FEB - MAY '25



THEN YOU WILL CALL ON ME AND COME AND PRAY TO ME, AND I WILL LISTEN TO YOU. YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME WHEN YOU SEEK ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART.'

# **February: Peace**

Many of the countries you support are facing devastating political instability and war. Sadly, people affected by leprosy are often the most vulnerable in difficult and dangerous situations. Already marginalised and living in poverty, it's much harder to survive when disaster strikes.

Please join us to lift people affected by leprosy and our teams in conflict zones to the Lord.

#### WEEK 1: SUDAN

Sudan is currently enduring a catastrophic humanitarian crisis. Conflict has displaced millions; even more are facing famine. Tragically, the war meant our clinic in the capital had to close last year.

Please pray for peace and that aid will reach those in need. Ask that God will protect people affected by leprosy as there is now nowhere for them to get treatment.

#### WEEK 2: NIGER

Life has been tough in Niger since the military coup in July 2023. Economic crisis has caused huge increases in prices for basics like food. This means many people do not have enough to eat. May Jehovah Jirah, the Lord who provides, pour out His provision over Niger. Ask that He will pave the way for financial recovery so people can rebuild their lives.

### WEEK 3: ETHIOPIA

Two years after the devastating Tigray War, conflict is still tearing lives apart in Ethiopia. Drought and rising food prices mean the risk of famine is growing. Ask that the Prince of Peace will reign over this country. Please pray against hunger, and that the Lord will comfort all those living in fear.

#### WEEK 4: PRAYER FOR OUR TEAMS

As you can imagine, working in countries experiencing political and economic crises is incredibly challenging. Ask that the Lord will protect Leprosy Mission teams across the world. Pray that He will give them insight and wisdom as they face difficult situations.



# **March: Nepal**

For nearly 70 years, Anandaban Hospital has been a beacon of hope for people affected by leprosy in Nepal. Through your support, thousands of patients every year get the treatment and care they need to heal from the disease. And in communities across the country, you're helping to cure leprosy and break down stigma, so communities can live free from poverty and fear.

## WEEK 1: ANANDABAN HOSPITAL

Last year, landslides caused catastrophic damage to Anandaban Hospital. Your incredible support for the response has enabled the hospital to keep going in the face of disaster. Ask that the Lord will continue to protect Anandaban. Pray too for wisdom for the team as they now look to the future.

#### WEEK 2: FINDING AND CURING PEOPLE

To prevent permanent disability, early diagnosis and treatment of leprosy is vital. But many people are still frightened to come forward with the first



symptoms because of discrimination. Give thanks for female health volunteers raising awareness about leprosy across Nepal. Pray that they will combat the stigma that stops people seeking treatment.

## WEEK 3: WOMEN AFFECTED BY LEPROSY

For women with leprosy, getting treatment is particularly hard. Many can't leave farms or children behind to go to hospital. Costs for travel are also hard to find. Pray that teams will find more ways to encourage women to come forward, and ensure they are reached through every project.

## WEEK 4: TLM NEPAL TEAM

The team in Nepal are dedicated to serving people affected by leprosy. But between facing natural disasters and working in remote locations, the challenges are often overwhelming. Pray that the Lord will sustain them as they follow His call to serve. May God bless their families and undertake for their personal needs.

# **April: Odisha**

In rural Odisha, eastern India, people affected by leprosy are living in extreme poverty. Stigma and discrimination means many rely on begging to survive. Getting enough to eat is a daily struggle, and malnutrition is all too common. Families are trapped in a cycle of poor health and hardship.

#### WEEK 1: REVIVAL

People living with the effects of leprosy in Odisha desperately need the hope of Jesus. Pray that the team working in this area will help people to see that they are valued, and are not forgotten. May the work that is being done bring real hope for the future.

#### WEEK 2: COMMUNITY GARDENS

Malnutrition is a huge problem in leprosy colonies, as begging doesn't provide enough money for food. Your support will provide everything needed to start community gardens and grow nutritious fruit and vegetables. Pray that from small seeds, mighty things will grow. Pray that families' health will improve with better and more regular food.

# WEEK 3: OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Many young people living in leprosy colonies want a better future. But discrimination means higher education and good jobs are out of reach. Please pray for an end to the stigma that unfairly holds back second and third generations in leprosy communities. Pray that doors will open for them, so they have the same opportunities as others.

### WEEK 4: EASTER PRAYER

As we celebrate Jesus' victory over death at Easter, we remember people who need to see victory over death in their own lives. Praise God that you are bringing hope to people affected by leprosy. Pray that communities throughout Odisha will see victorious transformation through your faith and love.



# May - Staff homes in India

Across Leprosy Mission hospitals in India, nurses are the unsung heroes of leprosy care. It isn't an easy job, and the hours are long. But every day, they show the love of Jesus, bringing healing to the weary and hope to the discouraged.

Thank you for lifting these amazing nurses up to the Lord.

## WEEK 1: NURSES

Every day, leprosy nurses bind up deep wounds, show the rejected that they are loved, and heal broken hearts. Give thanks for their incredible dedication and expertise. May the Lord equip them to serve their patients, and give them time to rest amid the busyness.

#### WEEK 2: PRAISE FOR THE PROGRESS

Join Ranish and his wife in giving thanks for a newly repaired home. This lovely couple have worked at the hospital for 16 years, and live with their two children (6 and 13) on Champa Hospital's campus. "Now we



don't have to worry about snakes and mosquitos. We don't have to face living in damp rooms with soaking floors during the monsoon. We thank God for people in Great Britain who have given us a better life."

#### WEEK 3: REMAINING STAFF HOUSES

Many hospital staff across India still come home to unsafe and unsanitary houses, making it difficult to wash, cook and care for families. Please pray for the continued work to renovate and rebuild their homes. Pray that more families like Ranish's will feel inspired and encouraged by your support.

## WEEK 4: LEPROSY PATIENTS

Coming to hospital can be an anxious time. But our nurses are there to greet patients with love and welcoming smiles. Pray that the love of Jesus will shine out from the nurses to everyone they meet. May leprosy patients feel at home at our hospitals, knowing they are loved and valued.

Image: Yamuna is a healthcare assistant at Champa Hospital. She is so thankful for her and her family's refurbished home on the hospital campus,

# Join us in prayer



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