

<p><b>Sunday 23rd July</b> Praise God for a real breakthrough with one of the ladies working with Eve's Space. A miracle has transformed her from being extremely difficult to work with to someone who is desperate to turn her life around! Please pray for strength, patience and continued determination for her as this can be a long process.</p>	<p><b>Monday 24th July</b> As Bolton Lunches gets underway please pray for every child that will get a lunch. Pray that those who are most in need are in receipt of them and that each child has a fun-filled and safe summer. Pray that through the lunches families will be connected with more that is going on throughout the town.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 25th July</b> As the school holidays begin, pray ahead for the sessions Friends of Fun Food will be running in Bolton Lunches bases. Pray that things will run smoothly and that the sessions will have a positive impact for the children and families who attend.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 26th July</b> Please pray for young people known to RUNA over the school summer holidays. Fine weather can lead to an increase in reported missing incidents. Please pray that young people will make positive choices and look after themselves.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 27th July</b> Many people known to RUNA use substances, with consequences for their own health and the potential for harming others whilst under the influence. Please pray for the safety of young people and those around them, for reductions in substance mis-use and more positive choices.</p>	<p><b>Friday 28th July</b> Please pray for young people that RUNA work with who place themselves and other people in danger by carrying weapons, such as knives, or who are involved with gangs and those that deal drugs. Pray for breakthrough in each of their young lives that will help them turn their lives around.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 29th July</b> Please thank God for the successes Friends of Fun Food have had with their one-to-one cookery sessions and with the families they have been working with. Individuals have had huge breakthroughs with food by coming to the sessions which have given them new skills, joy and confidence.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 30th July</b> As this prayer is being written, our office calendar is clear for today! Please pray that all our staff and volunteers continue to set aside quality time for rest, relaxation, family and friends; and for quiet space with God as He directs us in our labours.</p>	<p><b>Monday 31st July</b> Please pray for the Local Welfare Provision service. This is a service provided by the council to meet the needs of families and individuals in the town through food, utilities top ups and furniture. Please pray that those who have applied will find further support if needed so that they can move forward in their circumstances.</p>

*'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you' James 4:8*

# Prayer Diary

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<b>REGULAR THINGS TO PRAY FOR</b>		<b>Thursday 1st June</b> We are interviewing today for our Mobile Pantry co-ordinator. Please would you pray for wisdom and unity in the decision making and peace for all those being interviewed.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Local Welfare Provision,</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Storehouse, Street Life Drop-In</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Urban Outreach Team Time, Local Welfare Provision</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Eve's Space with Probation, Storehouse Pantry</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Local Welfare Provision</b>	
<i>Please pray throughout the summer holidays (24th July to 1st September) for Bolton Lunches</i>		
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**Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th June**  
Rev Nick McKee, a minister in Bolton and good friend has been to Uganda with Tearfund to see their "Umoja" development programme in action. Umoja is a dynamic way of mobilizing churches and communities to work together to address their own needs with their own resources. In Uganda Nick saw individuals move from poverty to plenty, churches engaging dynamically with each other and their communities, and whole communities being transformed as together under God people used what they had to meet their needs. We are proposing to bring Umoja to Bolton as 'Love where you Live'. It will obviously need discernment and translation from an East African context to a North West English one. To this end Dave is planning on going on the trip, along with a few other church leaders from Bolton. Please would you join us in praying for this as we seek to bring this exciting work into the UK. Please also pray for unity as we draw the team together and for the provision of the resources necessary to take the trip.

<b>Monday 5th June</b> Last month we asked you to pray for a young man suffering from brain damage due to his alcohol misuse. We prayed that he would engage and that he would be able to get into detox and rehab. Praise God, he is soon to start detox. Please continue to pray he makes it to detox and that God would really help him whilst he is there.	<b>Tuesday 6th June</b> Please pray for a family searching for a home. They are finding it difficult due to their tenancy history. Ask that God intervenes and provides a home. Pray that this may be a home where the family pull together and finances are both organised and secure. Thank God for their employment and their strong family bond.	<b>Wednesday 7th June</b> A mum is experiencing low mood and suicidal tendencies. Please pray for her family, especially her children and new born baby. Please thank God for the dad and his hard work and commitment to his job and family. Ask for God's healing and restoration in this situation.
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*'Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'*  
Colossians 3:12

<b>Friday 14th July</b> Please give thanks for all the volunteers who give up their valuable time to help in so many areas of the ministry of Urban Outreach. Pray that they would have a time of refreshment over the weekend and that the Lord would bless them for their support and commitment.	<b>Saturday 15th July</b> Please pray that the team in Uganda will be blessed and encouraged by all they see and hear today and in the days to come. Pray that God will provide insights that will inspire action within churches and communities working together across Bolton, particularly as we explore how we can do more to address poverty in all its forms.	<b>Sunday 16th July</b> Please pray for young people known to RUNA who would benefit from support with emotional health and self-esteem. Pray that they will feel nurtured by RUNA workers and others, believe in themselves and feel hopeful and positive even when faced with difficult life events and abusers and bullies who might be within their families, friendship groups and schools.
<b>Monday 17th July</b> As we gear up for Bolton Lunches, please pray that all the practicalities run smoothly; that there is enough food, costs are covered and the lunches get to the children that are in the most need. Please pray for all the drivers and volunteers who will be working early and spending time moving things from different buildings.	<b>Tuesday 18th July</b> Please pray for God's blessing and guidance as we continue to explore new ways for Friends of Fun Food to reach those in greatest need of advice and support in cooking on a tight budget. Pray for safety as Dave and those that travelled out to Uganda return today.	<b>Wednesday 19th July</b> A young woman known to us for approximately 20 years who we have asked for prayer for many times has positively changed her lifestyle. She was referred to us by the police as she was constantly drunk and being beaten by her ex -partner. Please join us in rejoicing and giving praise to God that she is in such a good place.
<b>Thursday 20th July</b> As we engage more and more with different agencies, please pray that together we will see a person and not a problem to society. Please thank God for the specialist agencies we work with who go all out to support our clients and also understand and support the work we do.	<b>Friday 21st July</b> Please pray for a young woman in Eve's Space whose life is in danger if she remains in a relationship with a violent man. Although she tries to leave, he is manipulative and she always returns. This cycle of violence needs to be broken and this woman set free! Prayers are also needed for her family who are worried about her.	<b>Saturday 22nd July</b> Please pray for a woman that Eve's Space has recently placed in a flat and are supporting. She has been known to us for many years and has been very chaotic with years of drugs and prostitution. She has been engaging with Eve's Space since last December and made massive changes. Please pray that this continues and that she manages to maintain her own tenancy.

*'Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for me?'* Jeremiah 23:27

<p><b>Wednesday 5th July</b> Please pray as trustees and staff seek God's vision and inspiration as we explore exciting plans for new office and storage space and for how we should best use the former Central Baptist Church, which is shortly to be transferred into UOB's hands.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 6th July</b> We went live with 'No Hiding Place' last month. This is a very exciting new initiative that focuses on the world of modern slavery and human trafficking in Bolton. Please pray that it will continue to get a good reception especially as we look to support businesses in the initial roll out.</p>	<p><b>Friday 7th July</b> 'And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it' (John 1:5). Please join us in praying for our town and ask God to shine His light into the dark places. Pray that God would continue to bring to light what currently goes on behind closed doors and that we would see an increase in the captives being set free; physically, emotionally and spiritually.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 8th July</b> Dave and the team are setting off for Uganda today. Please pray that God leads the way during this trip and that He would give the team wisdom and insight. Pray too for safety as they travel and protection whilst there.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 9th July</b> As Christians gather today to worship together, let us sing: <i>"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."</i></p>	<p><b>Monday 10th July</b> Please give thanks for the first year of our Support First project. Over the past year we have intensively supported over 50 vulnerable adults who have previously presented at hospital or rung 999 multiple times. Great progress and restoration in people's lives is being seen. Praise God!</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 11th July</b> Please pray for Street Life's weekly drop-in on a Tuesday afternoon and ask for God's anointing on the workers and volunteers. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance when dealing with the many diverse problems that people come with and pray they would leave the drop-in with a fresh hope for their lives.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 12th July</b> Please pray for a teenager within a family to start attending school after a long period of refusing to go. Pray too for God to break in to her mum's life, to break addictions and strengthen her to be a loving, assertive parent.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 13th July</b> Please pray for a single mother who is struggling with ill health and depression. Pray that God would flood her heart with His love and the truth of how precious and valuable she is. Pray too for a transformation in her son's life who suffers with extreme anxiety to the point where he can't leave the house.</p>

*'Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.'* John 14:27

<p><b>Thursday 8th June</b> Please pray for all those who have exams at this time. Young people can feel anxious and stressed and go missing from home or school more frequently or for longer periods, increasing their risks and vulnerability.</p>	<p><b>Friday 9th June</b> Please pray for a young woman who has recently been released from prison. This lady has been given a flat for the first time ever. Having no place of her own has always been a stumbling block. Even though this is a great opportunity, the responsibility that comes with maintaining a tenancy can be quite overwhelming. Pray for peace, strength and stability.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 10th June</b> Please pray for a lady from Eve's Space who feels completely hopeless. She feels she has no value and makes weekly suicide attempts. Her destructive behaviour is spiralling out of control. Please pray for a miracle, that she would see her value and worth and deal with whatever circumstances have caused her to feel like this.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 11th June</b> During June and July a number of year 5 and 6 classes will be joining us for lessons on homelessness, food poverty, generosity and how to make a difference! Please pray that each of the schools are impacted by not only the work that is done through Urban Outreach but also the difference each individual can make. Pray that pupils and teachers alike have a fresh passion to be kind and generous in Bolton.</p>	<p><b>Monday 12th June</b> Storehouse Foodbank has seen an increase of families and individuals accessing the service over the last few months. Please pray that every person that comes into Storehouse feels welcomed and loved. Also pray that as the volunteers hold conversations, give food and provide a listening ear, something of God's love will be felt and accepted.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 13th June</b> We are short-listing today for our Support First role. Please pray that those short-listing would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and that God would give them wisdom and discernment.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 14th June</b> 'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.' (Isaiah 41:10). Please pray for a family who are experiencing conflict and tension. Ask God for compromise and a willingness to understand each other better.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 15th June</b> Pray for a young person who has been unwilling to engage with RUNA. He has moved between addresses for a while and his behaviour had escalated. Mum has now passed away. Pray that he will be open to some kind of support, whether this be with RUNA or another service, as this is a vulnerable time for him.</p>	<p><b>Friday 16th June</b> A TV series, in which a young girl commits suicide after experiencing a number of issues, including a sexual assault, appears to be having an impact on some young people who are engaging in copy-cat behaviour and attempting to commit suicide. Pray that they will seek support and that parents and professionals will be open to honest conversations around this subject.</p>

*'Yes, my soul finds rest in God; my hope comes from Him.'* Psalm 62:5

<p><b>Saturday 17th June</b> As RUNA Support are in the process of preparing lesson plans for schools, please pray that they will be guided in creating lessons that are interesting, engaging and relevant for young people. Pray that schools will be open to giving RUNA access to their students to discuss topical issues with young people.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 18th June</b> Please pray for all those struggling today. The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you, and I would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." (Footprints poem)</p>	<p><b>Monday 19th June</b> At the start of a new working week, please pray for every contact with every person who comes through the doors at Salop Street and at the Restore Centre. Please pray that we would demonstrate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 20th June</b> Please pray for all our faithful Storehouse volunteers who support us weekly with handing out food supplies to people who require this assistance. Their attitude and smile help people who are in difficulties and we would not be able to do this without them.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 21st June</b> Thank God for all the people we have helped through the Support First project in this first year. Praise Him for the lives we have seen changed and that we have seen people released from addictions and the bondage of debt. Please pray that we are able to continue making an impact in this area.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 22nd June</b> Please pray for the interviews for the Support First role. Pray that the interviewees are able to present themselves to the best of their abilities and they show their compassion for the people they will be working alongside. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the interview panel that God shows them the right person for this role.</p>
<p><b>Friday 23rd June</b> Each week a group of volunteers go out and deliver food parcels to those who cannot collect from Storehouse Foodbank. Please pray for the safety of each of these groups as they go to people's homes and for "God conversations" that are filled with love and hope.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 24th June</b> Please pray for an elderly gentleman who's been sleeping rough in a car for a number of months. Street Life is in the process of finding him accommodation. This man has many complex needs which have to be resolved before he can be accommodated. Please pray that everything falls into place quickly for him.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 25th June</b> We currently have two members of staff on maternity leave; Hannah (Friends of Fun Food) and Hannah (Eve's Space). Please give thanks for them, their new arrivals and their families. Please pray too that they really enjoy this time off work and that God blesses them as they adapt to family life.</p>

*Jesus said to her "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" John 11:40*

<p><b>Monday 26th &amp; Tuesday 27th June</b> Please pray for a mum who has recently brought her baby home from hospital. You have prayed for this lady before. This mum used to be extremely chaotic and there were 18 police call outs in a 12 month period. This led to her two other children going into foster care. Praise God that in the last 10 months of working with Eve's Space there have been no incidents. The turnaround is amazing. Please pray for her as she adapts to life with the new baby and plans to have her other children returned too.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 28th June</b> Please pray for a young man who has just lost his mum due to heart disease. He has been known to the RUNA project for 6 years and has a troubled family background. Pray that he comes to terms with the loss of his mum and moves on in his bereavement journey.</p>	
<p><b>Thursday 29th June</b> Please pray for a ten year old girl who is living in Bolton with just her dad who is fleeing Iraq and seeking asylum. They left behind her mum and siblings. Dad is struggling to adjust to life in the UK and the constant worry about being returned to Iraq is starting to show.</p>	<p><b>Friday 30th June</b> Please pray for young people known to RUNA who are being sexually exploited or groomed. They might not feel as though they are at risk of or experiencing this kind of abuse. Please pray for God to intervene in the lives of victims and perpetrators and give awareness and clarity. Pray also for effective inter-agency working within these complicated situations.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 1st July</b> Please praise God for the success of the three week "Cooking on a Budget" course that the Friends of Fun Food team have delivered to some of the Pantry customers at the Hope Centre. Please pray that the customers will benefit from the skills and knowledge that they have received and continue using them in the future.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 2nd July</b> Let us spend time today giving God the glory for all He has blessed us with personally and for Urban Outreach. Please pray for Dave as he shares God's Word with the fellowship at Bank Top URC. Pray that they would be inspired and challenged individually and as a church in the community.</p>	<p><b>Monday 3rd July</b> As the Friends of Fun Food team help to inspire children about healthy eating and having fun learning how to cook please pray they would be teachable and enthused about learning new skills. Thank the Lord for the young people who have already benefited from the sessions and are using these life skills. Pray that this would continue.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 4th July</b> Please pray for the many people that we come into contact with each week through our Street Life project. Pray that they would be touched by the love of God through everything we do and that this would lead them to want to know God for themselves. Please pray that in finding Him they be set free from their chaotic lives.</p>

*"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him". 2 Chron. 16:9*