


<p>Wednesday 23rd May Please pray for an 11 year old that is known to RUNA who is very secretive in her habits and is thought to be at risk of exploitation. Thank God for bringing her to RUNA Support and ask that she will engage with the support on offer. Pray for God's protection over her and that she will develop the self-awareness to keep herself safe.</p>	<p>Thursday 24th May Friends of Fun Food are at the Hope Centre doing a cooking demonstration today. Please pray there will be opportunity to share hope with the guests and show Jesus' love through the gift of food. "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35).</p>	<p>Friday 25th May Friends of Fun Food are developing a new 'back to basics' cooking course that can be used by organisations and community projects within Bolton. Please pray that the course is designed well and inspires people to enjoy the whole process of cooking and will help reduce poverty by teaching people the basic skills needed to create healthy meals.</p>
<p>Saturday 26th May At Storehouse we continue to be so encouraged by the generosity of the people of Bolton in the giving of food to feed those in need. Please pray that as we continue to grow, the food would continue to come in so that we can help those in desperate situations.</p>	<p>Sunday 27th May We thank God for the amazing privilege it is to be in relationship with so many churches. Please pray for Dave as he preaches at Bank Top URC this morning. Please pray that our family there would be encouraged and inspired to continue their many good works to reach those in need and share the good news of Christ with them.</p>	<p>Monday 28th May As we near the summer months, a new season of Bolton Lunches is fast approaching. We thank God for all those that have partnered with this project over the past few years. Please pray that all the ordering happens smoothly as we prepare and that all the families that would benefit from Bolton Lunches will hear about it.</p>
<p>Tuesday 29th May Please pray for some of our young people who are struggling in mainstream school. Please ask for God's intervention so these young people can find suitable education provision. Please ask for God's Sovereign intervention.</p>	<p>Wednesday 30th May Please pray for some of our older teenagers who are currently not in education, employment or training. Pray for direction for them and opportunities that will give them a focus, and a sense of worth and belonging. Please pray that they will be open and willing to attending appointments that will help to get them on the right track.</p>	<p>Thursday 31st May Please pray for a 14 year old girl who has been out of education for quite a long time. She has had a very difficult year with a lot of trauma and moving around. Getting back into school is proving quite difficult. Please pray that this is resolved quickly and in the right way and that she would begin to flourish into the girl that God made her to be.</p>

"And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'. Acts 20 v 35


Prayer Diary

April - May '18


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




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REGULAR THINGS TO PRAY FOR

Monday	Local Welfare Provision
Tuesday	Storehouse, Street Life Drop-In
Wednesday	Urban Outreach Team Time, Local Welfare Provision,
Thursday	Eve's Space with Probation
Friday	Local Welfare Provision

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Sunday 1st April

He is Risen! Today we celebrate the greatest day in history and one that still changes eternity for so many people. We are so thankful that God didn't leave us to just sink and drown. However, our hearts long that all those that we have the privilege to work with will all have the same experience, that they too will know a new hope and life in Him.

Monday 2nd April

All the team and volunteers will be enjoying an extra day of rest. Please pray for all the team that the long weekend will indeed be a rest and an opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

Tuesday 3rd April

Please continue to pray for those who were impacted at the recent 'Great Escape' service. For so many, enjoying and appreciating this new hope is often tempered by their environments and associates. Please pray for protection over their lives and that they will see minute by minute God changing them from the inside out.

Wednesday 4th April

Please thank God for the progress made with a lady you recently prayed for. We accommodated her in December; her tenancy is going well and she is keeping a lovely home. We asked you to pray about some serious anti-social behaviour going on in the same building. We have brought different agencies together to address this. Please pray for a good resolution.

Thursday 5th April

Please pray for the people that recently completed the CAP Life Skills course at Urban Outreach. Pray that they would be able to implement and benefit from the skills learnt to improve their quality of life and manage their money more effectively. Pray too that God would continue to reveal Himself to them and that they would come to see themselves through His eyes.

Friday 6th April

As Winter turns into Spring, let's take a few moments and give thanks to God for all we have been able to do for the poor and dispossessed, the lonely and the homeless in Bolton through our Winter Watch project; and for our amazing army of volunteers who have touched the lives of so many in desperate need.

Saturday 7th April

As we remember and celebrate the risen Christ and His gift of the Holy Spirit to His disciples and to us, please pray for those individuals and families that are unaware of His presence. Pray that through the relationships we build with those we work with that others will come to have a personal relationship with Him.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

John 11:25-26

Monday 14th May

Please thank God for providing a flat for a Street Life client. It has enabled him to move from unsafe to safe accommodation. An amazing transformation is taking place inside him as a result. Please pray that this would continue, that he would win his ongoing battle with alcohol and that he would come to a place of complete transformation and victory through Jesus.

Tuesday 15th May

The Street Life Drop-in will be taking place at the Restore Centre today. Please pray for God's protection over all that are there. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for the workers when dealing with the many problems that the people come with and pray that they would leave the Centre with a willingness and a want to change the chaotic lifestyles that many of them live.

Wednesday 16th May

Please pray that God will show us His true heart and vision for how we should be using the former Central Baptist Church on Snowden Street. Give thanks that He has delivered the building into our hands, and that He will continue to bless its use in its present form, and inspire us to think how it might be developed in the future.

Thursday 17th May

Please pray that God will guide and inspire our Trustees as they meet today. Pray that He will give them clear vision and wisdom on decisions both large and small. May our roots grow ever deeper in Him, and may our branches provide comfort and shelter to all communities in the wider borough of Bolton.

Friday 18th May

We are currently working with a young lady with alcohol problems. She has a family and is holding down a full time job although she is struggling. She really wants to be alcohol free. Please pray that the new alcohol service will be a turning point for her as she starts to work with them.

Saturday 19th May

Praise God that a young lady known to us for eight months has been abstinent from all substances for the past four months. Please pray that as the alcohol team close her case, that she finds other services that will encourage her and walk with her as she ventures in to a new world substance free for the first time in ten years.

Sunday 20th May

Please join us in thanking God that in Him all things are possible (Matthew 19:26). We are seeing changes in people we work with that previously seemed impossible and we know can only have come about because of God's hand upon their lives. Please pray for more miraculous transformations in the lives of those we work with.

Monday 21st May

Please thank God for the doors He opens for us and ask that He would continue to open doors and create opportunities to be His witness. We are in such a great position as staff at Urban Outreach to be able to reach out to those in need. Pray that God will use us and that we may be obedient to what He is doing in the lives of those we work with.

Tuesday 22nd May

As we seek to distribute more food amongst those who need it most, pray that the Lord of the harvest sends out more workers into his harvest field. Pray that our endeavour to recruit volunteer drivers to help with the collection and delivery of food will lead to new and exciting opportunities to spread God's love far and wide.

"Remember the prisoners as if chained with them, and those who are mistreated, since we ourselves are in the body also." Hebrews 13:3

<p>Saturday 5th May Please pray for a family who have recently experienced bereavement, including the loss of a very young child. The older children are known to RUNA and are involved in crime and antisocial behaviour but are also at risk of violent reprisals and sleeping rough. Please pray for God's presence and breakthrough in this complicated situation.</p>	<p>Sunday 6th May Many amazing things have happened over the last few months with some of the people we have all been praying for. You can say 'miraculous happenings! Join us as we praise God for His awesome intervention in these lives. Let us be praying and believing for more opportunities to share our awesome God knowing 'we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.'</p>	<p>Monday 7th May There are many difficult decisions, sometimes daily, that have to be made at Urban Outreach. Our overwhelming desire is that they align with what God wants us to do and where He wants us to go. This involves both Trustees and UOB staff. Please pray that as God prepares the way forward that we have the wisdom and close relationship with Him to hear His voice.</p>
<p>Tuesday 8th May Much is going on in our world which will affect our country, our town of Bolton and each other. We are here for a time such as this and with this in mind let us be still, knowing that God is God listening to what He is asking us to pray about today concerning world issues. Let us thank Him that He is Sovereign, the Creator of all things and He knows the future.</p>	<p>Wednesday 9th May Please pray for a 14 year old boy who is a witness to and a perpetrator of domestic violence as well as being a victim of bullying. He and his family members have learning difficulties which makes accessing services harder. Pray for peace and calm in the household and for God's protection over the whole family.</p>	<p>Thursday 10th May Please pray for a Year 11 girl who has missed a lot of school. Through the persistence of professionals she is now attending school again and is engaging with services. Please pray for her as she sits her GCSEs, that she achieves the grades she needs to get into college.</p>
<p>Friday 11th May Please pray for a mum and child who are struggling with their relationship. Ask that God may intercede and stop the violence and control that is being displayed. Invite God to fill this relationship with His peace and restoration. Pray that the right school place may be made available to help with the child's behaviour and anxiety.</p>	<p>Saturday 12th May Let us pray for a world in need of hope and specifically for a man trapped by a cycle of drug dependency. Invite the hope of Christ into his life in the midst of his despair and pray for a better future engaging with agencies, drug free and with a positive relationship with his children.</p>	<p>Sunday 13th May <i>"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom". (2 Corinthians 3:17)</i> Please pray for a mum we are working with to experience freedom in Christ – freedom from past hurt, freedom from emotional turmoil and freedom from mistreatment.</p>

"He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time." 2 Timothy 1:9

<p>Sunday 8th April Christ gives us His peace and bids us come to Him. As Dave speaks God's word in Westhoughton URC today, please pray that God's anointing will both equip him and those he speaks to for God's work in His world.</p>	<p>Monday 9th April As the Friends of Fun Food team continue to help the UOB clients through their one to one sessions, please pray we would inspire and encourage them to eat healthier, buy wisely and budget better with the money they have. Pray that what they have learned in the sessions would impact them greatly and make a big difference to their daily lives.</p>	<p>Tuesday 10th April For the next two days Friends of Fun Food along with Bolton Money Skills service will be putting on the Slow Cooker Event at Age UK in Farnworth. Please pray the people who need it the most would attend and benefit from the event. Pray also that God would equip us with everything we need to deliver the sessions.</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th April Once a month in the different Storehouse Pantries, Friends of Fun Food put on food demonstrations and make recipes with food they receive from the supermarkets. These have been a great success; customers try tasters then take home the food and recipe leaflets to make at home. Pray that the success and the good relationships we have in the communities will continue.</p>	<p>Thursday 12th April Please pray for a family where the two older young people repeatedly go missing and are involved in crime and antisocial behaviour and the whole family are threatened by violent reprisals as well as coping with the stress of the young people going missing.</p>	<p>Friday 13th April Please pray for a young man that RUNA has been working with. He has just had his 18th birthday and so no longer comes under the remit of RUNA. Pray that he will get the support that he needs and will have a flourishing life. Thank God that Urban Outreach has been part of his journey so far and pray for God's continued hand upon His life.</p>
<p>Saturday 14th April Please give thanks for all the volunteers who give up their valuable time to support different Urban Outreach projects. Pray that they would have a time of refreshment over the weekend and that God would bless them for their support and commitment.</p>	<p>Sunday 15th April Please pray for a young man with drug problems that Street Life has accommodated and supported numerous times. We are working with him once again. Pray that God would stir in him a desire to change his ways and that he would accept the support around his drug issues that is being offered to him.</p>	<p>Monday 16th April Please pray for a 17 year old placed in Bolton from another local authority that has been persistently missing since coming to Bolton. Pray for breakthrough and that He would come to a place of peace and stability.</p>

"Therefore we submit to God. We resist the devil and he will flee from us." James 4:7

<p>Tuesday 17th April Please pray for a 15 year old known to RUNA who has had traumatic experiences in her life and is regularly going missing and associating with people who could be exploiting her. Pray for God's protection over her and for His calming presence in the situation. Pray that God would break in to this girl's life and that she would come to know the love of her Heavenly Father.</p>	<p>Wednesday 18th April Please pray for a large family with many children supported by Family First. Ask that God may sustain them and help them to help each other and work together. Pray for joy and happiness in sharing time collectively. Please ask for God's healing touch on the depression and anxiety within the household.</p>	<p>Thursday 19th April Please thank God for His amazing and timely provision in opening doors to new food suppliers. Lidl and Oliver Kay have recently begun to donate food which has been of great benefit to Winter Watch and our foodbanks. Pray that food businesses will continue to be inspired by our heart to eradicate food poverty in Bolton.</p>
<p>Friday 20th April Please pray for the workers at other agencies we partner with. Pray that we would be an encouragement to them and that as they work alongside us they see something different in us and that they would encounter God through us.</p>	<p>Saturday 21st April Please pray for the volunteers who support Urban Outreach. Thank God for all that they do as without them we would be unable to provide many of our services. Pray that God blesses them and their families as they are released to assist in what God is doing in our town.</p>	<p>Sunday 22nd April Please pray for Dave today as he brings the 'Vision Talk' to Grace church. Pray God places the right words on Dave's heart and pray that He opens the church's ears to hear what is being brought and that people then catch hold of and run with that vision.</p>
<p>Monday 23rd April Please pray today for all those who apply for and receive Local Welfare Provision. Pray that what they receive will in some way ease their burdens and bring a sense of hope to their situation.</p>	<p>Tuesday 24th April As our Storehouse food bank welcomes those who need its services today, please pray that those who come find some respite from the difficult circumstances they are in. May they feel loved and encouraged by any conversations they have with our volunteers.</p>	<p>Wednesday 25th April Please continue to pray for Local Welfare Provision and for those in the Council involved in the decision making process. Thank God that this service is available for those in need. Pray that all those who apply and are in desperate need are given the assistance they require. Where this isn't possible please pray that they are pointed in the direction of other help available.</p>

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19

<p>Thursday 26th April Family First has submitted a grant application to take four families away over the summer holiday period. Please pray this is successful and pray for opportunities for families to draw closer to each other, for good social connections to be established between the families and for the families to know they have experienced God's love.</p>	<p>Friday 27th April We thank God that we have seen so many breakthroughs in peoples' lives across all the projects recently. One such breakthrough involves a lady who from childhood until now has had the most horrendous life. God has broken in and now her life is completely transformed! Please pray for more breakthroughs!</p>	<p>Saturday 28th April As women leave prison we try very hard to meet with them as soon as they leave, to give them the best possible chance. Sometimes they will have no address to go to. Please pray that no woman will be lost, and that everything they need will fall into place to give them the best fresh start possible!</p>
<p>Sunday 29th April Please pray for a 15 year old boy that is working with RUNA Support. He is involved with drugs, crime and antisocial behaviour. Thank God for the opportunity we have to work with him and pray that he will engage with the support that is on offer through us and other services.</p>	<p>Monday 30th April Please pray for two sisters who are experiencing family difficulties and who have not stayed in care placements as arranged. Pray that they would engage with the support that is on offer and that they would come to a place of peace and stability.</p>	<p>Tuesday 1st May A woman known to us for many years recently had an emergency operation due to an abscess on her spinal cord. She has subsequently been left paralyzed from the neck down. She has asked us to pray for her and said that she feels that God has heard her cry. She has now regained a little movement. Please pray that God would restore her to full health.</p>
<p>Wednesday 2nd May Please pray for many of the women we work with who struggle with memories and scars of past abuse and the hurt that comes from this. Please pray for peace for them and for hope for the future - a future free from abuse and negative relationships.</p>	<p>Thursday 3rd May Please pray for a woman who has faith but due to her circumstances is struggling to experience the true freedom that comes with knowing Jesus. Please pray for her to move into the freedom that is available to her, as we know that Jesus is there with His hand out ready to take hers and move forward with her.</p>	<p>Friday 4th May Please pray for a woman and her daughter. Until recently the daughter had been frequently running away and keeping some unhealthy company. The mum is still very anxious and has given up work so that she can be at home. Although the situation has improved it is still quite volatile. The mum is unable to sleep due to being so anxious. Please pray for peace and calm.</p>

"One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" John 9:26