

OCT '23 — JAN '24



“IN THE MORNING I LAY
MY REQUESTS BEFORE YOU
AND WAIT EXPECTANTLY.”

Psalms 5:3b (NIV)

PRAYER DIARY UPDATE

OCTOBER

Nigeria is full of contrasts. Desert, lush green savannahs, jungles and farmland create an eclectic landscape. The population is incredibly diverse too, with over 250 recognised ethnic groups speaking over 500 languages. Unfortunately, Nigeria has one of the highest poverty rates in the world with more than half of Nigerians living in extreme need. In 2021 there were 2,398 new cases of leprosy diagnosed. Sadly, 212 of these were children.

WEEK 1

The small Leprosy Mission team in Nigeria works to find people with leprosy and cure them quickly. They provide healthcare, rehabilitation, and education to dispel myths surrounding this disease. **Pray God will continue to give the team wisdom, guiding them to the right communities and areas of need.**

WEEK 2

Chanchaga Orthopaedic Workshop makes bespoke prosthetics and other mobility aids for people affected by leprosy. The workshop is the only specialised leprosy treatment centre in Nigeria and is key to restoring mobility to people affected by leprosy. **Pray our Father will direct people to the workshop, transforming more lives through the services offered.**

WEEK 3

The team at Chanchaga Orthopaedic Workshop offers physiotherapy to help rebuild strength in patients' limbs. If leprosy is left untreated it can cause nerve damage, stealing the gift of pain. Injuries go unnoticed, and become infected. When severe infections turn in to ulcers that won't heal, amputation is often the only option. **Pray for all those who are learning to walk again with a new leg, that they can regain mobility and independence.**

WEEK 4

There are three people in the Nigeria team who work to raise funds to help people affected by leprosy. There is also a team of 40 volunteers working in Niger State. This group has recently had training in public speaking and fundraising in churches. **Pray God will bless fundraising activities in Nigeria, and open doors to churches and businesses who will partner in their life-changing work.**

NOVEMBER

With its abundance of beautiful rainforests and beaches, Sri Lanka is a well-known tourist hotspot. But, behind the picture postcard façade, is an island where an estimated third of the population lives in poverty. Access to clean water and basic sanitation is a luxury out of reach for many families. Leprosy is a disease that thrives in poverty, where nutritious food is scarce and immune systems are weakened.

WEEK 1

Reducing transmission is vital to halt the march of leprosy across Sri Lanka. Currently, there is a significantly high number of cases being diagnosed in children. Early diagnosis and treatment are key to preventing these children from developing a disability. **Pray community skin camps and outreach workers can find and cure children with leprosy. Pray our Heavenly Father will hold these children in the palm of his hand, protecting them from the spread and effects of leprosy.**

WEEK 2

The Leprosy People's Association of Sri Lanka, whose members are all affected by leprosy, supports a growing number of communities on the island. The group provides drama therapy, nutritional advice, leprosy awareness and an essential support network to people affected by leprosy. **Pray more people will be moved to join the organisation, helping to reach more communities across Sri Lanka.**

WEEK 3

Our teams are working with government officials to help rid Sri Lanka of leprosy. **Pray for wisdom and patience in meetings, so relationships can flourish. We pray new processes can be introduced to improve diagnosis and the treatment of leprosy.**

WEEK 4

Many people affected by leprosy in Sri Lanka are farmers or fishermen. Climate change is hitting them hard, losing crops and income because of floods, droughts, cyclones and changes in rainfall patterns. **Please pray that world leaders would agree a plan to effectively tackle Climate Change. Pray for the team in Sri Lanka helping to support people affected by leprosy with climate change adaptation.**



DECEMBER


For many people, the run up to Christmas is a happy time. They enjoy the festivities, decorating their homes and all the traditions that this special time of year brings. None more so than when they spot the perfect present for a loved one. Have you ever experienced that feeling? You can't wait for someone to see the gift you have chosen for them. You can picture their delight as they unwrap the gift. You take extra special care when wrapping the present as you want everything to be perfect.

On that very first Christmas, God gave us the perfect gift. But God's present wasn't wrapped in luxury wrapping paper. There was no fancy bow or string. There wasn't even a gift tag. His gift came in a dirty stable, lying where animals ate their food. Jesus, God's most precious gift, was wrapped in hope, peace, joy and love for all of humanity.

WEEK 1

Being diagnosed with leprosy can sometimes mean losing all you hold dear. Your friends, your family, your home. Rejection often causes depression and hopelessness.

Please pray for people who have lost hope. We ask our Heavenly Father to comfort them and walk beside them, instilling a sense of peace and hope into their broken hearts.



“BUT THE ANGEL SAID
TO THEM, “DO NOT BE
AFRAID. I BRING YOU
GOOD NEWS THAT WILL
CAUSE GREAT JOY FOR
ALL THE PEOPLE”

Luke 2:10 (NIV)

WEEK 2

Many of the countries where The Leprosy Mission works are plagued by war and political instability. These make challenging and dangerous conditions for our staff to work in. **Pray there will be a resolution in conflicts, bringing peace and safety. Please pray for safety for community health workers as they carry out their vital work, finding and curing people affected by leprosy**

WEEK 3

Pray that the love of Jesus would be shown through the kindness and compassion of Leprosy Mission staff. Pray for the persecuted church and for the protection of those who are forced to worship in secret and in fear.

WEEK 4

In this last week in December, we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the incredible love and compassion shown by you, faithful advocates of people affected by leprosy. Because of you, people living with the effects of this debilitating disease are not forgotten. **Praise God that through the commitment and kindness of supporters, leprosy is being defeated. Pray that others will be moved to join the mission so more people affected by leprosy can be healed and restored.**



JANUARY

Bihar is one of the most densely populated states in India. Bordering Nepal, it is home to more than 120 million people. Bihar is also the most underdeveloped state in India. It is of no coincidence that the state's poor infrastructure and healthcare means there are much higher leprosy rates here than the rest of India.

WEEK 1

Nestled in the central area of Bihar State is The Leprosy Mission's hospital in Muzaffarpur. Built in 1904, it is the only leprosy specialist hospital for hundreds of miles. Many people travel long distances to reach the hospital because they can't get treatment anywhere else. **Pray God will guide and help people to reach the hospital. Pray they will be comforted and feel compassion and love as they enter the hospital grounds.**

WEEK 2

As climate change continues to change weather patterns around the world, temperatures in Bihar often exceed 40 degrees. Over recent years the hospital campus has increasingly flooded during monsoon season. Both the extreme heat and flooding causes huge challenges for both staff and patients. **Pray for God's protection for the staff and patients as they struggle to live, work and recover in these extreme conditions.**



WEEK 3

Muzaffarpur Hospital offers different services to help people affected by leprosy and other health conditions. From physiotherapy, dermatology, and prosthetics to surgery and general care, the hospital is a lifeline for many people. **Pray for God to sustain the team who serve people affected by leprosy. Please pray for strength, wisdom and guidance.**

WEEK 4

Muzaffarpur Hospital is in desperate need of improvement. Over the years, the number of patients it serves has increased dramatically. On average 600 people are seen in the Outpatients' department each day. This area of the hospital is not designed to cope with this volume of people. **Pray Our Lord will remove any barriers that could impact the construction of a new Outpatients' Department. Pray Jehovah Jireh, our God who Provides, will bless funds raised to enable all the necessary work to be completed.**

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