

Praise Diary

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"Give thanks with a grateful heart."



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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

Monday 1st April

1 Thessalonians 5:24 says; *'The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it!'* Urban Outreach can testify from its inception in 1984 that God is not only faithful but meets our every need under the banner of His unconditional LOVE. Please join us today as we thank Him, praise Him and worship Him for not only who He is, but for His faithfulness in all our lives.

Tuesday 2nd April

Let us give thanks for the safe arrival of Oscar the second son for Hannah (Eve's Space Project) and Ben. Also for Becky (RUNA Project) and Ash's daughter, Cora! What amazing gifts! Both families are doing really well and enjoying being a family.

Wednesday 3rd April

Urban Outreach has been commissioned to *'Bind up the broken hearted and set the captives free'*..... Today we praise God for bringing to the team three new 'teamies!' Join us as we thank God for Jonathan (Storehouse Pantry Coordinator), Ian (Homeless Alliance Coordinator) and Miriam (Runa Project worker). What an amazing God we serve!

Thursday 4th April

Please thank and praise God for all the foster carers and foster families in the Bolton area who take young people into their homes and provide the healthy and stable upbringing they deserve. They truly follow in God's footsteps in their care and love for their children. "We love because he first loved us." – 1 John 4:19

Friday 5th April

Please give thanks for all the young people that RUNA work with including one young lady who is finding it difficult at home. Praise the Lord that she has reached out for and is accepting our help. This is a huge step forward.

Saturday 6th April

Please thank God for the Asda collection day that is happening today at Middlebrook. Please thank Him in advance for the food that will come in via this opportunity and also for the strengthening of the relationship with this Asda store.

Sunday 7th April

Praise God for the opportunities we get to work with families to help them out when they are going through difficulties. Praise Him that we are able to show Jesus to these families in how we work with them and that as we do this work He gives us opportunities to share the Gospel and show them God's love.

"And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name." (1 Chronicles 29:13)

<p>Monday 8th April Lord we thank you that we have been able to close three Eve's Space cases due to the amazing turnaround in these women's lives. It is a privilege to know that God trusts us with those living on the edge of society who need our help the most.</p>	<p>Tuesday 9th April Father God, we thank you for Your Grace and Mercy as we seek to help those women affected by domestic violence. It takes great courage to seek help and we ask that you bestow us with the correct skills to treat them with the understanding, care and respect that they need.</p>	<p>Wednesday 10th April We give thanks to the Father for all of our volunteers and supporters. We could not carry out our work without the monetary, physical and spiritual support that they so graciously and sacrificially bring.</p>
<p>Thursday 11th April Please give thanks to God for a family open to RUNA Support. Mum is engaging with services which means they can work with her and her partner to create a plan to address her son's behaviour and emotional health.</p>	<p>Friday 12th April Please give thanks for the increasing number of referrals that have been coming through to RUNA Support. Agencies across Bolton have a good awareness and understanding of the service. This allows the team to offer early intervention to keep young people safe and prevent missing from home episodes from escalating.</p>	<p>Saturday 13th April Please give thanks that the RUNA team is now complete. There is now a variety of skills and personalities across the team which works well in addressing the ranging and complex needs of young people across Bolton. The team also now has capacity to offer more in-depth support to those that need it.</p>
<p>Sunday 14th April Lord we give you praise for all the Housing Associations, hostels and private landlords with whom Streetlife has built up relationships over many years. They house chaotic families and single homeless people. This is such a blessing as this gives them a home and Streetlife an opportunity to support them into other services.</p>	<p>Monday 15th April We thank the Lord for the opportunity to work with a middle aged man who has recently split up from his partner leading him to sleep rough. Please join us as we praise the Lord that the man has sought help from Streetlife and has been open to the support that we can offer. His future is now more hopeful.</p>	<p>Tuesday 16th April Please join the RUNA team as we thank God for the recent successful raid of a place in Bolton that was known to be allowing under aged children to smoke shisha on their premises and possibly exposing them to other risks. Praise God that the business has been successfully shut down</p>

Since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3 v 24.

<p>Wednesday 17th April Today we thank God for bringing a young girl to the attention of RUNA. We thank You that RUNA will now have the opportunity to work with her and gain her trust and also be able to support her in gaining the help she so desperately needs.</p>	<p>Thursday 18th April Thank God for the blessing of a new baby girl to a member of the RUNA team and for ongoing health and happiness. Psalm 139: 13-14 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well'.</p>	<p>Friday 19th April Today we remember the sacrificial love of Jesus and how He has inspired us to walk in His shoes – shining His light into the darkness, giving hope, and helping to release from despair and poverty, those in desperate circumstances within our town.</p>
<p>Saturday 20th April Thank you Lord, for how you have continued to inspire and encourage us to live out the vision you set out for Urban Outreach all those year ago. Thank you for times of our busyness in your service; and for times of rest and relaxation into which you have sustained and then guided us into new work for a new day.</p>	<p>Sunday 21st April Today we celebrate how Your love for the world overcame everything! We think about Your earthly restoration and give thanks for how You have restored the lives of so many damaged souls. Thank you Lord, for the opportunity and privilege we have in serving you in such practical ways for the transformation of Bolton.</p>	<p>Monday 22nd April Thank God that a longstanding Support First client is engaging in a rehabilitation placement. Praise God that the barriers that were in the way of this client have been overcome through answered prayer. We praise God that as the client reduced his drinking before the placement he has been fully able to access the treatment.</p>
<p>Tuesday 23rd April Praise God that He keeps strengthening our support workers as they are dealing with some of the more complex people in Bolton,; we can only reach these people with Gods help and support. We thank Him as He never lets us down. Praise Him for all the doors He opens for our clients and for all the answered prayers we see on a</p>	<p>Wednesday 24th April Thank God for the opportunities He gives us to share what He is doing through us. Let us thank Him for the support Urban Outreach receives through these opportunities and for the people who freely give in so many ways.</p>	<p>Thursday 25th April Today let us thank God for His amazing provision! For all the food donations that provide for the increasing number of people who use Storehouse and the pantries. We thank God that the food never runs out and now comes from a growing number of supportive people, churches, supermarkets and shops.</p>

*"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."
(Psalm 107:8-9)*

<p>Friday 26th April Please give thanks for the opportunity to feed and help people through Local Welfare Provision. Pray that those who are in need would be blessed and encouraged at a time when they are probably feeling down.</p>	<p>Saturday 27th April We thank you for the support we can provide through the Storehouse Foodbank for those who are in a need. We thank you for the volunteers who speak words of encouragement and life into each person who walks through our door .</p>	<p>Sunday 28th April We give thanks for the growing number of Friends of Fun Food volunteers whose passion for food and willingness to share their time, skills and creativity has helped us reach a wider number of people. Their interest and dedication has been a great help enhancing the project.</p>
<p>Monday 29th April Praise God as He presents us with opportunities to partner with agencies like Age Concern and Bolton student midwives, in addition to the upcoming connections forming in local secondary schools. These links will enable us to offer Friends of Fun Food activities to age groups who have not always benefitted from the project.</p>	<p>Tuesday 30th April Let us spend time today thanking God for the success that the Friends of Fun Food project have at the food bank pantries, and that we are able to help those who attend be better equipped to make good healthy meals. Praise Him for all the provisions He provides each week, throughout the year.</p>	<p>Wednesday 1st May We thank God that we are able to run the Friends of Fun Food Budget Course with families. In these times of austerity, creative and nutritional ideas are invaluable. We celebrate the lives that are impacted by this outreach.</p>
<p>Thursday 2nd May We thank God for those that have made commitments to God over the last year. For the changes that have been made in their lives and also for the encouragement that God gives us when we see lives turned around. Praise God!</p>	<p>Friday 3rd May We thank God that He makes a way when peoples' situations are so difficult. Ezekiel 37: 4 – 5: "Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. "</p>	<p>Saturday 4th May Today we give thanks for all the volunteers who give up their valuable time to help with Street Life. Their faithfulness and commitment over many, many years continues to be a blessing and encouragement to us all. We thank God for bringing them to Urban Outreach.</p>

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." (Psalm 9:1)

<p>Sunday 5th May Join us as we give thanks for the agencies who have been involved in the complex support of two brothers known to Streetlife. This partnership has been significant in bringing new hope and purpose into the lives of these men.</p>	<p>Monday 6th May We thank God for the relationship Streetlife has been able to build up with a gentleman who was evicted from his property and for months was rough sleeping. Through Gods help we have gained his trust and have been able to find accommodation for him and his dog! Praise God.</p>	<p>Tuesday 7th May We thank God for our partnership with the Local Authority; He is so good to us with the relationships that exist, and it's fair to say that these relationships are more like friendships. Our desire to "Seek the welfare of the City" is central to this partnership and we consider it one of the greatest privileges in our work.</p>
<p>Wednesday 8th May We thank God for our partnerships with over 100 local churches,. These are a great honour and continue to be a tremendous source of encouragement. Unity as a vision has its challenges but we have found that Unity WITH a vision is awesome and our small part in this expression of Christ's Love to thousands of people in Bolton continues to be humbling.</p>	<p>Thursday 9th May We thank God for partnerships with local Businesses that reveal how far and wide His reach is. We find ourselves working closely with companies willing to serve what we are doing. Collectively we have been finalists in a national Business in the Community Award and other numerous accolades. It really does demonstrate how God is truly working His purposes out in our generation.</p>	<p>Friday 10th May Isaiah 55: 8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "... so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Praise God that He is able to do immeasurably more than we can imagine and that we experience surprise and delight at His work at Urban Outreach.</p>
<p>Saturday 11th May Thank God for the RUNA team and the blessing over the past few months of new staff and fresh approaches. Praise God for the riches seen already in co-operation and commitment to working with young people. May they 'go out in joy and be led forth in peace' (Isaiah 55: 12).</p>	<p>Sunday 12th May Praise the Lord for ongoing positive relationships with partner agencies and RUNA, especially with the police. Honour God for these associations and the opportunity Urban Outreach has to be salt and light in the world of work.</p>	<p>Monday 13th May We thank and praise God for His wisdom and care in preventing two boys from being permanently excluded from school.</p>

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

<p>Tuesday 14th May We thank and praise God for keeping a family safe from any further incidents of domestic violence over the last six months.</p>	<p>Wednesday 15th May Thanks and praise be to God for helping a young girl with mental health issues open up to receive the support she needs.</p>	<p>Thursday 16th May Give thanks today for the many amazing ways in which God has provided for <u>all</u> our needs over many years as our service amongst the dispossessed and lost has evolved and grown. Thank God that, whenever our food stocks are low, people and businesses have responded so wonderfully and so generously.</p>
<p>Friday 17th May Give thanks to God for all the volunteers who work so tirelessly behind the scenes to make the work we do real and meaningful to those in need within our town. Praise God for the many opportunities we have to live out the faith we share and to shine the light of Jesus into dark places and on those who have lost hope.</p>	<p>Saturday 18th May Lord, thank you for the communication and support between agencies across Bolton that help us to best support the children and young people. Thank you for the use of technology and our database that enables us to communicate so easily with other agencies.</p>	<p>Sunday 19th May As a team we thank God for the gifts He has given to the RUNA team that help us to support children who go missing. "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works" – Ephesians 2:10. Praise God for His endless goodness and all that He provides to children and families across Bolton.</p>
<p>Monday 20th May Please give thanks for all the agencies and support workers that help us to provide the support needed by our clients, some of whom have very complex issues. We praise God that He has allowed us to intervene and help so many people through the Support First project.</p>	<p>Tuesday 21st May Praise God for the way He is changing the lives of some of the people of our town. It is great to see such amazing things happen and to be a part of His plan.</p>	<p>Wednesday 22nd May Let us thank God for His amazing power and work in so many lives, for His goodness and for His blessings. We also thank Him that He is able to bring hope through even the toughest of times and shine light into the darkest places.</p>

"Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!" (Psalm 105:1)

<p>Thursday 23rd May Thank you Father for all the ladies who are taking part in the Friends of Fun Food Cooking Sessions. Thank you for giving them a willingness to try new things, and for their enthusiasm. May this new knowledge help the women form a positive routine in their lives, as they move forward.</p>	<p>Friday 24th May Thank you Heavenly Father for keeping guard over the heart of a young lady with severe mental health issues. Thank you that you love her and that you are surrounding her with professionals who can give her exactly what she needs. Praise your name for keeping her safe.</p>	<p>Saturday 25th May Thank you for helping us to get three women away from abusive relationships this year, and into places of safety. We are blessed that you put us in the right place at the right time, and enable us to be of use to these families.</p>
<p>Sunday 26th May Praise God for the families we help through the Friends of Fun Food project and the positive outcomes we achieve with the budget cooking course. For the Lord is good and His love endures for ever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100 v 5.</p>	<p>Monday 27th May Please thank God for this day of rest, that it can be a time for reflection on all the amazing works God has done already this year in the Friends of Fun Food project. "...and he said to them "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31</p>	<p>Tuesday 28th May Please praise God that Friends of Fun Food has been blessed with the facilities and equipment needed to carry out fun food sessions at many different venues around Bolton. "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8</p>
<p>Wednesday 29th May We thank God for all those who volunteer and support Urban Outreach. We thank Him that we see so many people across the town come together to meet people's needs. We are so aware that everyone plays such a brilliant part in making all our projects run and we thank God for being able to work with each of them.</p>	<p>Thursday 30th May We thank You God for every school that will come to Urban Outreach for lessons on homelessness and poverty over the next few weeks. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to these young people about the needs around them.</p>	<p>Friday 31st May We thank God for the people that make the Local Welfare Provision possible and for the many people that receive this valuable service in their time of need.</p>

"Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15)