Programme in Indramayu can be carried out according to the workplan. Pray for encouragement and enthusiasm among the staff and volunteers involved in the programme so that communication with people affected by leprosy in the communities can be enhanced, leading to positive outcomes for patients.

## **Tuesday 7 October**

Please pray that the Organisations of Persons Affected by Leprosy will become more confident and independent. Please pray for leadership training that will bring a greater ability to advocate so that people affected by leprosy can access the services they need.

# Wednesday 8 October

Pray for the reduction of the stigma of leprosy in the communities. Pray for education to be successful so that people will realise that leprosy can be cured and is not a curse. Pray that people affected by leprosy will join the fight to defeat leprosy and its stigma. Give thanks for all the people who have been cured of leprosy and for all those willing to be tested as part of the Post Exposure Prophylaxis Programme.

# **Thursday 9 October**

Please pray for the employees of the Indonesian Ministry of Health and especially for the team concerned with Neglected Tropical Diseases. Please bless the collaboration between all stakeholders involved in the fight against these diseases. Pray that all knowledge will be freely shared so that there is unity among the teams.

#### Friday 10 October

Pray a blessing on all the individuals and organisations supporting the work of No Leprosy Remains Indonesia. Pray that those making donations towards the elimination of leprosy and its consequences will have good health and fulfilling lives. Please pray that more philanthropists will be moved to contribute towards eradicating leprosy.

## Saturday 11 October/ Sunday 12 October

Please pray that the government of Indonesia will take on board all the information they have been given about leprosy, its cure and consequences. Pray that they will develop comprehensive programmes for the interruption of leprosy, leading to the eradication of the disease in Indonesia.

#### Bangladesh

## Monday 13 October

During October and November The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh will finalise key strategies regarding advocacy and fundraising. They will be updated as per recommendations from the Member Review. Please pray for clarity, and for divine wisdom and discernment for the Senior Leadership Team for this process.

# **Tuesday 14 October**

The Proyash project focuses on enhancing the quality of healthcare services, increasing active case finding and expanding access to services for people affected by leprosy. Planning for the next phase of Proyash is underway. Please pray for donors, team members and other stakeholders to work effectively together to produce a strong proposal towards Zero Leprosy.

## Wednesday 15 October

Women and children affected by leprosy face a double stigma in Bangladesh, due to their gender and the disease. Please ask God to strengthen advocacy work that promotes women's and children's access to healthcare, education and leadership opportunities at the community and national levels.

#### Thursday 16 October

The Enhanced Post Exposure Prophylaxis Project (PEP++) is a research project aiming to eliminate leprosy infection in individuals before symptoms appear. The team in Bangladesh will be starting the follow-up phase of the project in November. Please pray for the research team to be led by God's wisdom at every stage of the study.

## Friday 17 October

Please pray for people like 75-year-old Mr A. R. of Dhaka, who has been suffering with a severe ulcer for a long time. His wife left him because of leprosy and Mr A. R. has many physical problems. Please pray that he and others like him will learn to undertake self-care for their ulcers and that the ulcers will heal.

#### Saturday 18 October/ Sunday 19 October

Many people in Bangladesh are like thirteen-year-old D of Brahmanbaria, disabled and suffering from kidney disease or other conditions. Please pray that they can access financial support or the services to continue their treatment. Please pray for a quick, complete recovery.

## Papua New Guinea

## Monday 20 October

The Annual Country Learning was held in August. Give thanks for the opportunity to discuss the challenges and celebrate the successes of implementing the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme (PHACE). Please pray that strategies can be worked out to overcome the challenges creatively so that communities and people affected by leprosy will have a growing voice and can face the future with confidence.

# Tuesday 21 October

Round 6 of training for Community Health Volunteers under the PHACE Programme is being prepared. The topics covered include Preventative Health, Gender, Community Governance and Leadership. Please give thanks for the Community Health Volunteers and pray for enthusiasm and engagement during the training.

#### Wednesday 22 October

Please pray for the success of active case detection of leprosy in communities. Pray for wisdom and sensitivity of the Community Health Volunteers and the staff of The Leprosy Mission PNG who are involved. Please pray that self-stigma and the fear of discrimination will not prevent people affected by leprosy from coming forward for diagnosis.

## Thursday 23 October

There are a lot of people in PNG with lived experience of leprosy, and many could benefit from them sharing their experiences and struggles. Please pray that an Organisation of People with lived experience of leprosy can be set up. Please pray for this to provide a forum for support and for advocacy to give people affected by leprosy a national voice.

## Friday 24 October

This month the Leprosy Mission PNG Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled. The purpose of the meeting is for stakeholders in PHACE to give technical advice to TLM-PNG regarding challenges being faced in the implementation of PHACE. Collaboration between all the stakeholders is vital so please pray that co-operation will continue positively and will result in the overcoming of challenges.

## Saturday 25 October/ Sunday 26 October

Give thanks for the successful Mid-term Review of PHACE and for the finding of positive impacts in the communities. Please praise God for His leading in the set up and implementation of PHACE. Please pray that support and awareness will continue to grow in communities so that people's health will improve.

# Nepal

## Monday 27 October

Please lift up the health workers who tirelessly care for the sick and vulnerable. Their dedication, compassion, and selflessness are a true reflection of His love. In a world often shadowed by suffering, they shine as beacons of hope and healing. We ask for God's divine protection and guidance over their lives.

# **Tuesday 28 October**

Despite the heavy rains forecast this year, we are grateful that God has made a way for us to provide

temporary homes for individuals affected by leprosy. We are very thankful for God's guidance as we looked for safe shelter for the patients.

## Wednesday 29 October

We are thankful that God has enabled us to complete the construction of a proper drainage system and retaining wall at Anandaban Hospital. We are also thankful to God for our supporting partners, as the necessary funds were provided on time to start and complete the work.

## Thursday 30 October

Please pray for the people affected by leprosy who struggle in their lives because of the stigma at the community level. May they know God's strength and motivation to live and fight against the stigma towards leprosy. May they feel God's presence and love in every act of care they receive. Let them know they are not forgotten—that they are seen, valued, and deeply loved by God.

#### Friday 31 October

Although the number of new leprosy cases is decreasing, the number of patients with leprosy-related disabilities continues to rise. In addition, noncommunicable diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and mental illnesses are also quite common among leprosy patients. May God give TLM Nepal wisdom and strength to serve them holistically through multispecialty care.