

Wednesday 22nd November Please pray for a very troubled young lady working with Eve's Space. She has only ever known broken and hurtful relationships and as a result is impulsive and doesn't know how to interact with people. Please pray for a quietness of spirit to accept help and for her to be healed from her pain of disappointment and rejection.	Thursday 23rd November Please pray for a woman in her thirties who was recently on the run from drug dealers with her violent boyfriend. She's no longer missing but she needs to get away from the boyfriend. She is unable to return to her home because it's too dangerous. Pray that the boyfriend is held accountable for his recent crimes and that the woman is able to move forward.	Friday 24th November Each week at Local Welfare Provision, there is a drop-in with the Council's 'Money Skills' project. It offers people help with saving money on their bills and gives budgeting advice. Please pray for productive conversations and that people will benefit from the support that is given. We want to see people set free from poverty.
Saturday 25th November During Storehouse and the pantry opening times, Friends of Fun Food workers often do food demonstrations to show people how to prepare and cook easy meals with the food that is given to them. Pray that the people who attend would be encouraged to try different foods and have the ability to make the food go further.	Sunday 26th November Please pray for two 16 year olds known to RUNA both of whom are experiencing relationship abuse and exploitation. Pray for the truth to be revealed, that they accept help and are able to break free from these harmful relationships.	Monday 27th November Please pray for a family known to RUNA where the children aged between 8 and 15 often go missing from home but it goes unreported. These children are also at risk of abuse and exploitation. Pray for safety and for effective working with them to reduce the risks that they are being exposed to.
Tuesday 28th November Please pray for a 17 year old known to RUNA who has been involved in very serious crimes and gangs. Pray for peace and for a fresh start in Bolton away from past incidents.	Wednesday 29th November As Christmas Dinner on Jesus gets closer please thank God for his amazing provision through generous churches, organisations, schools and individuals that help make this project happen. Pray that as the deadline for pledges of food items draws near there will be no item unaccounted for and that everything will be collected.	Thursday 30th November As Winter Watch approaches, thank God for all those who have volunteered their time and energy to help with the project. We believe that Winter Watch is a mission opportunity for the local church. Please pray that people will be equipped and be ready for what God is going to do through them.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Prayer Diary

October - November 2017

"Bind up the broken hearted and set the captives free" Isaiah 61:1

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<u>REGULAR THINGS TO PRAY FOR</u>			Sunday 1st October Please pray for all those that we support and come into contact with. Pray that God will use us as vessels that pour out His love and power and that lives will be miraculously transformed. Pray that we would see more salvations and more people set free, come to know God personally and be healed.
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Monday 2nd October Please pray for an elderly gentleman who has been sleeping rough. Street Life has been able to find him accommodation, in a one bedroom bungalow. Pray that he would settle into his new surroundings and adjust to living alone. Street Life will continue to have weekly contact with him to offer him support and assess how he is coping.	Tuesday 3rd October Let us thank God for the faithful volunteers that help out every week at our Tuesday Street Life drop-in. Pray that God would bless them for their commitment and support and that He would fill them with His love and patience for each person that comes through the doors.	Wednesday 4th October Please pray for a young female known to RUNA. She has been very unstable in her home life and is now in residential care but is frequently going missing. Please pray she will settle down and find good friends. Pray that she makes the transition into a new school well and that she enjoys and excels with this new start.	
Thursday 5th October Give thanks to the Lord for continued good relations with our partner agencies. Please pray we will continue to be a blessing to those we work with and be a light to those we meet in the course of our day.	Friday 6th October Please pray for a young woman who has suffered domestic violence and is struggling to manage financially. Ask God that she would engage with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in a consistent way and that she may start to plan her finances to support her and her daughter more effectively.	Saturday 7th October Praise God for the provision of established work for a young mum. Give thanks that she has a strong faith and a deep desire to work hard and care for her daughter. Psalm 84:11, 'For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.'	

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10

Monday 13th November Nominations for Christmas Dinner on Jesus open today. Please pray that agencies and churches will engage well and grasp the joy of giving. 'In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35	Tuesday 14th November Please pray for our meeting with Bolton Council this morning to review our Street Life project for the homeless, and the mobile pantry (foodbank) service which we have developed with their support. Give thanks for how we have been enabled to support and meet the neediest across Bolton. Pray for His guidance in how we continue to develop these critical services.	Wednesday 15th November Please give thanks for the team of wonderful volunteers, who tirelessly collect, sort and deliver food supplies to our Storehouse Pantry locations in Johnson Fold and New Bury; for regular donations of food collected each Wednesday evening from Tesco, Greggs and others. May such generous giving continue to bless and provide comfort to many households.
Thursday 16th November Please continue to pray for the relationships the RUNA team has with Children's Services. As services become increasingly stretched they come under more pressure. Please pray that the many good relationships we have continue and that social workers feel supported by the work of the RUNA Project.	Friday 17th November Please pray for a 14 year old known to RUNA who is experiencing problems at home. Pray for peace in the family. Also pray for his friendship group and that this young man and his peers would stop going missing.	Saturday 18th November Praise God for the companies that support the work that we do. Please pray for the staff and volunteers that will be at four Asda stores across Bolton today collecting food for our foodbank, Storehouse. It is so wonderful to have the opportunity to be in the community talking to people about the work that Urban Outreach do.
Sunday 19th November Please continue to pray for a lady known to Urban Outreach for over 20 years. Having been dependent on drugs and alcohol for many years, God is really moving in her life. It is such a blessing to see her leading a normal life. She is going from strength to strength. Please pray that she will continue to grow and that God will complete the amazing work He has started in her.	Monday 20th November As we head towards December please pray for the food team as they prepare for Christmas Dinner on Jesus. This is a really busy time as they prepare to bless another 1200+ people in our town this year. Pray also for all the agencies as they refer their clients to this project. Pray that no-one in Bolton goes without food this Christmas.	Tuesday 21st November We praise God for the countless times we have seen Him work in seemingly impossible and hopeless situations. Please pray for a woman who feels hopeless. She is a heroin and crack addict. Pray that she would engage with us fully and that rather than feeling full of despair and no hope she would encounter God and feel full of life and hope.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5 v17

Saturday 4th November As the Friends of Fun Food team continually develop the project to meet the needs of the people we serve, please pray God would direct and give them wisdom as to what works best. Pray also that they will be able to inspire people to see how easy it is to make and eat healthy food.	Sunday 5th November Day in and day out our support workers support some of the most chaotic and vulnerable people in Bolton. They stand by these individuals through the storms and trials that they face. Please pray for God's strength, peace, wisdom and discernment for these workers and pray that they are a mighty witness to all those that they work with.	Monday 6th November We praise God for the recent Family First day out to Smithills Farm. It was a great day to build relationships with families and to give families an opportunity to go out for the day. Please pray that we can acquire funding to take families away for a longer period of time next year.
Tuesday 7th November The year has been a great one for our new Support First project. This project supports people who attend / call on emergency services on a frequent basis. Our first end of year report was extremely positive and shows that a number of people have received help which has changed their lives and helped them to move forward to independence. Please pray this continues.	Wednesday 8th November Please pray for our Eve's Space project which works with women offenders. Pray that God will give the workers wisdom when working with the women and that we will see Him transform lives. This year we have seen women make commitments to Christ and we praise God for this!	Thursday 9th November As the trustees meet today we ask you to pray for each one of them. As they give their time, experience and wisdom to help guide Urban Outreach we ask God to preside over their meeting. Pray for continued wisdom and guidance as to how they keep moving things forward in line with God's plans and purposes for Urban Outreach.
Friday 10th November Please pray for a young person who has been open to RUNA for quite a long time. The young person is no longer going missing from home and lots of issues have been resolved, so our service will soon come to an end. Pray that this young person is able to maintain the positive changes made.	Saturday 11th November We have seen an increase in Family First families finding it hard to sustain their tenancies due to the benefit cap and benefit changes. Please pray that these families can access the right services needed to support them and to make the necessary changes to keep their homes. Pray for safety and security for the children too.	Sunday 12th November As the team gear up towards our Christmas Dinner on Jesus and Winter Watch projects please pray that they will keep in good health. Pray too for times of rest and refreshing as we prepare for the busy season ahead.

"When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said; All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28 v 17-20

Sunday 8th October Please thank God for the transformation in the lives of two women that led very chaotic lifestyles and were involved in prostitution for over ten years. These ladies have dipped in and out of our service but more recently have engaged with us for longer periods of time. Praise God that they have dramatically turned their lives round.	Monday 9th October Please thank God for so many answered prayers for an Eve's Space client. She is now settled in her own accommodation and God is working a transforming miracle in her life. It is amazing to see the outpouring of His grace, mercy and salvation!	Tuesday 10th October Please pray for a young man that Street Life has supported and accommodated on numerous previous occasions. He is a drug user which eventually keeps leading to the loss of his tenancy. He is in this situation again and Street Life is assisting him. Pray that he would want to make changes in his life and take the help offered to him especially around his drug issues.
Wednesday 11th October We are so thankful for the generosity of so many people in churches and schools who give food during harvest time. Please pray that as people give, they will connect with the heart of God and for those that receive they will be overwhelmed with the love and grace of our Father.	Thursday 12th October Thank God for a family who have been restored and healed after a difficult year. They are now settled and happy in a family home and dad is working once more. Please pray for continuing joy and hope in their lives and an ongoing positive relationship with Urban Outreach.	Friday 13th October As many of you will know, we have had to downsize quite considerably where we sort our food. This has caused a great many challenges, particularly space wise. Please pray for wisdom as we jump this hurdle. Please also pray that we are able to sort all this year's harvest food in time for Winter Watch 2018.
Saturday 14th October Please pray for wisdom as we continue to seek God's will in how we should be using and developing our buildings and facilities. Give thanks that the former Central Baptist Church is giving us the opportunity to serve the local community and a permanent home from which other services may be delivered.	Sunday 15th October Please pray for Dave as he speaks at Holy Trinity Church Horwich today. Pray that God uses Dave's words to reach those present. As we approach a very busy time of year please continue to pray for Dave and the team as they speak at various churches and events.	Monday 16th October Please pray for a young person who has a volatile relationship with her mother. She has spent the summer experimenting with ecstasy tablets and we are unsure if she is being made to do something in return for access to substances. Her mother is chaotic herself and they often have heated arguments. Please pray for peace.

Tuesday 17th October Children in the looked after system often have multiple professionals involved in their lives. This can be confusing and inconsistent. Please can you pray for children in residential care who respond to early trauma and neglect by presenting with risk taking behaviours and complicated mental health issues.	Wednesday 18th October Please pray for a woman who has been the victim of sexual exploitation for many years. She responded at church and had not used drugs for seven weeks. However, a past associate seems to have a hold on her and is trying to drag her back. Please pray that she gets a place in a drug rehabilitation centre, breaks free from the associate and makes positive decisions.	Thursday 19th October Please pray for a breakthrough for a lady in Bolton who has endured many terrible things and is alcohol dependant. We are bidding for a flat for her as she has been 'sofa surfing' for many years. Pray that she is successful in getting a property. This would give her some stability for the first time in years which could also lead to her having contact with her teenage daughter.
Friday 20th October Please pray for our clients who are affected by mental illness. We are seeing more and more people referred in with mental illnesses alongside addictions. Pray that we can work on their addictions and other presenting problems effectively enough to be able to have their mental health assessed and assist them to get the help they need in this area.	Saturday 21st October Please pray for the volunteers who are undergoing Winter Watch training today. Pray that God brings the right people to help out in this ministry and that people come with a heart for the people they will be serving during Winter Watch. Pray also for the leaders as they get ready to deliver the training.	Sunday 22nd October Please pray for Dave as he speaks this evening at Lostock youth group. Pray that God places a message on Dave's heart for these young people that helps them to see the issues that face the people of Bolton who are in need. Pray that God raises up a new generation who want to see poverty eradicated from Bolton and who desire to see the broken-hearted set free.
Monday 23rd October Some of Storehouse Foodbank's volunteers will be out this evening delivering food parcels to those who can't collect on Tuesday morning. Please pray for their protection as they go to people's homes, for wisdom and for words of life to be spoken by each of them. Pray that all who receive the food are blessed by the actions and words of the volunteers.	Tuesday 24th October As Storehouse Foodbank is open this morning for people to collect food, please pray that it is a place of hope and life. There will be many different reasons why people come to the foodbank. Pray for wisdom for the staff and volunteers to speak into situations. Pray also that people will take away more than just food. We want people to know that they are loved and cared for by their creator Father.	Wednesday 25th October Let's thank God for Bolton Council's emergency food provision, Local Welfare Provision. Let's be thankful that there is somewhere that people can get immediate help when faced with crisis situations. Pray for all those collecting food this week from the Urban Outreach office that they will see light in situations where there currently seems to be darkness.

"Kind words are like honey - sweet to the soul and healthy for the body." Proverbs 16:24

Thursday 26th October Please pray for all those wishing to learn more about Winter Watch as one of our annual Winter Watch briefing events takes place tonight at the Restore Centre. Pray that God will stir and energise the young and not so young from fellowships across Bolton, to support this year's project. Pray that we will be an enormous blessing to those that we will be serving.	Friday 27th October Give thanks for the wonderful partnerships God has forged for us across this town. Pray for Dave as he meets with senior management at Bolton College this afternoon, to explore how we can work together now and in the future, and for students who undertake volunteering placements with us.	Saturday 28th October Please pray for our young people as a number of them approach their 18th birthday and will move out of the care system. Please pray for on-going support so they don't feel abandoned or alone. Please pray they thrive and flourish into strong capable adults.
Sunday 29th October Please pray for a 16 year old young man known to RUNA. His parents are very worried about him as he regularly stays away from home with people he shouldn't be with and is not engaging with any services. Please pray for a breakthrough with him and that God would keep him safe from harm.	Monday 30th October Please pray for a mum who feels scared of and intimidated by her son. As services try to engage the son please pray that mum feels equally supported and empowered in situations. Pray for peace and transformation in this family.	Tuesday 31st October Today, people all over Bolton will be celebrating Halloween. Let us pray that God's light shines into the dark places and that there would be a mighty outpouring of His Spirit in our town. "The people who walked in darkness, have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined" Isaiah 9:2
Wednesday 1st November Please pray for a disabled gentleman who had been attending the cooking on a budget course and enjoyed the session very much. On the course he gained many valuable skills and is now living on his own and able to cook for himself. Pray that this will continue into his future.	Thursday 2nd November "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples" Matthew 15:7-8. Please pray that each of us at Urban Outreach would truly abide in Him and that individually and collectively we would bear much fruit that would glorify Him.	Friday 3rd November Friends of Fun Food run 'cooking on a budget' courses as either 1:1's or group sessions. The course gives participants a better understanding of how to eat a healthy balanced diet and how to make food go further as well as equipping them with some fun and easy recipes. Please pray that they would enjoy the course and apply what they have learnt at home.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9