


OCT '24 - JAN '25



# PRAYER DIARY UPDATE

*'REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY CONTINUALLY, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.'*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

# October: Myanmar

**Myanmar is facing the worst humanitarian crisis in its history since civil war broke out in 2021.**

Hunger is rife, and thousands of families are unable to afford basic necessities. Most people cannot access healthcare. Fighting, checkpoints, and even landmines make travelling risky. As you can imagine, for people affected by leprosy life is particularly harsh.

## **WEEK 1**

The United Nations estimates 13 million people in Myanmar do not have enough to eat. Many people affected by leprosy are facing starvation. **Please pray that all those who are hungry will experience the Lord's abundant provision. May He bless all those working to distribute aid and alleviate suffering.**

## **WEEK 2**

The small team in Myanmar serve people affected by leprosy with few resources but incredible dedication. It's not an easy situation in which to work. **Praise God for their commitment in the face of adversity. Pray that He will give them the strength to face the challenges the political situation presents.**

## **WEEK 3**

Our mobile clinics are a lifeline for people affected by leprosy. But the medical team have to travel hundreds of miles to reach the communities where they are most needed. **Please pray that the Lord will protect them as they travel. Pray too that people affected by leprosy will get the care they urgently need, and know they are not forgotten.**

## **WEEK 4**

Millions have fled their homes since 2021, not knowing when they will be able to return. Many more families are living in fear and uncertainty every day. **Pray that the Prince of Peace will rest over this country. May He bring reconciliation, comfort, and hope where there is despair.**

# November: Climate change

Each of the countries you support is on the frontline of the climate crisis. Flooding and cyclones have destroyed homes and livelihoods in Myanmar and Bangladesh. Extreme heat is ever more common in India. And across Africa, drought plunges families into hunger year after year. For people affected by leprosy, the effects are devastating.

## WEEK 1

Poverty, poor sanitation, and malnutrition increase people's vulnerability to leprosy. Climate change is worsening the situation. **Please pray for all those managing the effects of climate change in Leprosy Mission hospitals and community projects. May our Heavenly Father give them wisdom to find solutions to the challenges ahead.**

## WEEK 2

This week, world leaders will meet for COP29. Global cooperation has never been more vital for combating climate change. **Please ask that the Lord will guide discussions and inspire action. May the needs and voices of those most affected, including those with disabilities, be at the heart of decision-making.**

## WEEK 3

Many people affected by leprosy rely on small scale agriculture for food and income. As drought becomes more common, livelihoods become ever more precarious. **Give thanks for efforts to develop climate resilient farming in Mozambique and Sri Lanka. Pray that families will lift themselves out of poverty as a result.**

## WEEK 4

People affected by leprosy and those with disabilities are especially vulnerable to climate disasters. If you already live in poverty, survival becomes almost impossible should you lose your home and livelihood. **Pray that the Lord will cast a hedge of protection around those facing cyclones and floods. Pray too for Leprosy Mission teams across the world helping communities to rebuild their lives.**



## December: India

Mumbai is a sprawling city of lights, the home of Bollywood. Go into the slums, however, and the glamour quickly fades. Thousands of families live in cramped conditions, with only the most basic sanitation. Healthcare is a luxury few can afford.

But God's love is shining here. The Karuna project, which means compassion in Sanskrit, is bringing healthcare, training and education, as well as hope into the despair.

### WEEK 1

The project is run by local churches, serving the most marginalised people in the slums with God-given compassion. **Give thanks for churches in Great Britain and India showing Jesus' love to those affected by leprosy. Ask that the Lord will continue to bless these partnerships.**



## **WEEK 2**

The Karuna mobile clinic provides people with free healthcare and leprosy treatment. But more than that, the medics offer a comforting shoulder and a listening ear. **Pray that the Lord will give them the skills to bind up wounds and broken hearts. May people affected by leprosy know they are loved.**

## **WEEK 3**

The Karuna project also empowers people affected by leprosy to look to the future through vocational training. **Please pray that families will find a pathway out of poverty through these activities. Pray especially that training will open doors for young people.**

## **WEEK 4**

As we celebrate the Light of the World, we are thankful for all those shining light into lives torn apart by leprosy. **Praise God that He is equipping people to continue His mission of healing and love. Pray that He will raise up more people with a heart for those affected by leprosy.**



## January: India

**Odisha, eastern India, is famous for its historic temples and stunning beaches. Its beauty, however, gives a false impression of life for people affected by leprosy living here.**

In leprosy colonies across the state, families are living in crumbling houses with no clean water or safe toilets. Malnutrition is rife, and opportunities to break the vicious cycle of poverty are scarce.

### **WEEK 1**

People affected by leprosy often rely on begging to survive. Some earn as little as 50 pence a day. Many are elderly, and face abuse from passers-by. **Ask that Jehovah Jirah, the Lord who provides, will meet their daily needs and more. Pray that He will protect and soften hearts towards them.**



## WEEK 2

Many of those living in the leprosy colonies have been abandoned by their families. The emotional impact of this rejection can last a lifetime. **Pray that the Lord will surround these precious people with His love and peace. May they know that are not forgotten or alone.**

## WEEK 3

Advocates like Pastor Elisha (pictured above) have transformed leprosy colonies in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. As they look to change lives in Odisha too, **praise God for their commitment to justice for people affected by leprosy. Pray that He will raise up new champions to continue their legacy.**

## WEEK 4

Sunday 26 January marks World Leprosy Day. As we seek greater commitment to ending the disease, give thanks for all those sharing their story and calling for change. **Please pray that global and national decision makers will listen to people affected by leprosy and will be moved to act.**

# Join us in prayer



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