

# May Prayers Keeping in Touc

Thursday May 1

PAPUA NEW GUINEA Pray for Natalie Smith as she leads a team driven by love and compassion. Pray they will continue to build partnerships with the PNG Government, NGOs, and churches to reach more people affected by leprosy.

# Friday May 2

AUSTRALIA Pray for the Global Day of Prayer next Wednesday. Pray for the Australian team helping host the local session alongside the team from Timor-Leste.

## Saturday May 3

GLOBAL 'Inner wellbeing' refers to an individual's mental, emotional and spiritual state. Pray for people diagnosed and living with leprosy as they learn to cope with their day-to-day life, psychologically and socially.

#### Sunday May 4

GLOBAL Pray staff and volunteers will be empathetic listeners with compassionate hearts. Pray for counselling services to have the time to sit with someone who is struggling and for expertise in handling more complex situations.

# **Monday May 5**

GLOBAL On World Hand Hygiene Day pray individuals, households, and communities are well educated in hygiene management. Pray for adequate resources of clean water and soap to ensure high levels of sanitation.

**Tuesday May 6 GLOBAL** Pray for efforts to reduce stigma and discrimination through

educating communities and advocating to repeal unjust laws. Pray these efforts will create more inclusive places for people affected by leprosy to live their lives.

#### Wednesday May 7

GLOBAL Today is The Leprosy Mission's Global Day of Prayer. Pray for the hundreds of people gathering over Zoom around the world. Pray that God will lead the conversation and prayer to encourage and challenge us for the year ahead.

## **Thursday May 8**

TIMOR-LESTE Pray for Misaun Lepra Timor-Leste staff working in partnership with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion, local churches, and Organisations of Persons with Disability.

# Friday May 9

TIMOR-LESTE Pray for people affected by leprosy supported through the Ending Leprosy Transmission in Oecusse-Ambeno project (E-LETRA). Pray they will be encouraged to seek treatment and support and bring healing and dignity.

## Saturday May 10

GLOBAL On World Fair Trade Day give thanks and pray for artisans working to build sustainable livelihoods.

#### Sunday May 11

AUSTRALIA Today is Mother's Day in Australia. Pray for mothers affected by leprosy themselves or in their children, seeking to protect and empower their families.

Monday May 12 GLOBAL On International Nurses Day give thanks for the enormous contribution nurses make to healthcare. Pray nursing staff in Leprosy Mission Hospitals will have the resources and training needed to support people affected by leprosy.

# Tuesday May 13

INDIA Pray for wisdom and open hearts amongst government officials, think tanks, and community organisations. Pray they will be open to collaborating with The Leprosy Mission Trust India. Pray for unity and a collective voice for people affected by leprosy.

## Wednesday May 14

INDIA Pray for God's provision of the resources necessary to effectively raise awareness and advocate for the rights of persons affected by leprosy. Pray for generous hearts to support this vital work.

#### Thursday May 15

GLOBAL On this International Day of Families pray for families affected by leprosy struggling with the effects of discrimination. Pray for breakthroughs in their communities to bring dignity and inclusion.

#### Friday May 16

NEPAL Pray for The Leprosy Mission Nepal staff as they continue to find innovative approaches to leprosy management. Pray that people

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affected by leprosy will benefit from this work with improved long-term outcomes.

Saturday May 17
GLOBAL On World
Telecommunications and
Information Society Day
give thanks and pray for new
technologies which allow us to
communicate with new groups
of people. Pray these new people
will be moved to support people
affected by leprosy.

## Sunday May 18

NEPAL Pray for staff and volunteers of the Jhapa Leprosy Reduction project. Pray their efforts in educating and screening for leprosy in schools will reduce local transmission.

# Monday May 19

AUSTRALIA This is National Volunteer Week. Give thanks and pray for our amazing volunteers who go above and beyond to bring healing, dignity and inclusion to people affected by leprosy. Pray new people will feel called to offer their skills and time to make a difference.

## Tuesday May 20

GLOBAL On World Bee Day thank God for these wonderful creatures which help nourish us. Pray for beekeepers affected by leprosy to create a sustainable income through selling honey. Pray their bees will also build healthy ecosystems to promote food security.

## Wednesday May 21

GLOBAL On International Tea Day give thanks and pray for opportunities to grow tea and create sustainable livelihoods for people affected by leprosy. Pray this will be supported by sales through The Leprosy Mission Australia Shop.

Thursday May 22 INDONESIA Pray for the Urban Leprosy project staff working alongside the Ministry of Health to improve services and outcomes for people affected by leprosy, discrimination, disability, and poverty.

# Friday May 23

NIGERIA Give thanks for breakthroughs in getting Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT) back into Nigeria after more than 12 months. Pray for staff as they follow up with people who have not been able to start treatment or have had their treatment interrupted.

# Saturday May 24

NIGERIA Pray for those people who have had treatment delayed. Pray they will have access to the treatment and care they need to deal with any consequences of having their course of MDT interrupted.

# Sunday May 25

GLOBAL Pray for governments around the world to see the importance of foreign aid to create a more fair, equitable world in which each person can flourish and lead a full life.

# Monday May 26

NEPAL Give thanks and pray for new Self-Help Groups recently formed. Pray for building good relationships within the groups and for active participation in the wider community.

#### Tuesday May 27

INDIA Pray for our new project with the Vocational Training Centre in Faizabad. Pray for the students who come from across northern India and are mostly from leprosy or disability affected backgrounds.

Wednesday May 28 GLOBAL On World Hunger Day we recognise the role that having adequate, nutritious food plays in gaining and maintaining health. Pray for people affected by leprosy to have access to affordable, sustainable food sources.

Thursday May 29
GLOBAL Pray for continued innovation around the Global Fellowship. Pray for breakthroughs in leprosy treatment, approaches to discrimination, and disability management.

Friday May 30
INDONESIA Pray for the
villages involved in the Leprosy
Friendly Village project. Pray for
inclusive policies and practices
that ensure people affected by
leprosy and discrimination can
feel safe, welcomed, and valued
in their community.

# Saturday May 31

GLOBAL "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Being still is tough when we're anxious. Caring for people with leprosy involves emotional support too. Pray staff have time and resources to listen with patience and compassion, calming anxious hearts.

"The Lord God has told us what is right and what he demands:

"See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and humbly obey your God."

Micah 6:8