

Prayer Diary

June to July 2022



"Binding up the broken hearted and setting the captives free" Isaiah 61:1



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Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd June

We would value your prayers as we offer our support to the families and individuals being relocated here in Bolton from Ukraine.

It's very much our intention to provide the support with other partners, including the Ukrainian Community here in Bolton, as we all try to make the move to the town as positive as possible.

We would also value prayers for the whole process from Ukraine to the UK. The process is still very cumbersome and quite difficult, fraught with complexities which require a lot of wisdom to overcome. When the families arrive they are in shock, and many are grieving from personal loss along with bewilderment as to how this has all gone so wrong, so quickly.

Please pray daily for: -

- **All Urban Outreach staff. For wisdom and protection in the many varied situations they find themselves.**
- **Our Food Hub as we provide food, gas & electric to many vulnerable households each week.**

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Friday 3rd June

Please continue to pray for Greenworks as we look at how we can best support this fantastic opportunity for the town. There are some incredible plans that will have a profound impact on poverty across the borough, and we are very keen to see people living without the burden of poverty and free to live lives that have a hope and a future.

Saturday 4th June

In response to newspaper, radio and TV articles please thank God for the response of individuals throughout the UK and Europe who have been touched by what they have read and heard and sent financial donations to Urban Outreach to help relieve poverty in Bolton. "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." Proverbs 22 v 9

Sunday 5th June

As the Queen's Jubilee celebrations conclude today, please pray for all the churches and communities in Bolton who will be holding a Big Jubilee lunch. Please pray that everyone will be able to share friendship, food, and fun with neighbours. Pray especially for people who are usually isolated that they feel a sense of belonging.

Monday 6th June

Please pray for the Finance team in readiness for submitting the accounts for auditing. Please pray that sufficient time will be carved out in the busy office environment to prepare and collate all the necessary documents in a timely manner.

Tuesday 7th June

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5) Many times we find what we are dealing with too much of a burden to carry alone, whether it be something affecting ourselves, our families, or our work. But nothing is too big for God! Please give thanks to God for answered prayer.

<p>Wednesday 8th June It is always rewarding when we can get a person to the point where they are ready to move on and into their own home. It is never straight forward but we relish challenges. We have two women with babies and one with a teenage son who are looking for the right accommodation. Please keep them in your prayers.</p>	<p>Thursday 9th June We thank God for the opportunity we've had, over the last 15 years, to work with a group of women exploited through sex work. We are thankful for the opportunity God has given us to change these women's lives. Although the number of women in that location has decreased, even one is too many! Please pray that God's wisdom will be at the heart of everything we do.</p>	<p>Friday 10th June Join us today in prayer for a young woman who has struggled for years to feel safe and to be in a safe place. Please pray that God's protection will surround her and keep her safe. Please pray that her voice will be heard, and she will find somewhere she can call home for herself.</p>
<p>Saturday 11th June Today let us thank God for His consistent love and faithfulness. Isaiah 54:10 "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you."</p>	<p>Sunday 12th June Please pray with us for a woman who has struggled over the last 2 years with her physical health. She is doing well at present. This is her time now for recuperation and looking after herself. Please pray for her health to continue to improve.</p>	<p>Monday 13th June Please pray for all students currently sitting their GCSEs and A Levels and for those submitting dissertations and sitting end of year exams. Pray that they feel a calmness and sense of peace as they await the results and that they can lay all of their hopes and fears before God knowing that they are safely held in His love.</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th June Please pray for the right actions to be taken to keep a young boy, age 9, safe. Pray for God's intervention to change the course of his life and protect his physical, psychological, and emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>Wednesday 15th June Praise God for the Street Life Drop-In and for the valuable volunteers that help to run the weekly sessions. Please pray for the staff that seek to help those who attend whether they are looking for help with emergency housing, other housing issues, obtaining travel tickets for job interviews or food parcels.</p>	<p>Thursday 16th June Please pray for those who Street Life have been helping for many years but still choose to live in chaos. Sadly, many clients have passed away this year through this lifestyle. Pray the staff would be equipped to show them God's all powerful love can help them choose to change.</p>

"You make known to me the path of life." (Psalm 16:11)

<p>Friday 17th June Pray for a young couple that Street Life are working with. They have been together about 6 months and are sofa surfing. He is working, and the woman is looking for a job. Please pray that the right accommodation is found.</p>	<p>Saturday 18th June Please pray for a man who Street Life has been working with for a long time. He is an alcoholic and is continually in and out of hospital due to his drink related health problems. Pray God would enable him to resist the drink and become strong enough to get his life back. He desperately wants this.</p>	<p>Sunday 19th June Join us as we pray for a lady who has mental health and drug issues. Street Life has accommodated and supported her numerous times. She is now homeless again and in the same situation. Pray that the Lord would break through this destructive cycle so she can be free to make the right choices.</p>
<p>Monday 20th June Please pray for 2 men who are currently homeless again. Street Life is trying to find them accommodation out of borough, due to past issues with peers. Pray that accommodation will come available and that they will start to engage with all the services that are there to help them.</p>	<p>Tuesday 21st June With rising prices facing everyone, please pray for great wisdom in how to help the growing number of people impacted. Pray that we are able to support all who need it and find those who may not know where to turn. Pray that people will find the courage to ask for help.</p>	<p>Wednesday 22nd June Join us as we pray for the partnerships in our town. Pray that the heart of people working together is to strengthen the town and the people who live in it. Pray that people are able to see past their own agendas in order to bring about change to communities across Bolton.</p>
<p>Thursday 23rd June "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds." (Psalm 9:1) Join us today as we thank God for His continued provision and faithfulness to Urban Outreach over so many years.</p>	<p>Friday 24th June Today let us pray for Urban Outreach staff who are working with children and families. Pray that they would get a positive response from the children they see, and that they can help with advice and suggestions to sort out issues. Please pray that these families would be open to help and advice.</p>	<p>Saturday 25th June Please pray today for families who are in damaging or difficult circumstances. Pray that children involved would not suffer in the long term and that help would be provided to bring relief and sort out the situations. Pray also for the workers who are providing help, that they would be patient and encourage the right changes.</p>

"I have written this to you who believe in the name of the son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him." (1 John 5 v 13-14)

<p>Sunday 26th June Please pray for Dave Bagley as he preaches at Bank Top URC this morning, that God's anointing would be on him and that he would both be blessed and be a blessing to those that hear him. Please also pray for all the churches in Bolton today, that they would all hear God's word and be encouraged.</p>	<p>Monday 27th June Please give thanks to God for His constant interaction in the day to day life of our trustees, staff, volunteers, supporters and those whom we support. Please pray that each will be filled and equipped with all that is needed.</p>	<p>Tuesday 28th June Please give thanks for all the opportunities we have to share God's love and generosity with those who are reaching out for help.</p>
<p>Wednesday 29th June Please pray for a gentleman that we have worked with for some time who has started a journey of living each day without alcohol after 30 years of dependency. Pray that God 'leads him not into temptation' and brings him peace and healing to his body and his relationships with this family.</p>	<p>Thursday 30th June "You will keep in perfect peace Him whose mind is steadfast because He trusts you." (Isaiah 26:3) In these days of uncertainty please pray that Urban Outreach holds onto this promise. That we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and trust Him alone in our mission to serve the people of Bolton. Thank you.</p>	<p>Friday 1st July "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33) This scripture then goes on to say "do not worry about tomorrow". Today and together let us ask God to help the Trustees and the team at Urban Outreach to focus on the needs of those whom God has privileged us to meet, love and support and not to worry about things that hinder.</p>
<p>Saturday 2nd July Please join us today as we continue to pray for ongoing developments within Urban Outreach. That knowledge and wisdom would be given in abundance as plans for the future are discussed, prayed through and implemented. Thank you.</p>	<p>Sunday 3rd July Pray today for single mothers and fathers, who are now facing hardship as well as the challenges of raising their children. Ask God to be a source of hope and encouragement to these families. Pray for the food Pantry as it sees an increasing number of single parents accessing support.</p>	<p>Monday 4th July Pray for Urban Outreach staff and volunteers as they speak to people reaching out for help or support. Pray that God would give them the correct words to say, and that the words would reflect His love, with each word bringing them a closer relationship to God.</p>

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1 v 9)

<p>Tuesday 5th July Pray for the many volunteers who help across all that Urban Outreach does in our town, particularly pray for those who help at the food hub every week. Pray that they would experience God's presence and receive a blessing from Him for their acts of kindness.</p>	<p>Wednesday 6th July Today we thank God for His unchanging goodness and unfailing love. Please pray that all that is done through Urban Outreach will be an expression of this. Thank you.</p>	<p>Thursday 7th July As we work together with Jesus to be co-workers in the building of His Kingdom that is to come, help us to share in His ministry of reconciliation; declaring that Christ has reconciled the world back to Himself and that people can know New Creation through Him. May we be humble people who see those who are broken through Your eyes and not the worlds.</p>
<p>Friday 8th July Throughout history God has used the seemingly weak to nurture justice, to fight poverty, and to walk bravely toward human thrones of power proclaiming another way. Today ask God to help us keep our Hope in Him knowing that He is able to use all things for good.</p>	<p>Saturday 9th July Please pray for a young woman who is struggling with bereavement after losing her grandma to cancer. Ask God to give her courage and strength. Pray that she will engage well with the counselling and support that has been put in place as she navigates her feelings and grief.</p>	<p>Sunday 10th July As some young people are finishing at college and preparing to finish school for the summer holidays, please pray for a safe, fun and fulfilled period. Pray that services are able to visit and support those who are the most vulnerable and that those who go missing from home will still be reported and accounted for.</p>
<p>Monday 11th July 'You will forget your misery; you will remember it as waters that have passed away. And your life will be brighter than the noonday; its darkness will be like the morning. And you will feel secure because there is hope.' (Job 11: 16-18) Please pray for a young man who is going missing and is very unhappy with his home situation.</p>	<p>Tuesday 12th July 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.</p>	<p>Wednesday 13th July Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance as we continue to serve the immediate needs of households receiving food parcels from us today. Pray that we can provide practical support beyond the immediacy of 'food' to help them escape the causes and effects of poverty, disadvantage, and distress in their lives.</p>

'For the love of God urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. And he died for all, so that those who might live, live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.' (2 Corinthians 5: 14-15)

<p>Thursday 14th July Please pray for a young woman who has been clean from drugs, and has been in a recovery home for a few months now. She went in after giving birth to a baby and is allowed supervised contact weekly. Pray for her to remain abstinent and there will be a positive outcome for her and her baby.</p>	<p>Friday 15th July Please pray for a female with mental health difficulties to finally get her own front door. She has lived a quite transient life as she does not make friends easily. Pray that she finds friendly support in Bolton and settles down.</p>	<p>Saturday 16th July Please pray for a female who has gone through lots of domestic abuse but keeps going back to the perpetrator. She is currently poorly and needs medical help, which he tries to prevent her from getting. Please pray for breakthrough in this situation so that she will be safe and well.</p>
<p>Sunday 17th July As we prepare for the start of a new week and all that may bring, please pray for our volunteers who give so generously of their time at the food hub making it possible for us to serve well the people who so desperately need food provision throughout Bolton.</p>	<p>Monday 18th July Please pray today for those who will be receiving a food parcel delivery. Pray that what they receive will be a blessing to them, giving them hope knowing that there are people who do truly care for them.</p>	<p>Tuesday 19th July Please pray for all the children who are placed in care. Life is tough for them, and they often feel abandoned by everyone. Let them know that there are good people in the world who want to care for them and love them. Give them light to enjoy life once again.</p>
<p>Wednesday 20th July Please pray for a young boy who is walking down a very dark path. Substance use is dominating his life and is preventing him from making the right decisions. Let him know God's love and protection.</p>	<p>Thursday 21st July Please pray for a family who are having a very tough time and obstacles are being put in their way. Please pray that God gives them guidance to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Let his love for them shine through to give them strength and support.</p>	<p>Friday 22nd July Please pray for all the vulnerable children around Bolton that are being exploited and groomed by gangs to commit crimes. We ask that God gives them the courage, wisdom, and self-worth to break these chains and show them the hope that He promises us all.</p>

"The Lord is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation." (Psalm 118:14)

<p>Saturday 23rd July Please pray for the RUNA team that are visiting an unprecedented number of young people that have returned from a missing episode at the moment. May they feel able to listen to the voices of these young people and be God's light to them in the darkness.</p>	<p>Sunday 24th July We lift up the town of Bolton and all the services that we work in partnership with. May God bless this work and bring about His change and His plan in all we do through Him for the people of our town.</p>	<p>Monday 25th July Please pray for the start of Bolton Lunches. This is a great opportunity for us to show God's love to the wider Bolton community, not only to those being helped, but also to the organisations and businesses that we have formed partnerships with over the years.</p>
<p>Tuesday 26th July Please pray for all our wonderful volunteers from those who help prepare Bolton Lunches early every morning, to those who help with the logistics by delivering them to the distribution centres and those who help with the handing out of the lunches.</p>	<p>Wednesday 27th July Please pray that every child who receives a Bolton Lunches pack today enjoys the food that they are given, and they and their families be blessed with the intention in which it is meant.</p>	<p>Thursday 28th July Please pray for a young boy, age 10, to grow in confidence and resilience as he interacts with his friends and family. Pray that his self-worth grows increasingly more positive, and he starts to enjoy his life again feeling peaceful and loved.</p>
<p>Friday 29th July Please pray for God to bring revelation during sessions with children and wisdom about how to provide the most effective support. Pray that the support meets the needs at the roots of the children's difficulties.</p>	<p>Saturday 30th July Please pray for the many people affected by the rise in living costs. Pray that they can receive the support they need, that they can feel safe and secure in their homes, and that they have the strength to move forward.</p>	<p>Sunday 31st July Please lift up Bolton Guild of Help as they enter a new partnership with Urban Outreach delivering help with utilities to those in need. Pray that together we can reach more people around Bolton and offer help during uncertain times.</p>

"The Lord will keep you from all harm." (Psalm 121:7)