

PRAYER DIARY UPDATE

JUL — SEPT '21



The Leprosy
Mission



“BE JOYFUL IN HOPE,
PATIENT IN AFFLICTION,
FAITHFUL IN PRAYER.”

ROMANS 12: 12 (NIV)

PRAY FOR PEACE

“PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE YOU. I DO NOT GIVE TO YOU AS THE WORLD GIVES. DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED AND DO NOT BE AFRAID.”

JOHN 14:27 (NIV)

You will have seen on the news that political unrest has been growing in many of the countries supported by The Leprosy Mission.

Please pray for divine protection for the team working in Myanmar and for their families. Sadly, since the military coup earlier this year, Mawlamyine Christian Hospital along with others in the country is currently closed to new patients. **Pray that the conflict will be resolved. Pray too that people affected by leprosy will not suffer through lack of services which are currently paused.**

Unrest and violence have been escalating in Northern Mozambique throughout 2021. Over half a million people have been displaced from their homes with thousands killed. Praise God for the faithful and fearless service of the Leprosy Mission team as they work with churches to support the homeless and traumatised. **Pray for provision, peace and protection as their actions show the practical love and compassion of our Lord Jesus.**

Niger is one of the poorest countries in the world with high cases of newly detected leprosy and disability. Political unrest began in March and still continues. **Please pray for peace to return and that the work of the team can continue safely.**

In the north of Ethiopia, fighting has been taking place for several months in the Tigray region. **Please pray that the conflict ends soon, and that the Government will work with G7 countries to bring peace.**

Cover photo: Sina (30) and her son Ranil (4), were diagnosed and treated for leprosy in Sri Lanka. Ranil has lost the feeling in hands because of the disease and will need to look after them carefully for the rest of his life.



**A LIFE
TRANSFORMED**

JULY: DISABILITY PREVENTION, SRI LANKA

Just under 1,700 new cases of leprosy were reported in Sri Lanka last year, which sadly included almost 200 children.

WEEK 1

The Leprosy Mission works through three local partners in Sri Lanka. Praise God for the successful collaboration of the Alliance Development Trust (ADT), Kaveri Kala Manram (KKM) and the People's Forum for Change. **Pray that despite the challenges of the pandemic, their important work will continue so that more people with leprosy are found and treated quickly.**

WEEK 2

Pray that more people will be found and diagnosed through outreach programmes before they suffer like Jegathees (pictured). Thanks to you he has been taught how to take care of the ulcers on his feet, and has been given protective footwear, walking aids and a wheelchair. **Praise God that as well as physical healing, Jegathees has been helped to heal emotionally. He now knows his life has value despite facing rejection from friends and family.**

WEEK 3

Give thanks for the many skills and creativity of Reverend Joshua, Director of KKM. He teaches communities affected by leprosy about good nutrition and how to grow their own produce. This means they can maintain a healthy diet with their own sustainable sources of food. **Pray that these activities bring improved health and self-sufficiency.**

WEEK 4

Praise God for the collaboration of interfaith leaders, the Government's Anti-Leprosy Campaign and the partners working with The Leprosy Mission in Sri Lanka. **Pray that success in bringing peace and raising awareness about leprosy will encourage organisations in other countries to work together in the same way.**

AUGUST: EYECARE SUDAN

The eye is an amazing part of the body. Measuring approximately 2.5cms in width, it contains six muscles and over 130 million cells to process colour and light. Healthy eyes look after and repair themselves, filtering out dust and debris. Scratches can heal in less than 48 hours, and a layer of anti-bacterial fluid protects against infections.

Patients affected by leprosy can suffer severe eye problems because the disease attacks the nerves which tell eyes to blink. If you can't blink, the eye is unable to stay clean.

WEEK 1

Praise God for the intricacies of our bodies and for the skill of the surgeons who can operate and restore the ability to blink or remove cataracts in people affected by leprosy.

Pray for more medical staff to receive training in this specialist area.

WEEK 2

The Aburoff Clinic in Khartoum is the only specialist leprosy centre in Sudan. People travel from all across the country for treatment. Give thanks for the dedication and skills of Seela and John who faithfully run the centre, providing a range of services including surgery and eyecare. **Pray for their safety and for strength as they selflessly work long hours to serve hundreds of people affected by leprosy.**

WEEK 3

Like many of the countries supported by The Leprosy Mission, Sudan has a history of political instability and many people have been displaced by ongoing war and unrest through the last decade. **Pray for safety and the return of peace, especially for people affected by leprosy who are some of the most vulnerable people in this country.**

WEEK 4

People affected by leprosy face unimaginable challenges in everyday life. These include stigma and rejection, limited work prospects and poor mental health. **Pray that they receive eye treatment quickly so that blindness won't be yet another barrier to the fulness of life that Jesus came to give us all.**



SEPTEMBER: CHALLENGES IN COVID 19 TIMES

The Leprosy Mission supports many hospitals in 10 countries across Asia and Africa. In the past year, the global pandemic has brought many unforeseen challenges. Medical teams have worked longer hours in different ways to continue to offer vital services.

WEEK 1

Pray for protection for staff as they care for hundreds of critically ill Covid patients at Anandaban Hospital. **Pray that their commitment to provide care to all, is a witness to the love and compassion that Jesus showed the world when he died for us.**

WEEK 2

Pray for a hedge of protection against Covid around leprosy colonies across Asia and Africa. **Pray too that the poorest of the poor will receive the vaccine and not be forgotten.**



“THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS: JESUS CHRIST LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US. AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.”

1 JOHN 3:16 (NIV)

WEEK 3

There have been many millions of Covid cases in India. Sadly several Leprosy Mission staff have died as a result of catching the virus. **Please pray for their grieving families. Pray too for continued protection for medical staff who continue to serve people affected by leprosy, despite the additional challenges of the pandemic.**

WEEK 4

Pray for all of the wonderful supporters of The Leprosy Mission, many of whom have lost loved ones during the pandemic. **Pray that the God of all comfort will come alongside all those who need a special touch.**

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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 God, 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
National Director

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