

Prayer Diary

August to September 2024



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



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Thursday 1st August

Maisie and Dave are in a local park with our Friends of Fun Food. Please pray for safety and great fun as they carry on their adventure with food and young people.

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.
- Bolton Lunches 2024

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Friday 2nd August

We have seen an increase in the new Covid variant infection in the office as we work in so many different homes and situations please pray for protection and quick recovery for those who are affected.

Saturday 3rd August

We have been invited by a main sponsor of the Bolton Food and Drink festival during to have a presence over the Bank Holiday weekend. This is a great opportunity and honour. Please pray as we consider and plan what we will do.

Sunday 4th August

Let us thank God for all the churches in Bolton that will join in worship today! We are all so different but are united in our love and desire to serve our God. Please thank the Lord for the continued support of so many churches in our town. *“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.” 1 Cor 3:9*

Monday 5th August

As Bolton Lunches continues into its 3rd week and so many people from different walks of life join together to work for the good of others, give thanks for this great opportunity to demonstrate real community working. Please continue to pray that enough volunteers come each day to make the number of lunches that are required.

Tuesday 6th August

During the holidays young people are less visible to services. Please pray that those who are missing from home are reported to the police which will help RUNA to connect and listen to their voice, understand their situations, keep them safe from harm and offer advice and support. Ask God for protection and transparency.

Wednesday 7th August

Please pray for those young people known to Urban Outreach who are struggling with their mental health. Petition to God for: trusted adults and friendships to surround these young people; for the young people to have the ability to reach out if needed, for services to be responsive and available and for ongoing healing and increased self-worth.

<p>Thursday 8th August This week's Emotional Health Group at the Amber Centre is focused on anxiety. Please pray that the session will be fun, informative, and helpful. Ask God to give the young people attending a sense of belonging and for them to embrace strategies to ease anxiety. "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)</p>	<p>Friday 9th August Today let us thank God for His wisdom and guidance. <i>"The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. "You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."</i> (Psalm 90:17)</p>	<p>Saturday 10th August Please pray for a young woman who has recently had a baby. Please pray for her to remain abstinent and for protection for her mind. She would love to be able to have the baby in her care full time and to enjoy all the milestone moments that the baby achieves.</p>
<p>Sunday 11th August Join us in praying for all those who we work with, for those who are feeling weary and heavily burdened. We know God is close to the broken-hearted so let our thoughts and prayers be with them today as we ask God to hold them in His hands.</p>	<p>Monday 12th August Praise the Lord! Street Life asked for prayer for a man who has an alcohol addiction and had lost his property. Street Life managed to find him accommodation! Please continue to pray that a place would soon become available in a detox centre. Thank you!</p>	<p>Tuesday 13th August As Street Life continues to support a huge number of people, please pray that the team will be filled by the Holy Spirit to be able to assist each individual person with their many diverse issues. "A Spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other". (1 Corinthians 12:7)</p>
<p>Wednesday 14th August Please pray for a family Street Life has supported for a year. They lived in a housing association property that was in a very bad state and due to the housing situation, they couldn't be moved. Praise God, that through Street Life and their negotiations with the housing association the family have been moved while the property is completely renovated.</p>	<p>Thursday 15th August Please pray for Friends of Fun Food, cooking in Moss Bank Park today. Pray for positive encounters with families that will have an ongoing impact on their wellbeing. Pray also for the young people who are attending the 6 session, summer Emotional Health Group, this afternoon, run by the Children and Families Team. The focus of this 4th session will be "well-being".</p>	<p>Friday 16th August Please pray for new staff on the children and families team working within the RISE project. Ask God to help them settle into their new roles, helping children and young people with their emotional health. Ask God to give them wisdom in learning how best to support and influence changes for a positive outcome.</p>

"For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I am the one who helps you.'" (Isaiah 41:13)

<p>Saturday 17th August Join us in praying for children facing exploitation, especially during the summer period. Pray for their safety, protection and a loving community of support.</p>	<p>Sunday 18th August Join us in praying to be enabled to put on the full armour of God, that we may be protected from all evil. (Ephesians 6:10-18).</p>	<p>Monday 19th August "Jesus said, 'If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!'" Join us in praying for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit, that we all may be filled to do the work God has called us to do.</p>
<p>Tuesday 20th August Pray today for Urban Outreach staff who work with children and families. Pray that they would be encouraged and be a blessing to those they work with. Pray that they would have positive conversations with the families and young people they see. Please pray for good outcomes and issues that the families are facing being resolved.</p>	<p>Wednesday 21st August Please pray for children and young people who are on their school holidays. Pray that they would be enjoying themselves and finding good situations to keep them busy. Pray also that they would avoid trouble or risk taking. Please pray for their parents, carers, and families, that they would be patient and caring with each other.</p>	<p>Thursday 22nd August Please pray for our clients who are living with depression which affects their ability to care for themselves and their properties. Pray for breakthroughs in their situations and freedom from effects of the negative events that have happened in the past.</p>
<p>Friday 23rd August Please pray for our Genesis Project which supports those navigating their way out of homelessness. Give thanks for those who have been attending regularly as we see them moving forward into settled accommodation.</p>	<p>Saturday 24th August Please give thanks for the Genesis community project and lift in prayer those who are struggling and in need, that they will experience God's love and fellowship as they meet each week. "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>Sunday 25th August Please lift in prayer all those in our town that are broken hearted, that they may find hope and peace. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope". (Romans 15:13)</p>

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."
(Deuteronomy 31:8)

<p>Monday 26th August As we reach the end of summer, please pray for the volunteers who have graciously committed so much time to our Bolton Lunches project. Together let us thank God for them.</p>	<p>Tuesday 27th August Please pray for those who are grieving and mourning the loss of loved ones during this time. Pray that the God of all comfort will be present to all those in need of peace.</p>	<p>Wednesday 28th August Please pray for the children who will be starting school for the first time or making a move to a new one. Pray that they settle in quickly, making new friends and getting down to their studies successfully.</p>
<p>Thursday 29th August Please pray for those who for those in our town who are struggling to find a community of friendship and support. Pray that God would provide good people to offer support, love and kindness in the context of a safe community.</p>	<p>Friday 30th August Eve's Space are currently working with two women who are really struggling with their addictions, both women are motivated to change but their will power is lacking. Their Eve's Space worker prays for them daily. Please let's make them the focus of all our prayers today and see how God can work in their lives.</p>	<p>Saturday 31st August What a busy summer holidays with BL24! So many children having lunches and volunteers, churches and organisations coming together to serve the community. Please pray for all the children who have had the lunches this summer; that they feel ready for the new school year.</p>
<p>Sunday 1st September "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3: 22-23) Please join us as we thank God for His faithfulness through the many years of Urban Outreach. For today and our future we ask that you join us as we pray that nothing will stop us, trusting in 'One' awesome God!</p>	<p>Monday 2nd September There are many strategies, decisions and 'pure vision' that the trustees of Urban Outreach meet and seek God's wisdom. Please pray that as UOB moves in to new and exciting ventures that God will continue to 'open' or 'close' doors as we journey with Him. We believe the landscape is changing and God is preparing His people for this. Do join us as we pray around this. Thank you.</p>	<p>Tuesday 3rd September "His banner over me is Love" (Song of Soloman 2:4) Please pray and not just today that all things at Urban Outreach will be done through and under God's amazing Love. Our desire is that each conversation, meeting, letter written will ooze God's unconditional Love.</p>

"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.'" (Mark 10:27)

<p>Wednesday 4th September As another school year begins, please pray that teachers be blessed with wisdom, students with curiosity and parents with patience. Pray for those who find school a difficult place to be, that they be surrounded with love, courage, and support. And for those for whom school is a refuge away from home, ask that they be granted grace and resilience finding solace and support within their school community.</p>	<p>Thursday 5th September Please offer thanks for all who donate food and volunteer their time to our food projects. May God bless the hands that give and the hearts that receive, may He make all our food collection points be a beacon of hope and nourishment for all that come through their doors.</p>	<p>Friday 6th September Please pray for all those who find themselves needing help due to food insecurity. Pray for those needing help for the first time, that they are able to seek the assistance they need and pray for those who frequently need help, that they find their way out of their recurring difficulties.</p>
<p>Saturday 7th September Please pray for all those involved in the BL summer lunches project that ran over the summer school holidays. We give thanks for all those who sacrificed their resources to make this happen. Please pray for rest for those involved as we look forward now to the coming Harvest season.</p>	<p>Sunday 8th September Bolton Lunches provides food for those children who often go without through the summer holidays. This can often continue for many, so please pray for those children of our town who find themselves in this situation. Pray that in the receiving these lunches, the children who received them had some sense of the love we have for them.</p>	<p>Monday 9th September Please pray for all our ongoing Harvest preparations as we plan our school assemblies and Church services for the coming weeks. Please thank God for His generosity at this time as He so faithfully provides for our needs.</p>
<p>Tuesday 10th September Please pray for our Trustees as they meet today. Praise God for them giving their time and expertise to support, guide and hold to account the work of Urban Outreach. Pray for their own needs and that God gives them wisdom to discern.</p>	<p>Wednesday 11th September Please pray for a 17 year old RUNA has worked with for a number of years. We thank God for the person He has made this young person to be. We pray that the chains of addiction to substances will be released, and that God will reveal His freeing power and love to this young person.</p>	<p>Thursday 12th September Please pray for the Children & Families Team's new 'No Hiding Place Project' as it prepares to go into a High School to deliver sessions on Child Criminal Exploitation awareness with the young people. Praise God for this opportunity to speak truth into the darkness of exploitation that tries to grip the young people in our town.</p>

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
(Romans 15:13)

<p>Friday 13th September Food parcels will be getting delivered across Bolton today. Please join us in giving thanks for all our delivery drivers, who give up their time each week to get food parcels to those who need it. Please also pray that the food that goes out would provide some relief to those who receive it.</p>	<p>Saturday 14th September Please pray for Friends of Fun Food as the team prepare to start a cookery course at Washacre Primary School. Pray that the course would run smoothly, and the children would have fun and enjoy learning some cooking skills.</p>	<p>Sunday 15th September <i>"The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever." (Isaiah 40:8)</i> As we head into autumn and the weather gets colder, please pray for those who are outside at this time. Pray they feel God's warmth and presence through the changing seasons.</p>
<p>Monday 16th September Please pray for a young lady who is facing probation due to a relapse after a number of years sober. Pray that she is able to find her strength again and can accept the support she needs.</p>	<p>Tuesday 17th September Please pray for a lady who is struggling to find work due to an offence she committed. She has done everything asked of her by the authorities and she is sorry for what she did, but nobody will give her a chance. Pray for the right people to come across her path so she can better her future.</p>	<p>Wednesday 18th September Please pray for a female who has severe mental health but who is homeless. Pray for the relevant agencies to get involved and find suitable accommodation for her. She needs somewhere which is supported to help her become stable, and less vulnerable.</p>
<p>Thursday 19th September Please pray for all school assemblies that are taking place for Harvest. Pray for all young people that will be listening to the message given in these assemblies and that schools will be able to respond generously in giving to the work of Urban Outreach Bolton.</p>	<p>Friday 20th September Pray for all our collection points, and the people we meet at these sessions. We give thanks for the support of the Churches involved and for the volunteers who help with this much needed outreach in the community.</p>	<p>Saturday 21st September Please pray for all staff members at Urban Outreach. Ask God to be with each one of them as they carry out their ministry. To be with them in the situations they face and ask that He keep them safe. That when they need rest, He give them time to rest and recharge ready for the daily challenges they encounter.</p>

**"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."
(James 1:17)**

<p>Sunday 22nd September During Harvest, we are welcomed into many local schools and often given the opportunity to reflect on God's provision and how we can all play a part in reducing poverty within our communities. Pray that we help improve awareness of social injustice and create an environment through which our young people are empowered to make a positive difference in Bolton.</p>	<p>Monday 23rd September Pray for young people in Bolton who are frightened to return home because of the environment in which they live. Sometimes that includes domestic violence, sometimes substance and alcohol addiction within the family. Join us in praying for protection for all concerned. Pray that our young people can share their voice in ways that secures the right support for everyone.</p>	<p>Tuesday 24th September Please could we ask you to pray for a number of people that are open to Street Life who are in Rehab or detox. Pray they would have the strength to be able to complete the course and that the Lord would set them free from the hold the addictions have on these valuable people.</p>
<p>Wednesday 25th September In the Street Life Drop-in, we are seeing a lot more people who are having to resort to sleeping rough, either on the street, in their vehicles, sheds or tents. This is due to there being a waiting list even for emergency housing. Please pray that this situation will improve, and more housing will come available for these desperate people.</p>	<p>Thursday 26th September In the last prayer diary Street Life asked for prayer for the many refugees and asylum seekers they have open to them. Praise God for a homeless Charity that has been able to support a few. Pray they will receive all the help they need to progress in their lives.</p>	<p>Friday 27th September Please pray for any young people who have found starting secondary school difficult. Pray that they will find something that helps them feel more settled, whether that is a new love for a subject, a good friend, or a supportive member of staff. Please pray protection over their minds and for worries to be exchanged for peace.</p>
<p>Saturday 28th September Please thank God for some amazing foster carers in Bolton and their hearts to help young people and give them a place to live and belong. Please pray that the right support will come around the foster carers as they care for some young people that have been in very difficult situations.</p>	<p>Sunday 29th September As the UOB team pause to worship and seek God's peace and presence, please pray that He refreshes their spirits, renews their minds, and restore their bodies. Pray that He fills their hearts with gratitude for His countless blessings and guides all in finding joy in His creation. Pray that He helps the team to trust in His provision for UOB and to release any worries into His capable hands.</p>	<p>Monday 30th September Please pray for our wonderful volunteers, that God would bless them richly and that they would have a deep sense of fulfilment and joy in the work that they do.</p>

**"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."
(1 John 3:16)**