

Prayer Diary

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REGULAR THINGS TO PRAY FOR

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

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Friday 2nd August

Please pray today as some of the families who are being supported through the Family First project go to Blackpool Zoo. This is a wonderful opportunity to have fun together as a family and to strengthen relationships within them and with some of the team.

Thank you.

Saturday 3rd August

Tonight is the Beatles Tribute fundraiser for Urban Outreach. Please pray for those who are performing and freely giving of their musical talents to help support our ministry. Pray that all the technical side, equipment and final preparations all go according to plan and that lots of fun will be had for all those attending.

Thursday 1st August

Psalm 118 v24 says; "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" So let us do just that at the beginning of this new month as we look with great expectation as to what God will do through us all today and in the following weeks. In Him, these are exciting times.

Sunday 4th August

Please pray for a young man known to RUNA who finds himself in a bad situation; he is scared and wants to be moved out of area. Pray for wisdom for the services involved and for guidance in where to place him for his safety. Pray for the situation to be resolved and for him to continue to engage with services so that he gets the help he needs.

Monday 5th August

Please pray for a girl known to RUNA; she has had a tough few years with being in care and with some troubling situations. She is now settled, is engaging well with services and is making the most out of her one to one tutoring sessions. Praise God for placing the right people in her life and for the changes that have occurred.

Tuesday 6th August

Please pray for a family known to RUNA. Engagement with services is sporadic and they are in need of support to improve home conditions, family relationships and the behaviour and safety of the children. Pray that they will see the support on offer as well-intended rather than criticism.

Wednesday 7th August

Please pray today for all the young people that we see who have difficult home situations – pray that these summer holidays are a good experience and that they can still hope that things can get better. Pray that they are open to God and that he cares and has a plan for them.

<p>Thursday 8th August Please pray for a boy who is very violent towards his family and feels that there is no hope of change in his household. Pray for love, peace and joy to flood and change his heart and that he would know he is significant, special and important to God.</p>	<p>Friday 9th August Please pray for a young woman who has been addicted to crack cocaine for the past 15 months. She is at an all-time low and is about to be evicted. Pray that she accepts a place in a rehabilitation home.</p>	<p>Saturday 10th August Please pray for a young lady who constantly self-harms and tries to take her own life. Pray she gets the correct therapeutic help that she needs on the current psychiatric ward, where she is detained.</p>
<p>Sunday 11th August As we reflect on the words of the Lord's Prayer 'Give us today our daily bread', we thank God for the continuing provision of Bolton Lunches. For some children, these words literally, could not be truer. Let us thank God that we are able to be His hands and feet through the provision of this daily bread to all these children.</p>	<p>Monday 12th August Please pray for Local Welfare Provision and all those that it has provided emergency support for over this past week. Pray that those who collected food parcels receive more than just emergency food, but also engage with further support that is offered and feel God's love for them.</p>	<p>Tuesday 13th August Please pray for a young man working with Street Life who struggles with mental health. He is questioning things to do with faith and struggles a lot with his identity and his reason for being alive. Please pray that God would continue to break in to his life, bringing clarity so that he will be set free to know his identity in Christ.</p>
<p>Wednesday 14th August Praise God for breakthroughs with some of Bolton's rough sleepers starting to access help for the first time. Please pray that they would come to know that God has good plans for them, to give them hope and a future. Pray that they would be patient when working towards a way out of breaking old habits.</p>	<p>Thursday 15th August Let us spend time praying for the many people we see every week through the Street Life project. Pray they would see the love of God through everything we do and that this would lead them to wanting to know the Lord and to be set free from the bondage of their chaotic lives.</p>	<p>Friday 16th August Please thank God for a young boy open to RUNA. There were concerns around criminal exploitation but things have improved greatly. His engagement at school has improved, he has moved away from a previous friendship group and the relationship between him and his carer have improved to the point where his placement is no longer at risk.</p>

'A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.' Proverbs 22:9

<p>Saturday 17th August Lord, we pray for the young people across Bolton who will access the Bolton lunches. We pray for their protection over the holidays, and pray that this will be a time of relaxation and refreshment. We thank you for all those who have dedicated their time to make the Bolton lunches 2019 possible.</p>	<p>Sunday 18th August Together let us lift to God those young people who go missing from home due to emotional and mental health issues. Please pray for peace of mind and a sense of God's wonderful love for them. Help them to access the services they need and thank God for those trained professionals who support and care for them.</p>	<p>Monday 19th August Pray for a well-earned break for six of our staff who are on holiday this week. Pray for safety as they travel and that they will be refreshed and re-charged by their time away from work. Pray that services they are responsible for will run smoothly in their absence and for protection for those they support back in Bolton.</p>
<p>Tuesday 20th August Thank God for His immaculate timing in everything – for Chester Halo and Bolton Council in helping us secure premises to deliver Bolton Lunches and provide storage for food – and for the growing number of food outlets who supply us with surplus produce to keep our foodbanks going.</p>	<p>Wednesday 21st August Praise God that after 17 months of working with a lady, she is alcohol free and not using the emergency services. Pray that she continues to improve in her life in every way and that her new found faith will lead her up the right path and she will continue to grow in Christ.</p>	<p>Thursday 22nd August Please pray for the people that we are working with who are in detox and rehab. It isn't an easy journey so pray that they gain strength and peace while they spend this time battling their addictions. Pray also that when they return home they are surrounded by good support and can start to rebuild their lives.</p>
<p>Friday 23rd August Pray for all the people that will be attending our great town to attend the food and drink festival this long weekend. Pray that everyone will have a time of enjoyment and that everyone will feel safe and be kept safe.</p>	<p>Saturday 24th August Please pray for the upcoming Harvest season and all those who will be involved in presenting the assemblies and services. Pray their message will be received well and will produce an abundance for the coming year. Thank God that He opens up those opportunities for us.</p>	<p>Sunday 25th August Please pray for all those who access Storehouse Foodbank. That through this provision their heads are lifted and they can see a way out of their situations. Pray for our volunteers that they speak words of wisdom and that Storehouse becomes a safe space for all those in need.</p>

'There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.' (Proverbs 23:18)

<p>Monday 26th August As we near the end of Bolton Lunches let us take a moment to reflect on God's goodness and provision . Through the generosity of many from all walks of life, thousands of children have been given hope and life through the provision of the packed lunches.</p> <p>All the Glory goes to God!</p>	<p>Tuesday 27th August Please pray for the Friends of Fun Food Team as they run holiday activities in various centres across Bolton with families who are collecting the BL lunches. We want to see that these sessions enable all those involved to not only have a lunch provided but learn skills that improve their overall lifestyle and health.</p>	<p>Wednesday 28th August Please pray for some of the UOB team who will be delivering an across-borough BBQ event today at Johnson Fold. During Bolton Lunches Bolton at Home has been running Holiday Kitchens and this community event provides a wonderful opportunity to bring these communities together to share food in a fun environment. Pray for the team and the preparation needed.</p>
<p>Thursday 29th August Friends of Fun Food have been working with the families who received holiday activity packs from the Family First Team.</p> <p>Please join us in thanking God for the provision of the packs and for the wonderful opportunity to combine them with the additional cookery sessions.</p>	<p>Friday 30th August Please pray for a girl who is too anxious to attend school or leave the house. Pray for God's love and peace to breakthrough and flood her heart.</p>	<p>Saturday 31st August Lord, we pray for a young person known to RUNA who is struggling to overcome his bad habits. We pray that he will find the strength to overcome his battles and find enjoyment in his education, family and friendships. We pray that he will stop hiding away and experience the fullness of life.</p>
<p>Sunday 1st September Thank you Lord, for how you have continued to inspire and encourage our staff, volunteers and supporters to serve you in many practical ways through our projects and services. Thank you for times of our busy-ness in your service; and for times of rest and relaxation which refresh us for the week ahead.</p>	<p>Monday 2nd September Please praise God for a client with Eve's Space who is starting to make slow but steady steps of progress after a long time of being stuck in a destructive cycle of addiction and not working with services. Praise God that He never gives up on people and is a God of endless chances.</p>	<p>Tuesday 3rd September A woman and her children have resettled in Bolton after fleeing domestic violence; all of the children are in schools except the youngest who should hear in the next few days. Please pray that it will be one near home.</p>

"For the whole law can be summed up in this one command...Love your neighbour as yourself" (Galatians 5:14)

<p>Wednesday 4th September Please pray for a young lady who has been exploited since she was 12 years old. She is out of control on drugs and drink. She has given up trying to fight and lives every day with horrific memories. Please ask God for protection over her and for Him to put good people in her world.</p>	<p>Thursday 5th September The schools have just started back after the summer holidays; please pray for children transitioning from primary to secondary school. Pray that this will be smooth and that they will make the right friendships to see them through the years ahead.</p>	<p>Friday 6th September Please pray for all those we support in the Bolton community, but particularly for those who are struggling to engage with our support at the moment. Please pray for a breakthrough in this so that people will get the help that they need and see their lives transformed by God!</p>
<p>Saturday 7th September Please pray for a young couple and their child; they are currently in temporary accommodation which has become difficult and is putting a strain on their relationship. Street Life is looking to move them into their own property and get all the services they need so they have a place to call their home.</p>	<p>Sunday 8th September Pray for a man who had been sleeping rough for months. He came to Street Life for help as he was struggling with his legs due to drug use. This has been a breakthrough as he wouldn't engage with anyone. Street Life has now got all the services in place, he is in temporary accommodation where his health needs will be met.</p>	<p>Monday 9th September We have a little space before our next big adventure ,Christmas Dinner on Jesus, begins. Please pray, as we recover from the mammoth Lunch programme and look to make Christmas happen for 1000s across the town, that our compassion and vision will be rekindled and that Jesus will be recognised in what we do.</p>
<p>Tuesday 10th September As part of the Vision for BOLTON Strategy the Churches have come together to look at their offer. This morning we will be holding a breakfast meeting with leaders to consider our next steps. Please pray for Vision and wisdom as together we look to God for His Vision for the town.</p>	<p>Wednesday 11th September We would ask for your continued prayers for our future funding needs. There are so many things we feel God calling us to but securing the resources is becoming increasingly challenging. We are grateful to Stuart Chell and his team for their help and we constantly commend our needs to the perfecter and finisher of our faith.</p>	<p>Thursday 12th September Pray for a breakthrough for those who have had to be put into care, that they can see a hope and a future for their lives and that they will find hope in Him. Please also pray for those who commit to provide care for these young people</p>

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

<p>Friday 13th September Please pray for strength for foster parents living in Bolton who are providing shelter and support to a particularly damaged young lady. This young person is frequently putting herself at risk and the foster parents are proving to be very patient and caring people. Please pray that God continues to send strength and hope to them at this very challenging time.</p>	<p>Saturday 14th September Please pray for a young person who has moved from Bolton to Blackpool after a managed move away from family and school. RUNA developed a strong relationship with her during a difficult period in her life. Please pray that God brings her all the comfort and support she deserves so she can re-build her life in a new environment.</p>	<p>Sunday 15th September Please pray today for Dave as he is preaching at Horwich Evangelical church as part of our Harvest program. Please pray God gives him the right message for the people at that church and that the message is received well.</p>
<p>Monday 16th September Please pray for the mental health services in Bolton as they struggle to keep up with demand and have to increase thresholds to cope. Pray for the professionals who feel they are unable to support people to the best of their abilities and pray for the service users as they navigate through the services.</p>	<p>Tuesday 17th September Please pray for the people invited to the FIXED conference which is just under 2 weeks away. Pray that they keep themselves available to attend and for God to prepare their hearts for all they are going to hear and experience. Pray that they do not have last minute nerves around attending.</p>	<p>Wednesday 18th September Praise God for all the food provision that has been given to Urban Outreach over the last year, and that we have been able to meet the needs of those in our town who are going through struggling times. As we celebrate God's goodness this Harvest time, prompt us to share what we have, as the demands to distribute food increases.</p>
<p>Thursday 19th September Praise God, the Mobile Pantry has been out on the roads of Bolton! Pray for volunteers to come forward to assist , helpers with a heart to serve others and share God's love. Pray for those living in the Kentmere Road area of Brightmet as we plan to launch a weekly mobile pantry provision starting this month.</p>	<p>Friday 20th September Please pray for Local Welfare Provision clients as they come and collect food from our staff and volunteers. Pray that conversations will be positive and that extra guidance will be offered to those who may need support from other services.</p>	<p>Saturday 21st September Please pray for a woman and her sons who are taking part in the One to One cookery and holiday family sessions. After the loss of her husband she has struggled to be motivated to eat or cook. Our desire is to see this family transformed as we support this very practical need.</p>

"Don't be afraid for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am with you God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand" (Isaiah 41:10)

<p>Sunday 22nd September On this Sunday let us lift up Dave as he speaks to Westhoughton United Reformed Church. Also please remember to pray for the Friends of Fun Food team as they enter the final months of their funding; that they will have direction and provision for the next season that God wants to lead the project into.</p>	<p>Monday 23rd September Friends of Fun Food are working with a mother and daughter who needed to spend more time together and build their relationship. Please pray that as they cook and eat together that God will strengthen and grow this bond.</p>	<p>Tuesday 24th September We seem to have a few women with alcohol problems at the moment; for some this has led to offending and other women have damaged livers. The good news is all the women are engaging and ready for change, though temptation is an issue. Please pray that they do not give in to their temptations.</p>
<p>Wednesday 25th September Please pray for a woman who is pregnant and has been handed a custodial sentence due to the offence she committed. She will give birth in prison; please pray for the baby's healthy and safe delivery along with the emotional health of mum.</p>	<p>Thursday 26th September Please continue to pray for continued good working partnerships between Runa, police, social services and other agencies involved in supporting young people. Thank God for open communication and trusting relationships as staff change over time.</p>	<p>Friday 27th September Please thank God for all those volunteers involved in Urban Outreach, who give their free time to show their love for the community. Please also thank God for all those who generously give in many ways to enable the ministry of Urban Outreach to continue to God's glory.</p>
<p>Saturday 28th September Please join us in asking God to comfort and heal those young people known to us who are suffering from neglect, that positive changes will come that will give them the opportunities to have healthy and whole lives. Please place people full of compassion around them to project hope into their futures.</p>	<p>Sunday 29th September We thank God for the people who made a commitment at the Fixed conference this year. This is a conference for addicts, ex-addicts, recovering addicts and those with a heart for addicts. Please pray that they will find a church and move forward in this new found life in Christ!</p>	<p>Monday 30th September Let us thank God for the ability to be able to deliver food parcels to those who are unable to collect their food. Please pray for the volunteers who deliver, for their safety and wisdom in the situations they are walking into. Pray that this side of Storehouse is greatly used by God in showing His kindness and grace.</p>

'But the needy will not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish.' Psalm 9:18