

January 2021

Your Daily Prayers

Jan 1: New Year's Day

Jan 6: Epiphany

Jan 30: World NTD Day (Second annual World Day of Awareness of Neglected Tropical Diseases)

Jan 31: World Leprosy Sunday

Friday, January 1

GLOBAL Today is New Year's Day! Give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for His continued sustaining strength for people affected by leprosy and disability.

Saturday, January 2

GLOBAL The Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship consists of Leprosy Mission organisations or offices across 30 different countries worldwide. Give thanks for the commitment to work in unity to defeat leprosy!

Sunday, January 3

GLOBAL Across the Global Fellowship there are more than 2,000 people working for The Leprosy Mission. Please thank our Lord Jesus Christ for sustaining their commitment to defeating leprosy and transforming lives and for His blessing on them this year.

Monday, January 4

PAPUA NEW GUINEA Has done an impressive job reducing the spread of COVID-19 after a second wave, although concerns remain about unseen community transmission. Please pray the numbers will stay down.

Tuesday, January 5

INDIA Every forty-five minutes this year a child will learn they have leprosy. Please pray that all these children will receive prompt treatment, and that they will not face stigma.

Wednesday, January 6

GLOBAL Today many followers of Jesus will celebrate Epiphany. We praise God for the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. Thank God that because of the incarnation we can know him.

Thursday, January 7

THAILAND Thailand has been an exemplar of dealing with COVID-19. Give thanks for their strong health system, and their ability to control it.

Friday, January 8

GLOBAL Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT) is the cure for leprosy. Supplies of MDT are currently under review due to a recalled batch. Please pray this issue will be safely resolved, and the leprosy cure will be available again soon.

Saturday, January 9

INDIA The Leprosy Mission has 14 hospitals and five old age homes across 10 states serving people affected by leprosy and disability. This continues to be a difficult season for India due to economic and health pressures caused by COVID-19. Please pray for wisdom for all the staff.

Sunday, January 10

TIMOR LESTE Timor Leste has very successfully kept the spread of COVID-19 down. Please pray this remains the case.

Monday, January 11

PAPUA NEW GUINEA COVID-19 meant there were some delays to program roll outs in PNG. Please pray these programs will be able to return to full capacity this year.

Tuesday, January 12

NIGERIA Nigeria has been dealing with fluctuating case numbers of COVID-19 which have contributed to an unstable in country situation. Please pray for wisdom for their government.

Wednesday, January 13

NEPAL Nepal has continued to wrestle with COVID-19 cases. Please pray for wisdom for the government as they seek to balance economic and health needs for people. Please pray for the staff in Nepal who have caught COVID-19 that they would all recover fully.

Thursday, January 14

THAILAND Please pray for Heather and Trevor Smith, as they plan for the year ahead. Pray that God would bless them with wisdom and discernment.

Friday, January 15

AUSTRALIA Usually at this time of year we have international guests coming over. That has not been possible this year. Please pray God will keep people affected by leprosy at the front of our minds.

Saturday, January 16

INDIA During this difficult time in India please pray for the thousands of patients who receive treatment there every year. Please pray for God's touch on the work, that healing may flow through and the love of Christ be demonstrated through the committed staff.

Sunday, January 17

TIMOR LESTE This is an exciting year for The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste as they officially become a local organisation. Please pray for wisdom for Nona as she leads them this year.

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Love LIKE Jesus

World Leprosy Sunday 2021

Monday, January 18
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
COVID-19 restrictions meant Natalie Smith was not able to spend some recovery time in Australia. Please pray she would still head into this year spiritually refreshed.

Tuesday, January 19
NIGERIA There have been ongoing demonstrations against the government in Nigeria. Please pray for the safety of participants and staff during this period of instability.

Wednesday, January 20
NEPAL Please pray for the staff in Nepal who have caught COVID-19 that they would all recover well. Please pray people affected by leprosy would be spared from COVID-19.

Thursday, January 21
AUSTRALIA January to June is the second half of the Mission's financial year. Please pray for good connections with donors during this time, and for successful fundraising appeals, that we might raise as much as possible for people affected by leprosy.

Friday, January 22
INDIA COVID-19 has continued to impose an enormous toll on India, both in lives lost, and in their economy. Please pray for wisdom for their government as they deal with this.

Saturday, January 23
INDONESIA COVID-19 has had many impacts on the country. As they wrestle with it please pray their government would have wisdom and discernment to deal with all the related issues.

Sunday, January 24
AUSTRALIA This is the week before World Leprosy Sunday. Please pray for all churches who host an event next week, that it will not only deepen their understanding about how to bless people with leprosy but deepen their own connection to God.

Monday, January 25
GLOBAL Pray people across the world will see World Leprosy Sunday messages in the lead up to Sunday. Please pray they would be encouraged and inspired to think about how they can help support people affected by leprosy this year.

Tuesday, January 26
GLOBAL Far too many people think leprosy is a thing of the past. Pray that this week they would learn it is still around, and that God can use them to make a difference.

Wednesday, January 27
AUSTRALIA These days social media is an important tool in raising awareness of the needs for people affected by leprosy. Please pray that TLM will continue to be creative and successful in our work in this space.

Thursday, January 28
INDIA Please pray that all the staff who have COVID-19 would recover, and that God would give them strength.

Friday, January 29
GLOBAL For people affected by leprosy this week is an important opportunity to take some of the stigma away from leprosy. Pray this week will lead to great inclusion for people affected by leprosy.

Saturday, January 30
GLOBAL Today is World NTD Day. Since 2012 alone, 31 countries have eliminated at least one NTD*. Pray that the 1 in 5 people currently at risk can lead healthy impactful lives.

*NTDs (Neglected Tropical Diseases) threaten more than 1.5 billion people living in the poorest and most marginalised communities worldwide.

They are: *Buruli ulcer* (also known as *Bairnsdale Ulcer*), *Chagas disease*, *Dengue* and *Chikungunya*, *Guinea worm disease*, *Echinococcosis*, *Foodborne trematodiasis*,

Sunday, January 31
GLOBAL Today is World Leprosy Sunday. This year we're asking the question, what does it mean to love like Jesus?

Caring for those rejected by others is to love like Jesus. It means going to places others don't go, and getting down on our knees to pray for those affected by leprosy.

As you begin a new year and a fresh start after the last 12 months of pain it's more important than ever that we Love like Jesus, meaning loving those the world doesn't.

Let's work together to stop the physical pain and damage leprosy causes.

Nuhu lives in a poor part of Nigeria. He heard about The Leprosy Mission in Nigeria, and he came seeking help. This was when the love of Jesus flowing through people like you went to work – providing the Multi-Drug Therapy that could begin healing Nuhu's leprosy. Please pray for Nuhu and others like him in Nigeria who are rejected or stigmatised simply because they are suffering with leprosy.

Let's pray together that God will bless our efforts to eliminate leprosy. Give thanks for all the churches spending time raising awareness and praying for people affected by leprosy.

Human African trypanosomiasis, Leishmaniasis, Leprosy, Lymphatic filariasis, Mycetoma, chromoblastomycosis and other deep mycoses, Onchocerciasis, Rabies, Scabies and other ectoparasites, Schistosomiasis, Soil-transmitted helminthiasis, Snakebite envenoming, Taeniasis/ Cysticercosis, Trachoma and Yaws.