

WEEK 2

In Holy Week, we remember the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross. At the beginning of the week, He was welcomed by the people of Jerusalem with singing and the waving of palm leaves. By the end of the week, He was cast aside and humiliated by these same people.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters who are affected by leprosy. They too face humiliation and mistreatment. Pray that Christ will ease their suffering and they will feel His comforting presence as He walks beside them.

WEEK 3

This week, we are reminded of how Mary and the disciples might have felt when Jesus rose from the grave. Their initial feelings may have been doubt and disbelief, but when their eyes were opened to the miracle of the resurrection, euphoria and joy were in abundance! This might be how people affected by leprosy feel when they hear that this terrible disease can be cured. But sadly, myths and untruths about leprosy still

exist, preventing many people from seeking help. **Please pray for the health workers who are educating communities about leprosy. Give thanks that many people's eyes are being opened to the truth about leprosy. Pray that God's perfect love will cast out all fear.**

WEEK 4

On 23 April we remember St George, who stood fast and faced the dragon to save the princess. He did not accept any payment from the king and gave the money and riches bestowed upon him to the poor. **This week, please pray for other Leprosy Mission supporters like you. Through your prayers and sacrificial giving, you are fighting to slay leprosy. Give thanks to God for our Leprosy Mission family - for every person who prays faithfully, gives generously and fights with determination to bring healing and hope.**



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MAY

Leprosy is one of the most complicated and oldest diseases known to man. It is notoriously difficult to research because of the very slow growth cycle of leprosy bacteria. Despite these challenges, there have been remarkable advancements in our knowledge and understanding of this ancient disease.

WEEK 1

Multidrug therapy (MDT) is the only known cure for leprosy. Patients must take a combination of drugs to fight the disease and be cured. Due to Covid, access to MDT has been challenging in some countries. **Pray that God will ease any supply issues, helping people continue their course of treatment and be fully cured.**

WEEK 2

Finding and curing people with leprosy quickly is key to preventing disability. Our team around the world are actively looking for new cases of leprosy, even going door-to-door in communities to find people with symptoms. But we need an early diagnostic test that will show if someone has leprosy before the first symptoms appear. Research is ongoing into new tools that would enable this. **Please pray that God will give wisdom and knowledge to researchers as they**

develop early diagnostic tests for leprosy. Pray that our Lord will guide our team as they work to find and cure people with this disease.

WEEK 3

This week we give thanks for a breakthrough treatment for leprosy ulcers, LPRF (Leukocyte and Platelet Rich Fibrin), which has produced very promising results in trials in Nepal. This new treatment is proving transformational for people suffering with ulcers. People with ulcers caused by leprosy can stay in hospital for over two months while they heal. Amazingly, LPRF can help ulcers to heal in as little as a week. **Please ask God to bless the LPRF research and inspire our team as this treatment is trialled in more countries.**

WEEK 4

The war against leprosy continues around the world. This battle is fought on many fronts, from reducing poverty, curing people of leprosy and preventing disability, to providing health education and tackling discrimination. Research into new treatments for leprosy is one of the most powerful weapons we have; the war against leprosy won't be won without it. **Pray that our Lord will bless this research, giving scientists knowledge, wisdom, strength and courage.**

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This prayer diary update is for use individually or with small groups as a focus of praise to our heavenly Father, for His goodness and blessings which enable the work of The Leprosy Mission.

We thank you for your partnership and encourage continued prayer for breakthrough, as we work towards our goal of leprosy defeated and lives transformed.

Thank you for your part as a faithful and valued 'Prayer Partner'.

Peter Waddup
Chief Executive

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GREATER HEIGHTS



The Leprosy Mission



“AS FOR ME, I WILL ALWAYS HAVE HOPE; I WILL PRAISE YOU MORE AND MORE.”

PSALM 71:14 (NIV)

“I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE MOUNTAINS — WHERE DOES MY HELP COME FROM? MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD, THE MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.”
PSALM 121:1-2 (NIV)

FEBRUARY

Anandaban Hospital in Nepal sits high on a mountain top, overlooking Kathmandu. A beacon of hope, this hospital cares for over 6,000 people affected by leprosy each year. Here, the dedicated team heal patients from both the physical and emotional effects of this debilitating disease. Your support provides reconstructive surgery, wound care and counselling. This haven of kindness and acceptance is the only place where many people in Nepal can go for specialist leprosy treatment.

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WEEK 1

Shovakhar Kandel is the Country Leader in Nepal. He wanted to share this message with you: "I would like to thank our brothers and sisters who generously supported us during the Nepal Earthquake and Covid pandemic. We are also very grateful for your support in raising funds for Heal Nepal. Our work would not be possible without you. We now plan to rebuild our Research Centre at Anandaban so that we can continue our pioneering leprosy research in collaboration with international scientists. The research will play an important role in stopping leprosy transmission and preventing disability, so that leprosy can be defeated worldwide. **Please kindly pray for Nepal as we raise funds to rebuild the research labs.**"

WEEK 2

This week, please pray for the team of surgeons working at Anandaban Hospital. They perform hundreds of surgeries each year, transforming lives by restoring mobility and independence. **Pray that God will continue to give them the wisdom, strength and stamina to continue this vital work.**

WEEK 3

Anandaban Hospital is home to a world-class research team who are pioneering advancements in the diagnosis and treatment of leprosy. God moves in this space, guiding our team to make exciting breakthroughs. **Please pray that our Heavenly Father will continue to bless the dedicated research team with the knowledge and skills they need.**

WEEK 4

At Anandaban Hospital, patients receive much more than medical care to heal their physical wellbeing. Emotional scars are healed too. Kindness and compassion are dispensed in abundance, helping to ease the pain in people's hearts. **Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to move within the hospital, bringing peace and rest to patients. Please ask our Lord to sustain the whole team at Anandaban so they can continue their incredible work healing people affected by leprosy.**

“WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US”.
1 JOHN 4:19 (NIV)

MARCH

Lent is a time for looking both back and forward. As Christians, we remember the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made. By sending His only Son to die on a cross, God took away our sins. By acknowledging God as our Heavenly Father, we are forgiven our mistakes and washed clean. I pray you will feel close to God during this time of fasting and prayer.

WEEK 1

As we begin this season of Lent, let's keep in our hearts Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Many of the countries The Leprosy Mission work in actively discourage Christianity. People of a Christian faith face daily persecution, and even death. They are forced to pray and worship our Lord God in secret. **Pray that God will give them protection from their persecutors, strength for when they become weary and tired, and courage to continue in their walk with Him.**

WEEK 2

During the second week of Lent, please pray for our brothers and sisters worldwide suffering from the effects of leprosy. Many are cast out of their communities, and even abandoned by their families, just because they have this disease. Too many are forced to live on the edge of society, rejected and isolated. **Please pray that the Holy Spirit will bestow peace upon them. Pray that they will be able to feel the presence of our Lord walking beside them. Ask our Father to guide them towards health centres and hospitals so they can receive treatment and healing.**



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WEEK 3

This week, we uphold people affected by leprosy living in Sri Lanka. Their daily struggles living with this debilitating disease are made worse by lack of food and clean water. Last year, your kindness provided wells and seeds to these communities. **Pray that God will give strength to the team who are building these vital new water supplies. Ask our Lord to help the seeds grow into life-giving food for families across this country.**

WEEK 4

As we move deeper into Lent, we remember those who work in challenging situations to find people with signs of leprosy. Community health workers travel long distances to remote and often dangerous areas. Through their dedication, thousands of people are given the cure for leprosy. **Please pray that God will sustain these committed health workers and help them to continue their vital mission. We ask our Lord to surround them with an army of angels to keep them safe on their long travels.**

“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.”
JOHN 3:16 (NIV)



APRIL

WEEK 1

In this fifth week of Lent, please remember our Leprosy Mission Country Leaders in your prayers. **Please ask our Lord God to anoint them and**

give them wisdom and courage in meetings with country officials. We praise Christ for their skills and knowledge as they lead our work supporting people affected by leprosy.