

Prayer & Praise

Strengthening the Leprosy Mission Family through Prayer

September 2024

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

Psalm 9:1

India

Monday 2 September

Please pray that the Lord will give each team member of The Leprosy Mission Trust India wisdom and strength to continue healing all those who come to the hospitals with severe complications of leprosy. Pray that God will bless all the medicines and procedures provided in the hospitals. Their prayer is that every person returns home healed. Please pray for all the initiatives TLM TI is pursuing, including starting Physiotherapy and Nursing colleges.

Tuesday 3 September

Please pray for students affected by leprosy to continue to receive educational and mentoring support. Pray that they develop their full potential and become future champions for people affected by leprosy. Please pray that leprosy champions can become strong advocates, raising their voices to address the stigma and discrimination experienced by people affected by leprosy. Please pray for improvement in advocacy and facilitation skills, computer knowledge and English language skills.

Wednesday 4 September

Pray that the advocacy efforts of TLM TI bring hope, dignity and a renewed sense of community for all people impacted by leprosy. Please pray that collectives of people affected by leprosy and other disabilities can function as strong agencies of advocacy on inclusive development. Pray that community interventions bring about holistic development in the lives of people affected by leprosy so they can experience healing, inclusion and dignity.

Thursday 5 September

Give thanks for the Advocacy and Communications Team of TLM TI, who work closely with state and central government to work towards repeal of laws that discriminate against people affected by leprosy. Please pray that the team's efforts to make policies and laws inclusive pave the way for a just society where people affected by leprosy live with dignity.

Friday 6 September

Please pray for the Lord's wisdom on the researchers so their ideas and solutions lead to new diagnostic tools, treatment and strategies to break down the stigma of leprosy. Please lift the patients and families who will be affected by the outcome of the research. Pray that their well-being and dignity will always be the most important of our considerations.

Saturday 7 September/Sunday 8 September

Please pray that God will raise up donors and funders with a heart for the poor, who will generously contribute towards the eradication of leprosy. Pray for God to move on the hearts of individuals, corporations and institutions so they will come forward to support the programmes of TLM TI, aiming to set people free from the disease and bring hope for the future.

Papua New Guinea

Monday 9 September

Give thanks that the needs analysis and recruiting have been done for the Climate Change Resilience Project. Thank the Lord that a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with an Adventist Foundation, who will partner with The Leprosy Mission PNG to implement the project.

Tuesday 10 September

Key activities of the Climate Change Resilience Project include mangrove planting and climate resilience water infrastructure improvements. The project will be implemented in fifteen communities. Please pray that this two-year project will have a long-lasting positive impact for the communities involved.

Wednesday 11 September

Please pray for the recently appointed Community Development Facilitators. Pray that they will understand and settle into their roles easily and will be enthusiastic about the work they do. Pray for passion to see positive change within their communities. Please pray for safety for the facilitators who are working in remote parts of the country.

Thursday 12 September

The Community Development Facilitators pass on what they have learnt in Round 3 of the training in the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme. Please pray for enthusiasm in the communities and willingness to learn new ways so people's lives can improve.

Friday 13 September

Please pray for the growth of the Crab Farm Project. Give thanks that volunteers are working tirelessly in communities to raise awareness of crab farming. Pray that more communities will take up crab farming as a viable way of generating income to support vulnerable families and households.

Saturday 14 September/ Sunday 15 September

Give thanks for the supporters of The Leprosy Mission NZ, who faithfully donate and pray for the programmes in PNG. Give thanks and pray for the Senior Management Team of TLM PNG, who provide support to the field-based activities. Please pray for open communication within the teams and with all external stakeholders.

Nepal

Monday 16 September

All the projects of TLM Nepal are working towards zero transmission, zero disability and zero discrimination. Give thanks for all the support given by the government of Nepal, the partners of TLM Nepal and people on the ground. Give thanks for all the field officers and supervisors who are doing the hard work at every stage.

Tuesday 17 September

Please pray for the healthcare team at Anandaban Hospital. Please bless their hands for healing and miracles. Pray that they can protect the dignity of each patient and remain faithful to everyone entrusted to their care. Please pray for the sustainability of the services provided at Anandaban.

Wednesday 18 September

Give thanks for the donations that have been received for the construction of a new Mycobacterium Research Laboratory at Anandaban Hospital. Pray that construction can go ahead without hold-ups and that all the necessary resources will be available. Please pray for safety for all those working at the site and for God's favour on this building project.

Thursday 19 September

Give thanks to God for the Cure One Day with Rhema Media. Please pray for Kamal the Cure One ambassador for 2024 and for others in similar situations. Please pray that Kamal's story will touch people's hearts with motivation to pray and to give for people affected by leprosy so they can be cured, one by one.

Friday 20 September

Whole families are affected when one person is diagnosed with leprosy. Please pray for families like Kamal's, where Dad didn't know for four years that he had leprosy and sought traditional cures for skin diseases before he was diagnosed with leprosy. Give thanks that he has now been cured. Pray that the stigma of leprosy will be eliminated as people see others cured and back to good health.

Saturday 21 September/ Sunday 22 September

Kamal's mother is with Kamal at Anandaban Hospital, worried about her son's health and with the added burden that she can't plant during the growing season because she is not at home. Without her provision the family will go hungry during the winter. Please pray for all the families struggling with a diagnosis of leprosy and the implications this has for their futures.

Timor Leste

Monday 23 September

The team at TLM Timor Leste ask that you bring before God any concerns or uncertainties they may have. Ask that He grants them peace and assurance, knowing that He is in control and that He has a plan for the nation. Pray for the faith to trust in His timing and guidance, even when things seem challenging.

Tuesday 24 September

Thank God for the journey of the Preventative Health and Community Empowerment Programme till now. Express gratitude for God's guidance and provision and for the opportunities, blessings and challenges that have shaped those involved. Pray that God will touch the lives of people affected by leprosy, bringing healing and the resources they need.

Wednesday 25 September

Please acknowledge that PHACE is not possible without the guidance and provision of God. Ask for His continued presence and wisdom. Pray that He will give clarity of vision, creativity and perseverance to overcome any obstacles that come up. Pray that the PHACE Programme will be a source of hope, change and empowerment to those we serve.

Thursday 26 September

Pray for increased awareness and understanding of leprosy within Timor Leste society. Pray that stigma and discrimination may be overcome, and individuals affected by leprosy can live with dignity and acceptance.

Friday 27 September

Lift the goals and aspirations of the PHACE Programme implementation. Please pray for blessing on all the efforts of those involved, and for favour as they seek to make a positive impact in the lives of those they serve. Please pray that God will provide the resources, skills, and opportunities needed to achieve the PHACE objectives.

Saturday 28 September/ Sunday 29 September

Please pray for the Trust Board of Misaun Lepra Timor Leste and their relationships with the government and other local and international partners. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as they have oversight of the organisation and its work within communities.

Monday 30 September

In Mozambique, media centres are places where local self-care groups gather to discuss and learn about leprosy and other issues. Give thanks that these are places where people can see videos about leprosy and other health topics, as well as information about agriculture and other topics relevant to their daily lives. Please pray that people affected by leprosy and disability will find acceptance and motivation in the groups.

Worldwide