

Prayer Diary

October to November 2024



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



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Tuesday 1st , Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd October

Matthew 6 v 33 "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Friends once again we are being reminded of the Matthew passage and the context it sits in. Over the years we have grown and our faith has grown along with it . We have seen God provide in so many miraculous ways as we seek to Bind up the broken -

hearted and set the captives free. In these days with so much need across all our projects we are really needing to dig deeply into our faith for the change we long to see in people lives. Sadly we aren't seeing the change we had initially hoped for from Government and things are on course to apparently get worse therefore we are bracing ourselves for another tough winter for those already struggling. But Matthew encourages us to seek first His Kingdom, that is, we must continually look to Him for the solutions and interventions that will have a lasting impact on those we help. As you pray for us please would you join us in seeking His kingdom for our town and indeed our Nation and that we will continually respond to His call and follow where He leads.

Saturday 5th October

This evening some of the UOB team will be attending the Bolton Health and Wellbeing annual awards. Urban Outreach and Chris Williams (Children and Families team) have been nominated for the Charity Champion of the Year and Inspirational Man of the Year awards respectively. Please thank God for the recognition our work has achieved and whatever the outcome that all the glory goes to Him.

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.**
- **Harvest 2024**

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Friday 4th October

The Harvest assemblies are well and truly underway. Please pray for Dave and Laura who today are speaking at Ladybarn and Canon Slade schools respectively. Please pray 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.

Sunday 6th October

Please give thanks for a 17 year old child in care who has been known to RUNA for several years. Thank God that she has not been missing now for several months, she has a place in college and is settled in her semi-independent placement. May God bless and strengthen her as she grows into adulthood and independence.

Monday 7th October

Pray for Harvest Assemblies taking place in schools across Bolton during this time. Pray for the role of Urban Outreach Bolton (UOB) in highlighting how we can share God's abundant blessings and provision. Pray for the protection of UOB staff as they seek to reflect Christ and Praise God for allowing us to participate in His story!

<p>Tuesday 8th October Please pray for the RISE project in the Children and Families team as they prepare for another session in their Emotional Health Group this week. Please pray that the young people will feel supported during the session, able to ask questions and that they will enjoy developing tools to help them in their day-to-day lives.</p>	<p>Wednesday 9th October Please pray for the Street Life Drop-in that opens every Wednesday from 1pm till 3pm, in the Amber Centre. Pray for all those who come through the door, which includes families in desperate situations. Pray the staff will be equipped to deal with each person's needs and give them hope in the difficult situation they find themselves in.</p>	<p>Thursday 10th October Please pray for the families that are open to Street Life. Housing have had to place some of them in B&Bs that are not suitable, where they need to share the bathroom with other people. This is due to not having space in family Hostels. Pray Street Life would be able to support them through this hard season.</p>
<p>Friday 11th October Last August we prayed for a woman who had just had a baby and wanted the chance to keep the baby full time. Praise the Lord this miracle happened. The judge allowed her to keep the baby in a mother and baby unit and they are going from strength to strength. Pray for protection as they develop and grow together.</p>	<p>Saturday 12th October In September Street Life asked us to pray for people who are resorting to sleeping rough. Although Street Life has managed to find accommodation for some of them, the numbers remain high. Pray that accommodation will be found and the properties that are in a bad state will be repaired and released.</p>	<p>Sunday 13th October Please pray for Dave Bagley today, speaking at the Harvest service at St Thomas's Halliwell. Thank God for the generous giving from the churches of Bolton throughout this Harvest time and pray for a continued provision of food for our Storehouse food parcels.</p>
<p>Monday 14th October Please pray for Dave Bagley at Sunninghill Primary School this morning for a Harvest assembly. Ask God to help the children understand the significance of food poverty. Pray also for other members of the Urban Outreach Team visiting other schools this week.</p>	<p>Tuesday 15th October Let us thank God for the relationship UOB has with churches throughout Bolton. Join us in praying for church leaders who shepherd God's people. Pray that God gives them wisdom and grow them in love for God and for the people they encounter.</p>	<p>Wednesday 16th October Join us in praying for those currently in prison and those who work with prisoners. May those in prison rehabilitate and find healing and love where they may not expect it</p>

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

<p>Thursday 17th October In Romans 8 Paul says: 'nothing else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Please reflect on this and pray that the church grows in showing the unconditional love of God that is lavished on all people.</p>	<p>Friday 18th October Please pray for Urban Outreach staff who work with young people, that they would know the right things to say to make a difference to the children. Pray also for the children, particularly those who have lost a loved one. Pray they would be able to talk about their feelings and would have good support in place.</p>	<p>Saturday 19th October Please pray today for foster parents and carers who look after troubled or vulnerable children and young people. Pray for strength and peace to deal with difficult situations that they might face. Pray that those they are caring for would see that they are loved and valued and help them to communicate with their carers.</p>
<p>Sunday 20th October Please pray for those in our town who find themselves homeless. Each one will have an individual story which lead to this difficult situation, from the most chaotic to those who never ever thought they would find themselves in this position. Pray they will find the support they need.</p>	<p>Monday 21st October Please give thanks for Street Life as they continue to strive to find accommodation for those who ask for help. Please give thanks for existing relationships with housing providers and private landlords and pray that new relationships will open up.</p>	<p>Tuesday 22nd October Please give thanks for those who are attending our Genesis Project and are benefiting from being part of this encouraging community while moving on from homelessness. Please pray that they will find and settle into accommodation that they can make their home.</p>
<p>Wednesday 23rd October Please praise God for those meeting at the Genesis project this morning. Please lift up in prayer all those that are going through tough times. Pray that Genesis be a safe place of growth for them. A place where seeds of hope and love are sewn into their future.</p>	<p>Thursday 24th October We often meet young people who don't know where to turn and are surrounded by negative influences. Please thank God that we have a window into their circumstances. 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>	<p>Friday 25th October Join us in praying for the agricultural life of our country. We pray that God would bless our farmers and those involved in the growing and distribution of food during the winter period.</p>

'There is surely a future hope for you , and your hope will not be cut off.' (Proverbs23:18)

<p>Saturday 26th October Pray with us that God would richly bless those who spend their time and energy caring for the sick and the dying. Pray that carers would encounter the presence of God and grow in love, patience, and gentleness.</p>	<p>Sunday 27th October Pray with us for those who collect food from our storehouse foodbank. Pray that they receive support and help for whatever they may need in order to flourish.</p>	<p>Monday 28th October A woman has returned to her family for support and safety after leaving her husband, to escape a chaotic drug induced lifestyle. It's going to be hard for the family and for the woman to live together. The woman has still to make a lot of changes so she can make better choices. Love, patience and prayer is needed.</p>
<p>Tuesday 29th October A woman on probation and from another area has been finishing her community sentence in Bolton. Having made lots of changes in her own life for the better, she has now returned to her own area. She is happy to know people will be praying for her as the next couple of months will be a challenging time. Please pray.</p>	<p>Wednesday 30th October Pray for those working in justice departments in our town. Pray that they will uphold righteousness and fairness, and seek to help our society be a place where all can participate and flourish.</p>	<p>Thursday 31st October Psalm 42:5 says: 'Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Saviour, and my God.' Pray for the downcast and the disturbed that they might be reminded of the hope that goes beyond all understanding.</p>
<p>Friday 1st November <i>"... Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and protector of our faith..." (Hebrews 12 v1-2)</i> As the UOB team seek to support those whom God brings to them please pray as they navigate their own life difficulties asking God always for more faith and perseverance. Thank you.</p>	<p>Saturday 2nd November As the UOB team journey through times of vulnerability, please pray for protection and strength and for confidence in God's power that is always present in weakness. <i>'But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12 v 9)</i></p>	<p>Sunday 3rd November Today please can our prayer focus be on seeking Gods guidance on a future 'home' for the UOB offices. In a miraculous way God provided for our present offices, and we are entirely trusting Him in His great wisdom of where we need to be for the next part of our adventure with Him.</p>

'a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,' (Ecclesiastes 3:4)

<p>Monday 4th November The dark nights are drawing close, and for most of us it's a time of cosiness as we close our curtains early and make our homes warm. Please pray for those for whom this isn't possible as they don't have a home or are struggling to pay their bills so can't heat their home. Pray also for those for whom home isn't a sanctuary because they are not safe behind closed doors.</p>	<p>Tuesday 5th November We have clients who have been granted the right to remain; they have fled their homelands in search of safety, security and a better life. God knows their stories, their fears, and their dreams. We ask that He grant them peace in the midst of uncertainty. Please pray that they be surrounded with communities that welcome them with open arms and understanding hearts.</p>	<p>Wednesday 6th November Please pray for the primary school children accessing a cooking class being run by Urban Outreach this afternoon. We pray it goes smoothly and is an opportunity for the children to have fun and learn new skills, releasing some of the chains of food poverty.</p>
<p>Thursday 7th November Praise God for Urban Outreach's newest project, No Hiding Place, and its work in schools and 1:1 with young people raising awareness of Child Criminal Exploitation and supporting those affected by it. May this project shine a light on this issue in our town and bring it out of the shadows.</p>	<p>Friday 8th November Please pray for young people in care who are approaching their 18th birthday. The next part of their journey is a move towards independence. Please pray that God provides the right people to guide, mentor and love them, just as He does.</p>	<p>Saturday 9th November As we head into the winter season and it gets much colder, please pray for those who are anxious about how they will pay their energy bills. Please pray that they will reach out and get the help that they need and be able to stay warm this winter.</p>
<p>Sunday 10th November As we come to the end of Harvest, please join us in giving thanks to God for His amazing provision of donations and that the food would help many people across Bolton in the coming months.</p>	<p>Monday 11th November Please pray for a young mother who has had to flee her country and try to rebuild with her two young children. Pray she receives the support she needs and is able to build the home she deserves.</p>	<p>Tuesday 12th November Please pray for our trustees as they meet today. Pray that their discussions will be fruitful, and they will be guided in their decisions by the wisdom and love of our Lord as they look to the future of Urban Outreach.</p>

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2)

<p>Wednesday 13th November Please pray for a female who has had brain surgery and sometimes displays unusual behaviour. Pray she gets the correct support as she is vulnerable and often people mistake her for an addict. Pray the correct agencies get involved and make her life easier, and so she can live in peace.</p>	<p>Thursday 14th November Please pray for a lady who used to be an addict but is now clean and is fighting hard to get joint custody of her daughter. She has come so far and is doing well. Pray social services will put forward a positive report to court.</p>	<p>Friday 15th November Please thank the Lord for answering earlier prayers about a female who has been abstinent from alcohol for three and a half years but was having problems where she lived as she was surrounded by other drinkers. Finally, she has been offered a management move and can move on with her new</p>
<p>Saturday 16th November Please join us in praying for those who are recently unemployed and those who have been unemployed for a long time. Pray that whatever the circumstances that they will all have purpose, and meaning and the support needed to flourish.</p>	<p>Sunday 17th November Please pray for new parents in Bolton as they embark on a new journey, nourishing a new life. Pray for the health of the babies and the for the wellbeing of the parents.</p>	<p>Monday 18th November “For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things” Colossians 1:19-20. Pray that each of us may be agents of reconciliation as we seek to serve the Christ in whom the fullness of God dwells.</p>
<p>Tuesday 19th November Please pray for young people in Bolton that might be particularly vulnerable to exploitation. Pray for our <i>No Hiding Place</i> work, through which our Children and Families team aim to place a spotlight on the risks and dangers associated with criminal exploitation</p>	<p>Wednesday 20th November Join us in prayer for those without suitable accommodation over the winter months. Pray that there is a breakthrough of new, and affordable housing provision across Bolton. In particular, pray that support services are sufficiently funded, are more widely available, and accessible for those who may find themselves struggling this winter. God, we trust in your faithfulness!</p>	<p>Thursday 21st November Pray for our Urban Outreach team who will meet for prayer and devotions today. Pray that God continues to work in and through us; that Jesus is reflected in all that we are, all that we hear, say and do. “Jesus, be in our hearts and minds as we enter into every conversation that takes place today.”</p>

‘... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.’ (John 10:10)

<p>Friday 22nd November Please could we ask you to pray for Street life as they try to support the huge number of people, many of them in desperate situations and many complex needs. Pray God would equip Street Life with wisdom, grace and love as they try to assist them with accommodation, debts, benefits, addictions, and many other diverse issues.</p>	<p>Saturday 23rd November Praise the Lord for the opportunity that God gives us to help the people in Street Life. We see many people from different backgrounds, ages and situations. Pray that God would empower us to show them that there is no one beyond His amazing mercy and love! “The faithful love of the Lord never ends”! Lamentations 3 v 22a</p>	<p>Sunday 24th November On this day of rest please lift up the team at UOB. Please ask that God grant them peace, wisdom and compassion as they continue their mission into this new week. Pray that He blesses their hands to be instruments of His grace and their hearts be filled with His love as they serve those in need in the Bolton community.</p>
<p>Monday 25th November Please pray for young people who are leaving care around their 18th birthday. For some this is an exciting time and for others it is worrying, but for all of them it is a big change. Please pray that they receive support despite living more independently, have positive connections and relationships, and that they won't feel isolated.</p>	<p>Tuesday 26th November Please pray for the Food Team in particular as we enter December soon and 'Christmas Dinner on Jesus' preparation will increase. Please pray for energy and strength as they continue to work really hard to make sure families all across Bolton can enjoy an excellent meal together. Please thank God for all the donations made so far!</p>	<p>Wednesday 27th November Our Streetlife Drop-in will be taking place today. Please pray for all those finding themselves needing our help as we enter the winter months. Pray for our staff and volunteers today as they deal with the situations placed in front of them, the Drop-in can be an emotionally draining environment.</p>
<p>Thursday 28th November Christmas Dinner on Jesus 2024 is underway. Please give thanks to God for all the schools, churches, businesses and individuals who have pledged items for the hampers. This project isn't possible without the kindness of all those involved. Thank You.</p>	<p>Friday 29th November Please pray for the parents of the children we work with on the Children's and Families team. Pray for wisdom, strength and peace whilst they are going through a challenging time.</p>	<p>Saturday 30th November Please pray for the children known to RUNA and RISE who are struggling emotionally. Pray for protection around them and that God will direct them in the choices they make. Pray for good people of influence around them.</p>

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your heart and minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7)