

# Prayer Diary

October to November 2023



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



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**Sunday 1st October**

Dear Friends, thank you once again for joining us in prayer, it has been a very busy summer season as you will see in the figures from the food team. Now we just need to regroup and recover. Please pray for a peaceful time for all the teams as they get ready for the next season and prepare for all that God will be leading us into.

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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**Monday 2nd October**

We celebrate two new Trustees joining us, Donnie and Sue. Please pray they will know God's confirmation on accepting this role within the organisation. We have some big decisions as always ahead of us and our need for God's wisdom is so essential as we move forward. Please pray that we will constantly be led by Him and ready to listen to His guidance.

**Tuesday 3rd October**

We are considering our office accommodation and looking at what we might need going forward. Location is important, as is having somewhere that is multipurpose. Please pray for wisdom as we consider and research some of our options

**Wednesday 4th October**

Please thank God for the wonderful relationships we have with many of the schools in Bolton. Please pray for those in Urban Outreach who are speaking at harvest assemblies, that they will be able to inspire the children & staff with an attitude of thankfulness and generosity to others and that the harvest will be fruitful.

**Thursday 5th October**

Today is National Poetry Day so let's use some poetry from the Bible to lift to the Lord the people Urban Outreach works with. "Because of the oppression of the poor, because of the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, says the Lord; I will set him in the safety he longs for." Psalm 12v5

**Friday 6th October**

We thank God for the amazing opportunities we get to share all that God is doing in and through Urban Outreach with schools. As we go into Ladybarn school this morning, please pray that not only will children be blessed by their generosity, but they will encounter the loving parent heart of God and their desire to relentlessly love each of them.

**Saturday 7th October**

As we look around our world, we see so much chaos and relentless striving for 'more'. When we focus on the Prince of Peace, we hear the words 'You are enough.' Please pray that God will help us to be people who declare over every life that they are enough. Like the rising of the tide, so uninterrupted and assured, let God's Peace fill this world.

<p><b>Sunday 8th October</b> Please pray for Dave Bagley today as he speaks in at Christ Church Heaton. Please pray for those who are listening to really be able to connect with the message he brings. We pray for joy and peace for all those who are present today.</p>	<p><b>Monday 9th October</b> Let us thank God together today for the “fruit of the harvest” that we are seeing in people’s lives. This year has brought some positive changes for those we are supporting. Thank you, God!!</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 10th October</b> Last year Street Life asked for prayer for a gentleman who had got a place in detox for his alcoholism but unfortunately this fell through. We are asking for prayer again for him, he is in a better place, feels determined and is working well with the alcohol team. Pray a place in detox will come available soon.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 11th October</b> As the Street Life Drop-In happens every Wednesday, please pray for all those who come through the door who have many diverse and desperate situations, would receive everything they need for the circumstances they find themselves in. Pray that God would equip the staff and volunteers with all they need to assist each valuable person.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 12th October</b> Dave Bagley is speaking to children and young people about the meaning of harvest - a celebration that gives us the chance to learn about and reflect on the food we gather and eat. Please pray that the young people will be grateful when they have plenty and be generous to and mindful of those in need.</p>	<p><b>Friday 13th October</b> Please pray for a young boy who is struggling as he is isolated and treated differently in his family home. Pray that he will be surrounded by those who speak positive affirmations and joy into his life. Ask God to raise his self-esteem and for him to know deep love and care.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 14th October</b> As ‘Fresh as a Daisy’ packing of monthly packs containing sanitary/personal hygiene products takes place today, we pray that all young women in Bolton may have access to these resources through schools, Urban Outreach and other organisations. Pray that those who need this service will be able to access it.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 15th October</b> Let us thank God for the creative ways in which people will gather today to worship Him across the world. Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit to open eyes beyond the four walls, open hands to be practical help to communities and open hearts to connect with all of creation.</p>	<p><b>Monday 16th October</b> Please pray for the food team as they continue to prepare themselves for winter and increased demand. Pray that everyone who collects food and/or utility top ups are met with kindness and gentleness wherever that may be.</p>

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” (Matthew 5:7)*

<p><b>Tuesday 17th October</b> Please pray today for school staff who work so hard to keep children safe and to educate them. Thank God for our schools here in Bolton and pray for blessing and encouragement for all who work there. Give thanks for all carers, including foster and adoptive parents, family members and social workers who are looking after children.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 18th October</b> Pray today for children who are feeling lonely or struggling with their mental health, that they would be brave enough to ask for help and find someone who they can talk to. Pray that there would be good options for them to get help, and that their carers who look after them would be supportive and sympathetic.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 19th October</b> Please pray for Our Genesis community activity group. We have already had over 10 different individuals attend and are hoping that there will be a consistency in their attendance. Our hope is for them to feel that they belong, that they enjoy being part of the community and that they understand that God has an amazing plan for their future enabling them to grow in confidence.</p>
<p><b>Friday 20th October</b> Please pray for our clients who have a long history of being alcohol dependant which affects their whole lives - their relationships with family &amp; friends, their physical and mental health, their housing and finances, and their sense of worth. We ask that they find the will and the strength to work with the professional to break free.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 21st October</b> We are one of the wealthiest nations in the world, yet increasing numbers of people are reliant on foodbanks to sustain their families. Pray for those in authority in our country and in our town, for guidance and wisdom to find a solution to these long-term needs.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 22nd October</b> Foodbanks, which began as a way of providing an ‘occasional stopgap in an emergency’, are becoming more of an ongoing necessity for some. Pray for Urban Outreach as it tries to meet what is often now becoming a frequent help of food to many families, through Local Welfare Provision, Storehouse and Pantries.</p>
<p><b>Monday 23rd October</b> Praise God that Street Life has been able to find the right accommodation for an over 60’s gentleman where he will receive all the help he needs to progress in life. Please pray for the other elderly people we have on our Street Life waiting list, that accommodation will come available soon.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 24th October</b> Please pray for the housing crisis that our town is experiencing, that more accommodation will come available for those who are in desperate situations. Pray for Street Life as they try to help many who need accommodation.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 25th October</b> We are grateful to all those who volunteer in support of the Local Welfare Provision daily drop in. Please pray for them as they make this sacrifice to support the many across Bolton who use this service.</p>

*“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen” (Romans 11:36)*

<p><b>Thursday 26th October</b> Please pray today that as we are well into our Harvest season, we continue to see the abundance of Gods provision. Give Him thanks as He continues to pour out His great love and blessing.</p>	<p><b>Friday 27th October</b> Pray for young people across Bolton, for whom school is a real struggle. Pray that these young people are seen for the individuals that God has created them to be, with the gifts that He has given them. Pray that these gifts can be nurtured in ways that enable those young people to flourish.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 28th October</b> Join us in praying for improved mental health in our young people across Bolton. Specifically, pray for those who self-harm as a way of dealing with their struggles. Pray that they engage with services, and through the presence of the Holy Spirit, they feel a sense of peace and comfort.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 29th October</b> Pray for our RUNA project, that works with young people who go missing from home. Pray that these young people engage with us when we visit and feel comfortable sharing. Pray for our team members in the Children and Families team, for whom this role is so much more than a job. Pray for wisdom, peace, and comfort.</p>	<p><b>Monday 30th October</b> Please pray for the members of the children and families team working on the "RISE" project. Pray that they have the wisdom and creativity they need when supporting young people to enable each individual to bring about positive change in their lives. Please pray particularly today for a young girl (primary school age) who is struggling after witnessing domestic violence in the home.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 31st October</b> Please pray for the regular women's day at the Amber Centre today. Pray for the professionals who are there to provide advice to the women and the members of the Eve's Space team working alongside them. Ask God to break down any barriers that may be preventing women attending or seeking the help they need.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 1st November</b> In Psalm 150:6 it says: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Today let us be united in our praise and thanksgiving for our creative, loving God. For Urban Outreach please join us as we focus on His Faithfulness and the many lives He has and continues to change. Hallelujah!</p>	<p><b>Thursday 2nd November</b> Both Malachi 3:6 and Hebrews 13:8 declare that God is the same always and never changes. No matter how Bolton or the world changes around us, we can trust God is consistent. Please pray that as an Urban Outreach team and, as trustees, we make decisions that our trust will be placed in our God who is the same yesterday, today and forever!</p>	<p><b>Friday 3rd November</b> "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armour of God." (Ephesians 6: 10-11). Please, not just today but every day! As we daily intercede and act as God's hands and feet, we will need God's invincible power and protection as steps are made into enemy territory. Please pray for the Urban Outreach team as they take these steps. Thank you.</p>

*"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the LORD Almighty." (Zechariah 4:6)*

<p><b>Saturday 4th November</b> We have three women now ready, and looking, for work, although not full-time yet. It's so refreshing when anyone says they want to work; we encourage and support them the best we can. Please pray that they would find the right employer who would give them a chance and nurture them in being successful.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 5th November</b> Please pray for a woman and her disabled husband who have just moved to Blackburn. With a strained relationship the prayer is that they will receive the right kind of support.</p>	<p><b>Monday 6th November</b> Over the past weeks we have lost three clients because of their drug use. It is so sad to see young lives lost. Please pray for every person that crosses our path, as we want them to live a life of abundance on earth as it is in Heaven.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 7th November</b> Please pray for a young female who has learning difficulties, who has been bullied by her neighbours. Pray that when she moves to a new flat, she will be safe, and hopefully gets the proper support she needs.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 8th November</b> Please pray for a lady who is currently looking for work after being unemployed for several years. Pray for her confidence to grow, and that she gets positive people around her who can encourage her on this new venture in her life.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 9th November</b> Please pray for a lady who since coming out of prison has not used drugs and is engaging with services. This is the first time she has not gone straight back to using drugs and this is a massive step forward for her. Pray this continues and she manages to stay away from risky associates.</p>
<p><b>Friday 10th November</b> At the end of another week and with a weekend about to begin, please pray for those in our town who are vulnerable, and hungry. Pray that they can find safety, food and warmth over the weekend and support for their future. May we keep those in our hearts who are less fortunate.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 11th November</b> Please pray for all those who are approaching this winter period with a sense of fear and anxiety. Please pray for peace in their lives and that the right support can be found to help them through their difficulties.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 12th November</b> The Christmas period will soon be with us and for some of our team, work has already begun to make sure we provide Christmas hampers for those in need. Please pray for our team, that they stay well and refreshed to help prepare well for those we support.</p>

*"The Lord is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all He has made." (Psalm 145:13)*

<p><b>Monday 13th November</b> As the Knife Angel Statue comes to Bolton this month, please pray for the young people our RUNA project works with that are involved in and affected by knife crime. Lord, protect them and deliver them from danger.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 14th November</b> RUNA is seeing an increase in young people estranged from their families. Please pray for the right support to meet them where they are at and for God's love to flood their lives. Renew relationships that bring life, Lord.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 15th November</b> We thank God for His provision in recruitment. We thank Him that the Children &amp; Families Team in particular is back to strength. May he continue to bless them to serve Him.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 16th November</b> Praise the Lord for the good relationship that Street Life have with all the Housing associations and private rented across the town, pray that this will continue into the future. Please pray for those people who are hard to accommodate due to their chaotic lifestyles, that they would be in a place to want to address their issues.</p>	<p><b>Friday 17th November</b> Please could we ask you to spend time today praying for the asylum seekers that Street Life have been supporting for many years and are still in need of assistance. Pray Street Life will be equipped with the skills they need to negotiate with the Home Office and Destitute Charities that can support them further.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 18th November</b> Please pray for a young woman who is trying to free herself from debt. Pray she continues to utilise the support around her and give thanks for the steps she has taken already. Help her to trust in God's provision and feel the weight of debt lift from her life.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 19th November</b> Psalm 94:19: "When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul." Please pray for those who need comfort, those who are dealing with debt, ill health, grief. Pray they find the comfort of the lord and let peace surround them</p>	<p><b>Monday 20th November</b> Please pray for all those searching for homes through the winter. Pray for their warmth and protection and give them strength and patience through the journey.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 21st November</b> As the months get colder and darker, please pray for all those struggling to pay their energy bills. Pray that they seek and accept the help available and that they have dignity in doing so for sometimes admitting that help is needed is the bravest thing to do.</p>

*"Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest". (Matthew 11 v 28)*

<p><b>Wednesday 22nd November</b> Please pray for the Streetlife drop-in taking place today, for many of the attendees this will be their first contact with Urban Outreach. Please pray that God equip the team with discernment and wisdom as they help their guests with complex problems.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 23rd November</b> Please give thanks for the donations that we received from across Bolton in response to our Harvest appeal for food to help feed the people of our town. It really is very much appreciated and without this generous giving we would not be able to do the work we do.</p>	<p><b>Friday 24th November</b> Please join us in giving thanks for the many volunteers who help us at the food hub, it is a real pleasure to be able to meet such wonderful people who want to give so generously of their time and abilities, without whom we would not be able to achieve so much.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 25th November</b> As we see pledges being made and donations coming in, we give thanks for Christmas Dinner on Jesus and the opportunity it gives us to reach out and make this special day even more special for so many families across our town.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 26th November</b> Please pray for a family whose youngest son has a life-threatening disease which means he may not live very long. Pray that the family would know God's comfort and peace this Christmas time as they celebrate the time they have together. Pray particularly for the older brother who is finding seeing his brother being so poorly very hard.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 27th November</b> Please pray for the many children and families who will be preparing for the Christmas season. Pray that those who are struggling financially, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and physically this year would be brought to our attention over these coming weeks, so that they may receive some love and kindness this Christmas time.</p>
<p><b>Monday 28th November</b> Please pray for our Trustees who are meeting today. Pray that God would guide them in their decision making. Pray for wisdom and discernment and that they would feel a deep sense of hope and trust in Jesus as they bring the requests and needs of Urban Outreach before him.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 29th November</b> Please give thanks for the Genesis community project as they meet this morning. Please lift in prayer, those who are struggling and in need today, that they will experience God's love. "Praise be to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God". (11 Corinthians 1:3-4)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 30th November</b> Our outreach teams continually meet people going through tough and uncertain times in their lives. Please praise God that we have a window into their circumstances and can walk alongside them. Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."</p>

*"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." (Psalm 37:4)*