

World Leprosy Day prayer and blessing calendar



At the start of the week preceding World Leprosy Day (25-31 January), set up a Blessings Jar – an empty jam jar, paper cup, yoghurt pot, whatever is to hand. Each day pray for the people and problems mentioned in that day's information from Nepal and pop your gift into the Jar, recording the amount. Then at the end of the week, send us the contents using the form overleaf. Simple!



Thank you for taking part

MONDAY



Banu has lost sensation in his hands due to leprosy. He risks injury doing everyday things, like holding hot cups of tea.

Every time you make a drink today, give 20p.

Total

TUESDAY



Bishnu is 64 years old. She has severe leprosy-related deformities in her hands and feet, and needs to wear special protective shoes.

Donate £1 for every pair of shoes and slippers you own.

Total

WEDNESDAY



Sanjaya has been cured of leprosy but he is still suffering from leprosy reaction, a bit like an allergic reaction. His body is continuing to react against traces of dead bacteria in his system. He is being treated and will recover, but he's finding it painful and difficult.

Check your medicine cabinet and give 10p for every packet, bottle or jar.

Total

THURSDAY



Ranjita* is scared her neighbours will find out she has had leprosy. She fears rejection and isolation, both the result of stigma and other people's ignorance.

Give thanks for those close to you, and donate 50p for every person you think about.

*Name has been changed

Total

FRIDAY



Gaja is president of a self-help group. The group invested in some goats, and members are now able to support themselves and their families.

Donate £1 for every pet you own, or £3 if you own none.

Total

SATURDAY



Angena lives with her father, Shyam. Their house is ramshackle and unsafe (background of this picture); it leaks in the rain and lets in the cold. They will soon be in a safe, snug home thanks to our low-cost housing programme.

Count the number of rooms in your house, and give that amount in £.

Total

SUNDAY



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Sita is cured of leprosy but still needs occasional medical treatment. She is part of our Catch Them Young scheme, which means her education is paid for in full.

Reflect on your own fond school memories and the blessing of your education. Give however much you feel is right.

Total



I enclose my Blessing Jar contribution of £

(Please make cheques payable to The Leprosy Mission)

Title: First name: Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel: (our use only)

I would like to receive information by email My email address is:

Please return this form with your cheque to ...

The Leprosy Mission, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5GZ

Increase your gift by at least 25%

For personal gifts only, not group donations. If you are a UK taxpayer, The Leprosy Mission can reclaim at least 25p for every £1 you give. Just sign and date this declaration.

I want The Leprosy Mission to treat all donations I have made for this tax year and the six years prior to the year of this declaration, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the appropriate tax year (currently 25p for each £1 you give).

Signature

Date

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